

# TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP

## 4th Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

11:00 A. M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE: Callahan  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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

INTROIT

\*HYMN: No. 211  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
(verses 1-3, 7)

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

Do not be afraid!  
**Emmanuel--God is with us.**  
Do not be afraid!  
**Jesus will save his people from their sins.**  
Do not be afraid!  
**God's Perfect love casts out fear.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE/CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

ANTHEM  
*Born on Christmas Day*  
RiverKids: Praise

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 John 4:9-11,15-19  
LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM Tucker  
*West Indies Carol*  
Chancel Ringers

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 Wood  
*Ding, Dong Merrily on High*  
Chancel Choir

\*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. 206  
*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

SERMON: Rev. Emily Knight  
"An Angel's Call to Love"  
Matthew 1:18-24

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: No. 240  
*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

\*THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *(Please be seated)*

POSTLUDE: Manz  
*Savior of the Nations, Come*

**\*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 1:** Bill Hodges, David Middleton, and Shirley Davis  
**CRUCIFER:** Jacob Mardini  
**ACOLYTES:** Anthony Strong and Cooper Crowell

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given in memory of  
Virginia B. Skinner by Connie and Chester Skinner.

***ATTENDANCE SUNDAY – December 10, 2017***

CHRISTMAS CANTATA UNITY SERVICE	213
SALTY SERVANTS	23
NURSERY	5
SUNDAY SCHOOL	63

**This Week's Schedule of Events**

<u>TODAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 17, 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
4:30 p.m.	UMYF (Youth Group) CHRISTMAS PARTY
5:00 p.m.	CHANCEL RINGERS (Room 201)

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 18, 2017</u>
6:00 p.m.	BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING (Library)

<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 20, 2017</u>
5:00 p.m.	YOGA
6:00 p.m.	BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE (Chapel)
6:00 p.m.	PRAISE TEAM (Sanctuary)
7:30 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR (Room 501)

<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 22, 2017</u>
12:15 p.m.	YOGA (Parlor)

The church office will be closed from 1:00 p.m. December 22nd to 9:00 a.m. January 2nd.

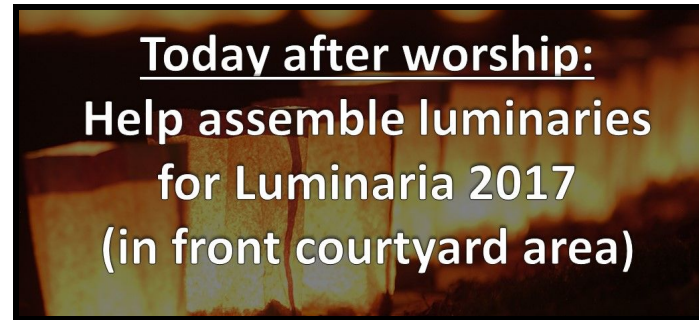
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Daily Scripture Readings (Advent Week 4)

Dec. 18: 1 John 4:9-19, Matthew 1:18-24  
Dec. 19: John 15:12-17, 1 John 3:11-23  
Dec. 20: Zechariah 2:10-11; John 3:16-17  
Dec. 21: Psalm 36:5-12; Hosea 11:1-9  
Dec. 22: Luke 2:8-15; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26



**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE THIS WEEK:** This 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. \



**ANGEL TREE:** This year, we have partnered with Family Promise to help a single mom with an infant baby move into their new home. Instead of taking an angel ornament off the tree and returning with packaged gifts, we have been asked to supply gift cards in small increments (for basic things like diapers and groceries). Please drop them in the offering plate or place them in the basket on the desk in the church office by December 21st.

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 24th,** we will have regular morning worship services at 9am and 11am--then a candlelight, carols, and communion service at 7pm. Please invite friends and neighbors to join us!



## CONTEMPORARY SERVICE OF WORSHIP 4th Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

9:00 a.m.

**Gather with Songs of Praise**

*Love the Lord* - Lincoln Brewster  
**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Scripture:** 1 John 4:9-11, 15-19  
*Lord Reign in Me* - Brenton Brown  
*Your Love Defends Me* - Matt Maher

**Greet/Share Peace**

*Born on Christmas Day*  
RiverKids: Praise

**Welcome the Children & Light the Advent Candles**

*Faith & Fun Worship bags available*

**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\*  
*Because it's Christmas* - Sidewalk Prophets

**Proclaim God's Word: Matthew 1:18-24**

"An Angel's Call to Love" ~Rev. Emily Knight

**Sending**

*Even So Come* - Kristian Stanfill

*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!



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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)