

# Traditional Service of Worship

First Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 2018

11:00 A. M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE: Callahan  
*I wonder as I wander*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
(Worshippers are asked to sign the registration pads located in the pews.)

CHORAL INTROIT

\*HYMN No. 250  
*The First Noel*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:  
(please respond by reading the bold text)  
How are we to live as God's beloved children?  
**We are to have attitudes and actions of compassion and justice.**  
How are we to live as neighbors with one another?  
**We are to put on the garments of love and peace.**  
Let us come before the Lord in gratitude for all we have been given.  
**Lord, thank you for all you continue to do in our lives. AMEN.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE/CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

ANTHEM Niles  
*I Wonder as I Wander*  
Mark Mathews, Bass

RESPONSIVE PSALTER Psalm 148 (Hymnal pg. 861)  
LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!**

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 Martin  
*Alleluia. Christ is Born!*  
Mark Mathews, Tony Quails and 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

\*PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD  
Luke 2: 22-24  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem* No. 230

Luke 2:25-35  
*Song of Simeon* No. 226

Luke 2: 36-40  
LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!**

Meditation: "The Joy of Seeing God's Promises"  
Rev. Emily Knight

SHARING CELEBRATIONS AND JOYS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE NEW YEAR TO GOD

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: No. 251  
*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

\*THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE (Please be seated)

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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given in memory of Mary  
Rector by Gordon and Emily Rehberg.

## Sunday Attendance - December 23, 2018

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## 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: No rehearsal today

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

No Youth Tonight, Resumes Jan. 6th at 4:45 pm

### MUSIC ACTIVITIES

Adult Bell Choir: No rehearsal today  
Chancel Choir: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Children's Bell Choir: No rehearsal this week  
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: Wednesday, 6:30 pm or Saturday, 10:00 am  
The Life Center (Senior Adults): Resumes Jan. 4th, 10 am

### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday: 9-12  
Tuesday: Closed  
Wednesday & Thursday: 9-3:30

Friday: 9-1



## Holiday Office Hours

The office will close at noon on New Year's Eve and reopen Wednesday, January 2nd at 9am.

**YOUNG ADULT GAME NIGHT: TONIGHT** Home from college? Young professional looking for community? Join us for pizza and games at the pastor's home. 7pm tonight.



**CHURCH LEADERSHIP RETREAT:** Save the date! A leadership retreat will be held on Saturday, January 26th, 8:30 am -12 noon. More information to come.

### FIFTH SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING:

We are collecting a special offering for the Florida United Methodist Children's Home today. Please use the envelope and place it in the offering plate.



### 2019 COMMUNITY CLASSES AT RIVERSIDE PARK



Financial Fitness. Nutrition for Health. Yoga. Tai Chi. Crafts. Robotics. Music and more! Kids and adults.

Register online starting January 2<sup>nd</sup> and or in-person on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin January 16<sup>th</sup>. For class list and more information, go to

[www.communityclassesrp.com](http://www.communityclassesrp.com)

**REKEYING of EXTERIOR LOCKS & MAIN OFFICE KEY:** Please contact the church office if you have an "M" key and will need a replacement. The locks will be rekeyed mid-January.



Monday, January 21st: SAVE THE DATE for service in the community

## 9am CONTEMPORARY SERVICE First Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 2018

9:00 a.m.

### Gather in Joy:

*Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)* - Chris Tomlin

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Greet/Share Peace in Christ**

**Welcome the Children: Light the Christ Candle**

*Faith & Fun bags are available in the narthex.*

### Proclaim God's Word:

Luke 2: 22-24  
*Christmas Carol*

Luke 2:25-35  
*Christmas Carol*

Luke 2: 36-40  
*Christmas Carol*

Meditation:

"The Joy of Seeing God's Promises"

### Respond to God's Word:

Psalm 148 (Hymnal pg 861)

