

TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The morning of Christmas Eve

December 24, 2017

11:00 A. M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE: Pachelbel
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Worshippers are asked to sign the registration pads located in the pews.)

INTROIT

*HYMN: No. 238
Angels We Have Heard on High

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(please respond by reading the bold text)

God, this is the season for miracles and we pray for one today.
Where there is sorrow,
we pray for your grace to light the darkness.
Where there is despair,
we pray for your hope to light the darkness.
Where there is hatred,
we pray for your forgiveness to light the darkness.
Where there is war,
we pray for your love to light the darkness.
Where there is confusion,
we pray for your peace to light the darkness.
Where there is injustice,
we pray for your courage to light the darkness.
Where there is fear
we pray for your joy to light the darkness.
It is the season for miracles and we pray for one today:
Come, Lord Jesus, may your light come into our world. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE/CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

ANTHEM Martin
*Manger Songs (Coventry Carol, Silent Night,
Away in a Manger, Infant Holy, Infant Lowly,
Alexis Yost and Chancel Choir*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40:3-5

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

Purvis

*Pastorale on 'Forest Green'
(O Little Town of Bethlehem)
Rich 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. 227

The Friendly Beasts

SERMON:

Rev. Emily Knight

“Good news for ALL the people!”
Luke 2:8-15

*HYMN OF DEDICATION:

No. 251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *(Please be seated)*

POSTLUDE:

Bach

In dulci jubilo

*CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

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

LITURGIST: Mark Cashen 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

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY – December 17, 2017

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	48
RIVERKIDS: WORSHIP	12
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	105
TOTAL SUNDAY WORSHIP	165
SALTY SERVANTS	30
NURSERY	6
SUNDAY SCHOOL	47
FIRST TIME GUESTS	5
BLUE CHRISTMAS ATTENDANCE	32

This Week's Schedule of Events

TODAY	DECEMBER 24, 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
7:00 pm	CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION SERVICE

The Church Office will be closed December 25th - January 1st.

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 RiversideParkUnitedMethodistChurch

CHURCH-WIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!!

pastoremi@riversideparkumc.com

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: Tonight at 7:00pm.



NEXT SUNDAY:

- **Worship schedule as usual** (9am contemporary and 11am traditional services)
- **5th Sunday offering to the children's home**
- **Special music in both services** (see announcement below)



NEXT WEEK (DEC 31st) DURING TRADITIONAL WORSHIP:

Jordan Earle, piano performance major at UNF playing our historic 1876 Steinway concert grand.

2018 COMMUNITY CLASSES AT RIVERSIDE PARK:

Online registration begins January 2nd. Onsite registration is January 10th along with a spaghetti dinner. There is a great line-up of classes; some new ones and some old favorites. Classes begin January 17th.

2018 MLK Jr. DAY OF SERVICE: Save the date and plan to join us as we connect and serve in the community: Monday, January 15th. Details coming soon...

DELAY ON THE JANUARY "REPORTER": Our church newsletter, will be published and mailed later in the month of January.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The morning of Christmas Eve

December 24, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Gather with Songs of Praise

Light of The Stable - Selah

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture: Isaiah 40:3-5

Born is The King (It's Christmas) - Hillsong

O Come All Ye Faithful - Casting Crowns

Greet/Share Peace

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

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen - Selah

Proclaim God's Word: Luke 2:8-15

"Good News for ALL the people" ~Rev. Emily Knight

Sending

Oh What a Glorious Night - Sidewalk Prophets

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 ages 0-4 (please ask, we'll help you get there). For children in worship, we have "faith and fun worship bags" with crayons and Bible activities**
- **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 abundantly.* (from John 10:10)