

Traditional Service of Worship

Third Sunday of the Advent Celebration

December 9, 2018

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.)

CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN No. 240
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

*CALL TO WORSHIP:
(please respond by reading the bold text)
‘Prepare the way,’ the prophets call,
‘make ready the highways for God.’
**How we long to walk down the sidewalks
in God’s kingdom of peace!**
Prepare your hearts,
for God’s realm opens up a new day.
**We yearn for the time
when the wolf and lamb will live together in harmony.**
Prepare the way,
God promises a new day when adversaries will lay down arms.
We dream of a world transformed by God’s love.
May the God of hope fill your hearts with all joy and peace.
We rejoice for God’s Spirit is in our midst!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE/CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

ANTHEM Raney
To the World, Joy!
Chancel Ringers and Rich Lewis, Piano

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 11:1-10
LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

As folks come forward to light candles, all sing:

**O come, O King of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease and be yourself our King of Peace**

After the candle lighting, 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 Carter
A Maiden Most Gentle
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. 210
What Child Is This?

SERMON: Rev. Emily J. Knight
“Creatures and Christ”
Isaiah 1:3; Luke 13:34; John 1:29

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: No. 605
Wash. O God. Our Sons and Daughters

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*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 4: Jenny Cashen, Julianne Kirchain, Peggy
McCord, Darby Wilson-Norman, Shirley Post, Emily Rehberg,
and Harriet Thurgood

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

Sunday Attendance – December 2, 2018

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	113
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	74
TOTAL SUNDAY WORSHIP	187
SALTY SERVANTS	31
NURSERY	11
SUNDAY SCHOOL/SMALL GROUPS	75

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: Today, 4:45 pm ~ Rhames Fellowship Hall

SPECIAL EVENTS TODAY

Nursery Open House from 9 am - 1 pm
Don Thompson Chorale Christmas Concert at 3 pm in RPUMC’s
Sanctuary. Chancel Ringers will play before the concert at 2:45 pm
Becomers and Pursuers Christmas Party at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEDNESDAY

Fundraiser Dinner for Margaret’s Memories
at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Nativity Craft in the Fellowship Hall
Children’s Christmas Pageant on the Courtyard

MUSIC ACTIVITIES

Adult Bell Choir: No rehearsal today
Chancel choir: Today, 1 pm - 2:30 pm
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

9am CONTEMPORARY SERVICE Third Sunday of the Advent Season

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Gather with Song

Shout to the North - Martin Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

Oh What A Glorious Night - Sidewalk Prophets

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

Messiah's Song - Jared Anderson

Proclaim God's Word:

Rev. Emily J. Knight

"Creatures and Christ"

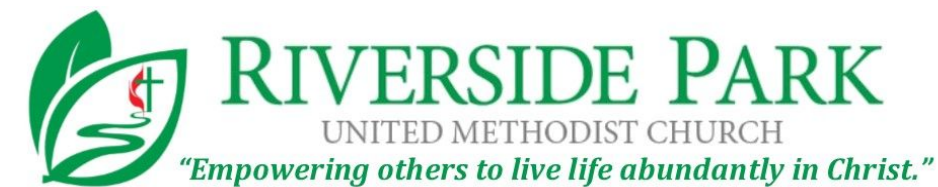
Isaiah 1:3; Luke 13:34; John 1:29

Benediction and Sending.

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy) - Chris Tomlin

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!



Advent 2018: Living the Nativity



Welcome to Riverside Park United Methodist Church
where our mission is
to empower others to live life abundantly in Christ.
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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)



December 12th

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



Music Concerts Today

* 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