

TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Advent

November 26, 2017

11:00 A. M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE: J. S. Bach
Sleepers, Wake! A Voice is Calling

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
(Worshippers are asked to sign the registration pads located in the pews.)

INTROIT

*HYMN: No. 196
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*CALL TO WORSHIP
(please respond by reading the bold text)

Hark! In this season of Holy expectation, we hear the angels herald:
“Christ is coming--our King, our hope, our Messiah.”
Hark! In the bustle of our lives and hard-to-find moments of solitude,
we hear the angels proclaim:
“Do not be afraid. There is hope in Christ.”
And as we hear this message, it settles into our hearts.
“Do not be afraid. There is hope in Christ.”
And WE become the ones who carry God’s message:
“Hark! Do not be afraid. There is hope in Christ.”

*PASSING OF THE PEACE/CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

ANTHEM Hovland
The Glory of the Father
Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 9:2
LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we

forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS:
As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Manz
Comfort, Comfort, You My People
Richard Lewis, Organ

*DOXOLOGY: No. 95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION No. 220
Angels from the Realms of Glory

SERMON: Rev. Emily Knight
“Those who carry Hope”
Luke 1:5-22

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: No. 213
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *(Please be seated)*

POSTLUDE: Hobby
Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying

*CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

PERSONAL RECEIVERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED. Ask an usher for assistance.

LITURGIST: Bryan Davis HEAD USHER: Gordon Middleton
USHER TEAM 2: Ruben Allen, Chris Davis, Dan Fosmire,
and Jason Brown

CRUCIFER: Allison Matthews
ACOLYTES: Frankie Crowell and Olivia Take

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given in memory of Helen B. and Gordon Middleton, Jr. by Gordon and Mary Middleton and family.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY – November 19, 2017

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE	83
RIVERKIDS: WORSHIP	20
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	84
YOUTH RETREAT	18
TOTAL WORSHIP	205
SALTY SERVANTS	30
NURSERY	8
SUNDAY SCHOOL	65

This Week’s Schedule of Events

TODAY NOVEMBER 26, 2017
9:00 a.m. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:10 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
(McCord and Children’s Buildings)
11:00 a.m. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
5:00 p.m. CHANCEL RINGERS (Room 201)

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2017
6:00 p.m. CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING (Library)

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2017
5:00 p.m. COMMUNITY CLASSES RESUME
6:00 p.m. PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m. CHAPEL RINGERS (Room 201)
6:30 p.m. COMMUNITY CLASSES
7:30 p.m. CHANCEL CHOIR (Room 501)

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1, 2017
9:00 a.m. THE LIFE CENTER
12:15 p.m. YOGA (Parlor)
6:00 p.m. STAFF APPRECIATION DINNER

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Daily Scripture Readings (Advent Week 1)

Nov. 27. Luke 1:5-17; Isaiah 9:1-2
Nov. 28. Luke 1:18-25; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Nov 29. Luke 1:57-71, 78-79; Romans 8:18-25
Nov 30. Luke 1:67-80; 1 John 1:5-7
Dec 1. Mark 1:1-4; Psalm 25:1-10

VAN DRIVERS: We still need a few volunteers to drive the bus on Sunday mornings. Please contact the church office at (904) 355-5491 if you could help one Sunday a month to pick up residents from the area apartment buildings.

UMW UNITY MEETING: All three circles of the UMW will meet together on December 5th at 6 pm for a Christmas dinner and installation of officers. Please bring a covered dish. Ham and Turkey will be provided.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA & UNITY SERVICE:

On December 10th at 10:30 a.m., please join us for ONE worship service as the Chancel Choir, Praise Team and guest orchestra present *A World of Christmas*, celebrating the birth of our Savior through scripture, carols, and traditions from over 20 nations.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM & DINNER: DEC 13th Dinner will be 'angel' wings at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall (proceeds support youth ministry) and Children's Program starts at 7pm in the sanctuary



NOW HIRING: Have a calling to work with our youth? Riverside Park United Methodist Church is now hiring a part-time Youth Director. Please contact Pastor Emily for additional details!!
pastoremi@riversideparkumc.com

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE:

Wednesday, December 20th @ 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. This service acknowledges grief and stress of all kinds, offers space to honor loved ones we have lost, and proclaims God's constant presence in times of light and darkness.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH WORSHIP:

We will have regular Sunday morning worship at 9:00am and 11:00am AND a Communion and Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7:00pm



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9:00 a.m.

Gather with Songs of Praise

10,000 Reasons - Matt Redman

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2

A Million Raindrops - Bebo Norman

Come As You Are - David Crowder

Greet/Share Peace

Welcome the Children & Light the Advent Candles

Following the children's message, all kids in Pre-K4 through 5th grade are invited to RiverKids: Worship in Room 311.

Pray for Each Other and the World

Offer Gifts to God

During the song, you are invited to place an offering in one of the baskets in the aisle or near the front altar

Your Love is Mine - I Am They

Proclaim God's Word: Luke 1:5-22

"Those who Carry Hope" ~Rev. Emily Knight

Sending

From the Inside Out - Hillsongs

Especially if this is your first Sunday, Welcome!

- We are glad you are here! We have gifts for first-time guests at the table in the back of the Sanctuary.
- Children are welcome to stay in worship, but our nursery is also open for the littlest ones (please ask, we'll help you get there) We also offer special Sunday morning opportunities for children to worship and learn.
- We 'set the table' at the beginning of worship by carrying forward symbols of our faith: a cross, light, a bible, and baptism water. If you want to help with this, (especially children) look for Mrs Sarah at the sanctuary entrance right before the service begins--all are welcome to help!



RIVERSIDE PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Empowering others to live life abundantly."



~ Advent Angels ~

The message and messengers who herald Christ

Welcome to Riverside Park United Methodist Church where we are making disciples of Jesus Christ and *empowering others to live life and live it abundantly.* (from John 10:10)