

Traditional Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday of the Advent Celebration

December 23, 2018

11:00 A. M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE: arr. Callahan

Once in Royal David's City

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN No. 250

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*CALL TO WORSHIP:

(please respond by reading the bold text)

As a shepherd seeks a lost lamb

So God seeks and saves the lost

As shepherds watch over their flock by night

So God is with us through seasons of darkness and fear

As a shepherd makes their sheep to lie down in green pastures

So God calls us to stop.

to rest.

be still.

And know that Christ's presence with us is Holy.

Praise be to the Lord--our Christ! Our Messiah!

Praise be to God on high!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE/CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

ANTHEM Holst

In the Bleak Midwinter

Misty Weisman, Soprano

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

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, 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

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 Wood

Ding, Dong Merrily on High

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. 219

What Child is This?

SERMON: Rev. Emily J. Knight

"Shepherds in the Fields"

Luke 2: 8-20

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: No. 220

Angels from the Realms of Glory

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE arr. Callahan

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

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

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

Sunday Attendance - December 16, 2018

WORSHIP SERVICE	264
SALTY SERVANTS	29
NURSERY	7
SUNDAY SCHOOL/SMALL GROUPS	53

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 Youth Tonight

SPECIAL EVENTS TODAY

Luminaria Night: 6:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Monday, December 24, 2018

Contemporary Service: 5:30 pm

Traditional Service: 7:30 pm

MUSIC ACTIVITIES

Adult Bell Choir: Monday, 6:40 pm

Chancel choir: Monday, 7:05 pm

Children's Bell Choir: Monday, 6:55 pm

Praise Team: No rehearsal this week

CLASSES

Community Classes: Registration Night - Jan. 9th, 5-7 pm

Yoga: Wednesday, 5 pm and Friday, 12:15 pm

Tai Chi: No Wednesday or Saturday classes

The Life Center (Senior Adults): Resumes January 4th, 10 am

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday: 9-12

Tuesday & Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 9-3:30

Friday: 9-1

