Riverchase Presbyterian Church

Lush, wooded property, home to Riverchase Presbyterian Presbyterian Church (RPC), sits just off Highway 31and is bordered by mature trees and well-groomed shrubs. This small church, calling itself the “little church on the block,” is a vital part of God’s community and affects the community in impactful ways.

Founded in 1986, economics influenced the congregation to decide in 2014 to follow the model of the early church creating lay-led ministries. Following this model, Riverchase is an open, welcoming congregation that explores the breadth of God’s love and lives out Christ’s command to “love one another as I have loved you.”

The congregation is led by bi-vocational pastor Robert Emerick, who is a Commissioned Ruling Elder and is also the Manager of Client Relations with REV Birmingham. Robert moved to Birmingham from San Antonio, TX in 1994 and has three grown children and five grandchildren.

Riverchase also lives out the model of the early church by bearing good fruit through its worship, mission and fellowship. They are a Matthew 25 congregation, called by Scripture to “actively engage in the world around us,” and Riverchase is committed to that mission. The congregation experiences a living faith that continually spurs them to explore new possibilities.

Their faithfulness to “doing church,” as existed in the early church, leads to a strong commitment to volunteerism and financial support for a number of organization. These include Habitat for Humanity, the Presbyterian Home For Children, Presbyterian Disaster Relief, and Safehouse of Shelby County. Financially they also support the special offerings of the PCUSA and Oak Mountain Mission Ministries.

Various opportunities are available at Riverchase to engage a person’s particular interest and to encourage involvement with this vibrant congregation. One area of participation is Sunday Morning Small Group at 9:15 am. Another is The (Notorious) RPC Woman, and also the Prayer Team/Care Team Ministry.

Riverchase Presbyterian Church offers a caring and inclusive worship experience grounded in the Reformed tradition. Worship is creative and relevant to today’s challenges of Christian living.

To learn more about Riverchase and their ministry, you can find them on their Website at <https://riverchase.org> or on Facebook.