

Service of Joyous Worship

December 16, 2018

10:30 A.M.

GATHERING SONG Praise Team
O What A Glorious Night - Sidewalk Prophets

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Please sign the registration pads located in the pews.

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

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

Long ago, in a field at night, an angel appeared with words of good news and great joy

Good news. Great joy. We need that today.

The angel said “Do not be afraid!”

Hope. Freedom from fear. We need that today.
And the angel promised God’s peace on earth to all humanity.

Because—even today—we have news of a savior. The Messiah, the Lord.

Glory to God!

Glory to God in the highest!!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE/CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
Let no one be a stranger in God’s house.

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, we offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Invitation to a Miracle

OVERTURE Orchestra and Organ
*Wexford Carol, Come Ye Shepherds, The Holly and the Ivy,
Gentle Mary Laid Her Child, Ding, Dong Merrily on High*

A PROCESSIONAL OF HOPE Chancel Choir

JOY ARISING Chancel Choir
Soloists: Misty Weisman, Matthew Take, Ashley Alston

NOEL (Chris Tomlin) Praise Team
Soloist: Millie Hudson Russell

MY SOUL REJOICES IN THE LORD Chancel Choir
Soloist: Holly Hammond

A CELTIC CRADLE CAROL Chancel Choir
Soloist: Ashley Alston, Soprano

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS BORN! Chancel Choir
Soloists: Mark Mathews and Tony Quails

MARY, DID YOU KNOW? (Mark Lowry) Praise Team
Soloist: Darren Nettles

A GLORIA GATHERING Chancel Choir and Praise Team
Soloists: Misty Weisman and Holly Hammond

Directors – John Larsen and Millie Hudson Russell
Organist – Rich Lewis
Narrators – Jane Riechmann, Chris Schmitz

Instrumentalists:
Clarinet - Dani Zentz
Oboe - Emily Knight
Flute - Alex Spock
Violin 1 – Stephanie Lindsey
Violin 2 – Margaret Widener
Viola - Vivianna Bartlett
Cello - Paul Lee
Percussion - Baldwin Ruffino and Stephen Landy

Chancel Choir
Pat Allen Ashley Alston
Bridget Anderson Jennifer Brown*
Clark Burner Diane Carrigg
Mark Cashen Claire Diao
Holly Hammond Tyler Hott
Rich Lewis Mark Mathews
Joan Miller Christian Nyman*
Chuck Pickren Alma Quails
Tony Quails Diane Take
Matthew Take Lisa Vincent
Tim Ware Misty Weisman
* Friends of the choir


Praise Team
Singers - Derrick Hittell, Darren Nettles, Tammy Morreale
Keys - Doug Matthews
Guitar- Evan Ruffino
Drums - Tim Jackson

Audio Visual Team: Brittany Scott and Melissa Matthews

Liturgist: Mark Cashen

Ushers: Mark Cashen, Bill Hodges, David Middleton, and Shirley Davis

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

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Faith & Fun Worship Bags are available for children in the narthex.

Sunday Attendance – December 9, 2018

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	87
RIVERKIDS	9
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	79
TOTAL SUNDAY WORSHIP	173
SALTY SERVANTS	17
NURSERY	9
SUNDAY SCHOOL/SMALL GROUPS	90

What's Happening This Week?

SUNDAY MORNING

Coffee Time: 8-10:15 am ~ Rhames Fellowship Hall
 Sunday School: 9:30 am ~ McCord and Education Bldg.
 Christmas Cantata/One Worship Service: 10:30 am
 No RiverKids Worship
 RiverKids Praise: 10:15 am ~ Room 507 Education Bldg

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Blue Christmas Service: Wednesday, 6 pm ~ Chapel (3rd Floor)

MUSIC ACTIVITIES

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

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Church Council: Tuesday, 6 pm ~ Library

CLASSES THIS WEEK

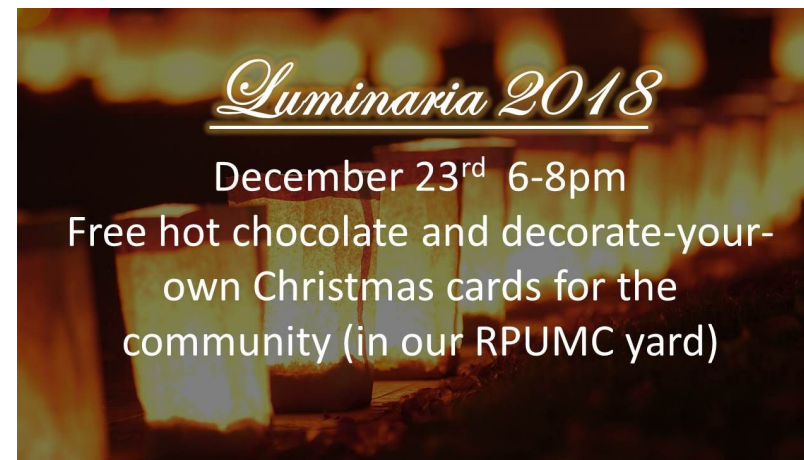
Yoga: Wednesday, 5 pm and Friday, 12:15 pm
 Tai Chi: No Wed. Class and Saturday, 10:30 am
 The Life Center (Senior Adults): No meeting this week



