

# TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

11:00 A. M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE: *Once in Royal David's City* arr. Callahan

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

INTROIT

\*HYMN: *Once in Royal David's City* No. 250  
Verse 1 - Solo only. Verse 2 - Choir only.  
Please stand and join in singing on verses 3 and 4.

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

Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

**Prepare the way of the Lord!**

Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace.

**Prepare the way of the Lord!**

...But the way of Christ is not easy

**Prepare the way of the Lord!**

...And the way of peace requires more than words

**Prepare the way of the Lord!**

Do you really seek God's peace in this season?

**Prepare the way of the Lord!**

**All: In our hearts, in our lives, in our world, O Christ,  
we need you to come and make a way for hope, salvation, and peace.  
Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE/CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 2:2-5

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 Praetorius  
*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

\*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. 593  
*Here I Am, Lord*

SERMON: Rev. Emily Knight  
"Peace and Perplexity"  
Luke 1:26-38

HOLY COMMUNION  
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Holst  
*In the Bleak Midwinter*

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: No. 203  
*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

\*THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *(Please be seated)*

POSTLUDE: arr. Callahan  
*Ding! Dong! Merrily on High*

\*CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

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

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LITURGIST: Mark Cashen HEAD USHER: Gordon Middleton  
USHER TEAM 3: Debbie Colbert, Alicia Dorsie-Frank, Karen Fleming,  
Connie Hodges and Betty Sanders  
CRUCIFER: Cooper Crowell  
ACOLYTES: Makarios Brown and Luke Renne

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given in memory of Ruth Dunn,  
grandmother of Jennifer Cogburn, by The Cogburn Family .

### ATTENDANCE SUNDAY – November 26, 2017

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE	95
RIVERKIDS: WORSHIP	18
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	86
TOTAL WORSHIP	199
SALTY SERVANTS	27
NURSERY	6
SUNDAY SCHOOL	86

### This Week's Schedule of Events

<u>TODAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 3, 2017</u>
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
4:45 p.m.	UMYF (Youth Group)
5:00 p.m.	CHANCEL RINGERS (Room 201)
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 5, 2017</u>
6:30 p.m.	UNITY UMW GATHERING (Fellowship Hall)
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 6, 2017</u>
5:00 p.m.	COMMUNITY CLASSES
5:30 p.m.	WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER (Fellowship Hall)
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)
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 8, 2017</u>
9:00 a.m.	THE LIFE CENTER
12:15 p.m.	YOGA (Parlor)
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 9, 2017</u>
9:30 a.m.	MOMS AND COFFEE (Nursery)
10:00 a.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA (Sanctuary)

### Stay Connected:

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**Daily Scripture Readings (Advent Week 2)**

Dec. 4: Luke 1:26-38; Isaiah 2:2-5  
Dec. 5: Luke 1:39-47; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7  
Dec. 6: Luke 1:46-56; 1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Dec. 7: Philippians 4:5-9; Micah 4:1-7  
Dec. 8: Ephesians 2:11-19; Isaiah 11:1-10

**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:** (Please note corrected time.) All three circles of the UMW will meet together on Dec. 5th at **6:30pm** for a Christmas dinner and installation of officers. Please bring a covered dish. Ham & turkey will be provided.



**CHRISTMAS CANTATA & UNITY SERVICE:**

Next Sunday, December 10th at 10:30am, 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 Director of Youth Ministry. Please contact Pastor Emily for additional details!!  
[pastoremilyp@riversideparkumc.com](mailto:pastoremilyp@riversideparkumc.com)

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** Wednesday, December 20th @ 6:00pm 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**

*Shout to the North* - Martin Smith

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Scripture: Isaiah 2:2-5**

*Light of the Stable* - Selah

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* - Casting Crowns

**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\*

*Oh What a Glorious Night* - Sidewalk Prophets

**Proclaim God's Word: Luke 1:26-38**

"Peace and Perplexity" ~Rev. Emily Knight

**Break Bread. Celebrate Holy Communion.**

**Sending**

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

*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)