

# Traditional Service of Worship

## Second Sunday of the Advent Celebration

December 2, 2018

11:00 A. M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE:

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

CHORAL INTROIT

\*HYMN

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

No. 213

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

*(please respond by reading the bold text)*

Stir up your might, O God,  
and come to save us!

**Emmanuel—God with us.**

Restore us, O God.

Let your face shine,  
that we may be saved.

**Emmanuel—God with us.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE/CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25

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, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home  
Make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery**

*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

*A Celtic Cradle Carol*  
Ashley Alston, Soprano and Chancel Choir

Martin

\*DOXOLOGY:

**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.**

No. 95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

\*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION

*Joseph Heard the Troubling News*  
*(sung to the tune: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child")*

**Joseph heard the troubling news: Mary was expecting!  
What should he, a just man, do? He sought God's directing.  
Joseph thought to send her home — leave her, without blaming;  
Then an angel in a dream spoke of joy, proclaiming:**

**"Go, take Mary as your wife; Joseph, don't you fear it —  
God has formed a precious life by the Holy Spirit!  
Mary soon will bear a son; you shall name him Jesus.  
When the prophet spoke of him, he said, "God is with us!"**

**God of love, we too may face times of doubt and trouble.  
May we know your daily grace, even when we struggle.  
Just as Joseph answered, "Yes!" with new dedication,  
We rejoice, for we've been blessed by your incarnation.**

SERMON:

"Joseph son of Heli" from Luke 3:23-38

Rev. Emily J. Knight

HOLY COMMUNION

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION:

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel* (Sung Twice)

No. 204

\*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Toccata on "Savior of the Nations, Come"*

Manz

\*CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

**AUDIO ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE.**

Ask an usher if you would like to use one.

## Assisting in Today's Worship

LITURGIST: Mark Cashen

HEAD USHER: Gordon Middleton

USHER TEAM 3: Debbie Colbert, Alicia Dorsie-Frank, Karen Fleming, and Connie Hodges,

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God.

## Sunday Attendance – November 25, 2018

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	99
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	88
TOTAL SUNDAY WORSHIP	187
SALTY SERVANTS	24
NURSERY	5
SUNDAY SCHOOL/SMALL GROUPS	61

## 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.  
No RiverKids Worship or RiverKids Praise today

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Riverside Youth: Today, 4:45 pm ~ Rhames Fellowship Hall

### SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

### 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



**Online Advent Devotional:**  
[www.riversideparkumc.blogspot.com](http://www.riversideparkumc.blogspot.com)  
 (daily music, reflections, prayers, and scriptures)



**Advent Discussion Group:**  
 Thursdays, 10:30am at Riverside Park Apartments  
 November 29, December 6, 13, and 20



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



**Community Christmas Caroling**  
 Wednesday, Dec 5th  
 Meet in Rhames Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm (after Wednesday dinner)



**December 12th**  
 Dinner at 5:30pm (Fundraiser for Margaret's Memories)  
 Advent Craft Workshop  
 Children's Participatory Pageant on the courtyard



**Upcoming Music Concerts**  
 \* Friday, Dec 7th @7:30pm First UMC downtown  
 (Chancel Choir performs, \$5 donation for 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 at 9:30am  
 Special music cantata with orchestra, Praise team,  
 Chancel Choir, organ and more...



**Blue Christmas Service:** Wednesday, Dec. 19th at 6pm  
 A holiday worship service for those who are stressed,  
 lonely or hurting. In the chapel ~ 3rd floor McCord  
 Building



**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 aides\*

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

## 9am CONTEMPORARY SERVICE Second Sunday of the Advent Season

December 2, 2018

9:00 a.m.

### Gather with Song

*Glorious Night* - Sidewalk Prophets  
**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Scripture:** Matthew 1:18-25  
*Good Good Father* - Chris Tomlin

### Greet/Share Peace in Christ

**Welcome the Children: Light the Advent Candles**  
*Faith & Fun bags are available in the narthex.*

### 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\*  
*Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)* - Chris Tomlin

**Proclaim God's Word:** Rev. Emily J. Knight  
 "Joseph, son of Heli"  
 Luke 3:23-38

**Break Bread. Celebrate Holy Communion.**  
*Emmanuel* - Vicky Beeching

### Benediction and Sending.

#### *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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*"Advent 2018: Living the Nativity"*



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 where our mission is  
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