

Traditional Service of Worship

First Sunday of the Advent Celebration

November 25, 2018

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.)

CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN

No. 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

(please respond by reading the bold text)

Our souls magnify the Lord!

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

The mighty One has done great things for us!

Holy is God's name!

Let us worship God.

For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;

from generation to generation God gives mercy.

So Come, Lord Jesus. We wait for You with hope.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE/CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

ANTHEM

Handel

The People That Walked In Darkness from Messiah (Isaiah 60:3, 9:2)

John Larsen, Baritone

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

As children come forward to light candles, all sing:

O come, O come, Emmanuel

And ransom captive Israel

That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appear

As the children return to their seats, all sing:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE 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 gifts to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hovland

The Glory of the Father (based on John 1)

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. 198

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

Verses 1-3,5

SERMON:

Rev. Emily J. Knight

“Living the Nativity: Mary’s Song”

Luke 1:46-55

*HYMN OF DEDICATION:

No. 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hobby

Wake, Awake For Night Is Flying

*CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

AUDIO ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE.

Ask an usher if you would like to use one.

Assisting in Today's Worship

LITURGIST: Clark Burner

HEAD USHER: Gordon Middleton

USHER TEAM 2: Ruben Allen, Chris Davis, Dan Fosmire, and Rick Murray

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given in memory of Helen and Gordon Middleton, Sr. by Gordon and Mary Middleton and Family.

Sunday Attendance – November 18, 2018

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

RIVERKIDS

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

TOTAL SUNDAY WORSHIP

SALTY SERVANTS

NURSERY

SUNDAY SCHOOL/SMALL GROUPS

What's Happening This Week?

SUNDAY MORNING

Coffee Time: 8-10:15 am ~ Rhames Fellowship Hall
Sunday School: 10:10 am ~ McCord and Education Bldg.
RiverKids:Worship: 9:20 am ~ Room 311 McCord Bldg.
RiverKids: Praise: 11 am ~ Room 507 Education Bldg.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Riverside Youth: No meeting today.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

5:30- 6:30 pm ~ Rhames Fellowship Hall

MUSIC ACTIVITIES

Adult Bell Choir: Today, 5 pm ~ Room 201
Children's Bell Choir: Wednesday, 6 pm ~ Room 201
Praise Team: Wednesday, 6 pm ~ Sanctuary
Chancel Choir: Wednesday, 7:30 pm ~ Room 501

CLASSES

Community Classes: Wednesday, 5 pm and 6:30 pm
Yoga: Wednesday, 5 pm and Friday, 12:15 pm
Tai Chi: Wednesday, 5 pm and Saturday, 10:30 am
The Life Center (Senior Adults): Friday, 10:00 am

COMING SOON

Christmas Caroling with Riverside Presbyterian Church
December 5th, 6:30pm (meet in our fellowship hall)
Christmas Concert at First UMC: Dec. 7th, 7:30 pm
The Don Thompson Chorale Christmas Concert: Dec. 9th, 3 pm
Christmas Cantata Unity Service: Dec. 16th, 10:30 am

Announcements



Online Advent devotional:
www.riversideparkumc.blogspot.com
 (daily music, reflections, prayers, and scriptures)



Advent discussion group:
 Thursdays, 10:30am at Riverside Park Apartments
 Starting this week.



Now taking orders for Christmas Eve poinsettias:
 (See bulletin insert for more details)



Community Christmas Caroling
Wednesday, Dec 5th
 Meet in the fellowship hall at 6:30pm (after Wednesday dinner)



Upcoming Music Concerts
 * Friday, Dec 7th @7:30pm First UMC downtown
 (\$5 donations support family promise)
 * Sunday, Dec 9th @3pm RPUMC Sanctuary
 Don Thompson Chorale & Chancel Ringers. Free.



December 16th Worship: ONE service at 10:30am
 (no 9am or 11am); Sunday school @9:30
 special music cantata with orchestra, Praise team,
 choir, organ and more...



Help us Invite our Neighbors to Christmas Eve
 RAP's Luminaria event will be Sunday, December 23rd
 and our church will be handing out free hot chocolate
 and cookies to the neighborhood. Help needed!
 One hour shifts from 5:30-8:30pm.



New for 2018! TWO Christmas Eve Services:
 • 5:30pm Contemporary music & activities for kids
 • 7:30pm Traditional music with nursery care
 *Help wanted for both services—ushers, greeters,
 communion servers, parking lot aids*

For more information on any of these events,
 call the church office (904)355-5491
 or email info@riversideparkumc.com

9am CONTEMPORARY SERVICE First Sunday of the Advent Season

November 25, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Gather with Song

I Will Follow - Chris Tonkin
Welcome and Announcements
Scripture: Luke 1: 26-38
You are the Light - Steve Fee

Greet/Share Peace in Christ

Welcome the Children: Light the Advent Candles

After the kids message, pre-K4 through 2nd graders are invited upstairs (Room #311) for RiverKids: Worship.

Advent Prayer

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

Beautiful Name - Hillsong

Proclaim God's Word:

Rev. Emily J. Knight

"Living the Nativity: Mary's Song"
 Luke 1: 46-55

Benediction and Sending.

Magnificat (Mary) - Todd Agnew

Especially if this is your first Sunday, Welcome!

- We have gifts for first-time guests at the welcome table at the sanctuary entrance
- Children are welcome to stay in worship, but our nursery is also open for the littlest ones (up to four years old--please ask. we'll help you get there)
- 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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