Stop by the Angel Tree in the breezeway and take a gift tag. We will be collecting gift cards for the teenagers who have been in the Family Promise program over the past year. Suggestions include Amazon, Target, Walmart, or VISA gift cards in denominations of \$10 - \$25 (Any teen-friendly gift card will be appreciated.) Please drop your gift cards in the offering plate or turn in your gift cards to the church office by December 20th.



A BLUE CHRISTMAS 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. RPUMC chapel (3rd floor McCord Building) at 6pm on Wednesday, December 19th.



LUMINARIA 2018 Sunday, Dec. 23rd 6-8pm, Join us for this beautiful Christmastime tradition in the Riverside/Avondale community. We'll be handing out free hot chocolate and homemade cookies to passersby and inviting them to worship with us on Christmas Eve.

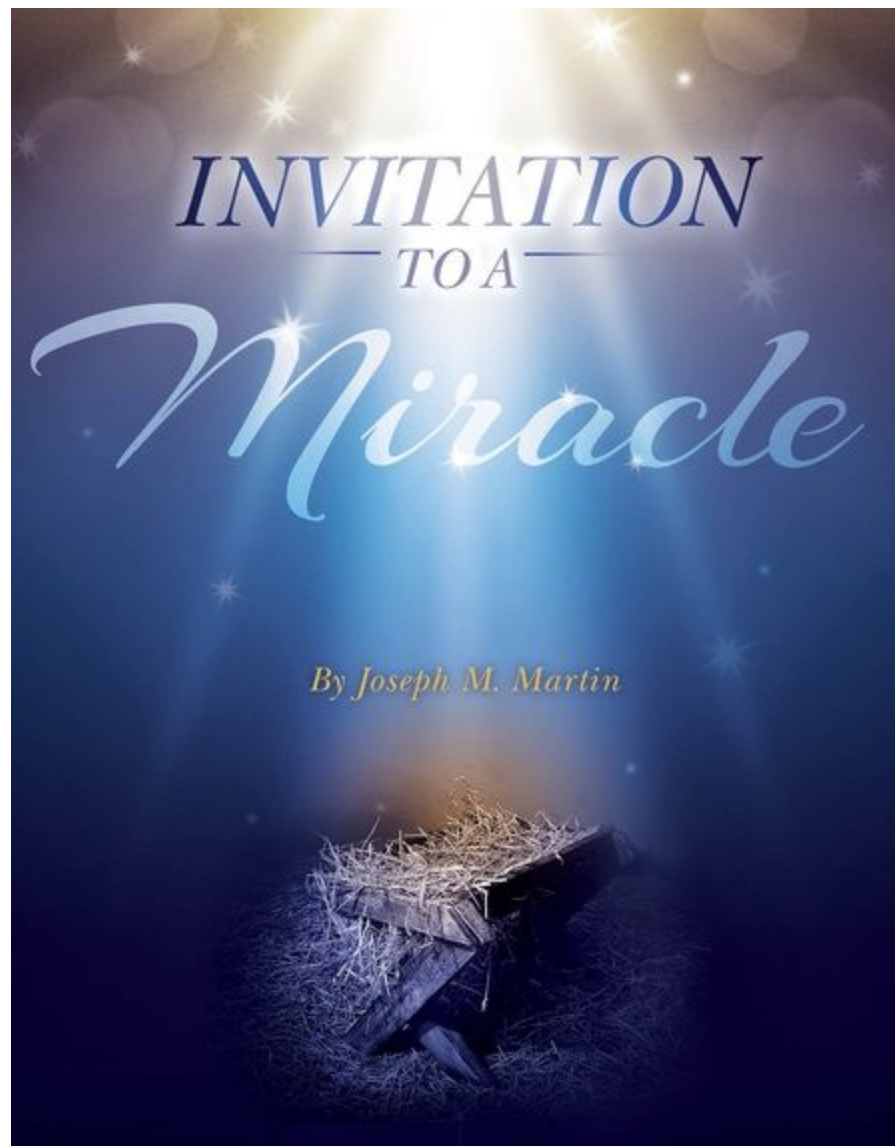


MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH WORSHIP:

We will have two services on Christmas Eve. The Contemporary worship service will begin at 5:30 pm and will feature music from our Praise Team as well as communion and candles. The Traditional worship service will begin at 7:30 pm and will feature music from our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Adult and Children's handbell choirs.



RIVERSIDE PARK
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
"Empowering others to live life abundantly."



2018 Christmas Cantata

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)