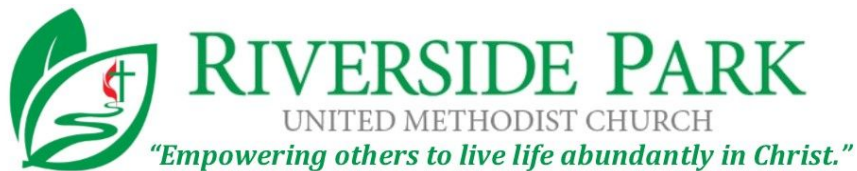


Sssh.
Can you hear it?
An expectant silence,
a hushed anticipation,
as if the very galaxy
is holding its breath.
There are some truths
even the stars know,
like darkness,
like loneliness
and how the night
can be a living thing.
And how once, long ago,
the night waited in wonder
along with the darkness
and the loneliness,
for the sound of a baby's cry,
for the miraculous
to come down
to the earth mundane.

— written by Lucinda Hynett, in *Alive Now*.



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Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2018

Gather with Song

Prelude: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

O Come All Ye Faithful/We Adore Ye - Paul Baloche

Welcome and Centering

Light of the Stable - Selah

O What a Glorious Night - Sidewalk Prophets

Pass the Peace

Welcome the Children: Light the Advent Candles

Prayers of the People:

As each section of the prayer closes with, "Lord, in your mercy" all are invited to say, **"Hear our prayer."**

Offertory

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings - Selah

(ALL of tonight's offering will be used to feed neighborhood families as part of RPUMC's upcoming 'Dinner Church')

Scripture

Proclaim God's Word

Luke 2:1-20

Rev. Emily Knight

Break Bread. Celebrate Holy Communion.

Emmanuel

Share the Light of Christ: Light Candles

Silent Night

Benediction and Sending.

Joy to the World

Welcome and Merry Christmas!

We have been praying for you before you even arrived. Please sign the red attendance pads (in the pews) and pass them down.

Small headsets are available that connect directly to our audio system. If you would like one of these personal hearing devices, please ask an usher.

ASSISTING IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE:

Praise Team

Singers - Tammy Morreale, Derrick Hittell, Darren Nettles,
Allison Matthews, Millie Hudson

Keys - Doug Matthews

Guitar - Nick Russell

Bass - Evan Ruffino

Drums - Tim Jackson

AV Team: Melissa Matthews and Tami Crowell

2018 Community Classes at Riverside Park: We offer a variety of affordable classes for children and adults. Register online starting January 2nd or in-person on January 9th. Classes begin January 16th. For class list and more information, go to www.communityclassesrp.com

Job Openings at Riverside Park UMC:

Nursery Attendants (Part-time): We are looking for part-time nursery attendants who will warmly care for nursery children and teach discipleship lessons in a safe and welcoming environment.

Director of Children's Ministry (Interim or Long-Term): Riverside Park UMC is looking for a children's minister to coordinate curriculum for nursery – 5th graders to empower them as disciples and to equip their families to live into their baptismal vows.

If you or someone you know is interested in either of these positions, please contact Pastor Emily at pastoremi@riversideparkumc.com.