### Offer Gifts to God:

*Noel* - Lauren Daigle

\*During the song, please place an offering in one of the baskets in the aisle\*

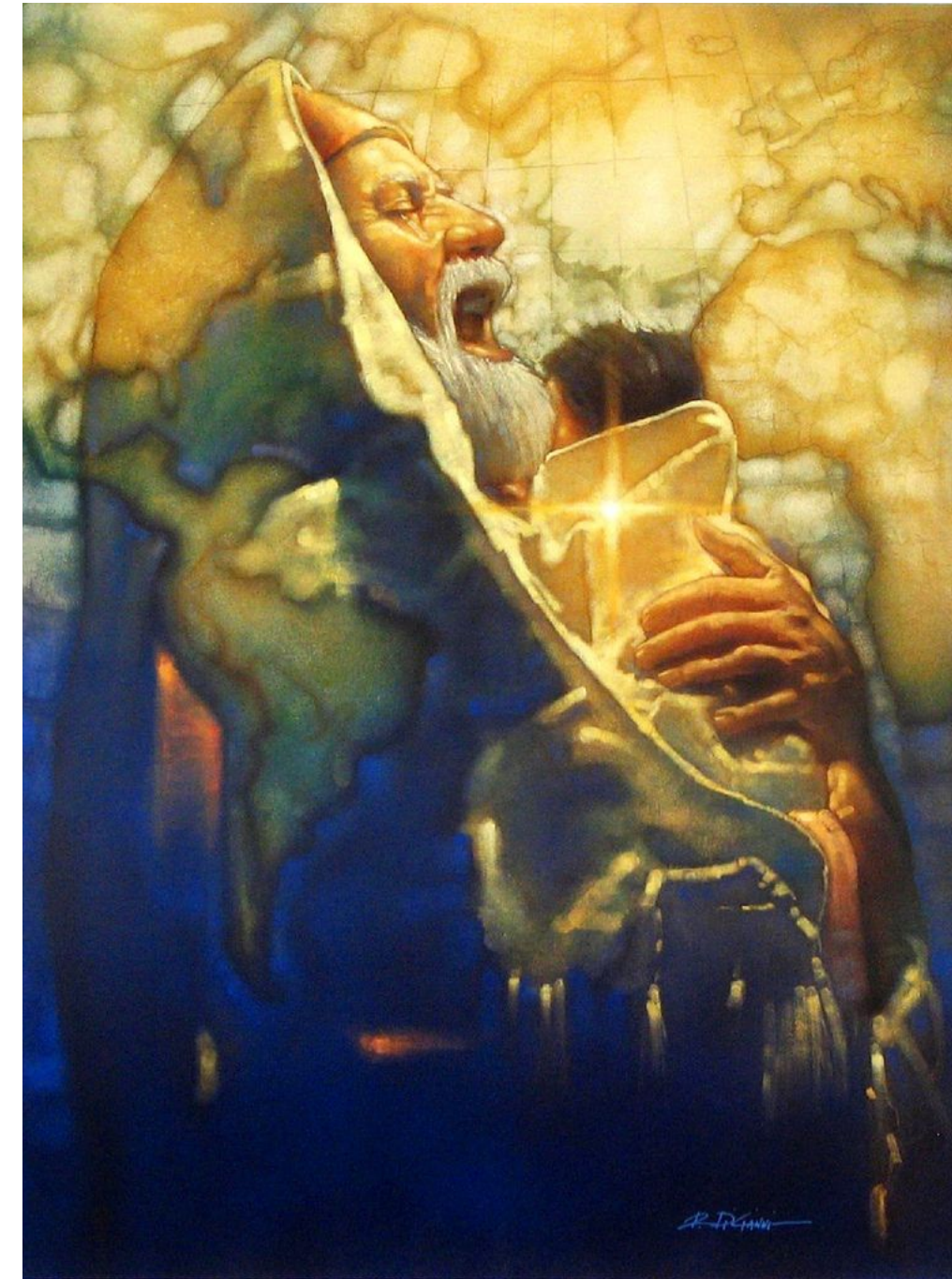
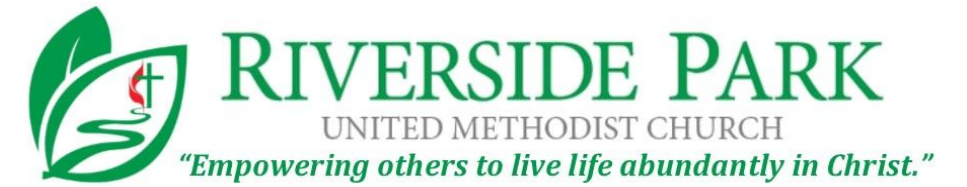
**Share Celebrations and Joy  
Dedicate the New Year to God**

### Benediction and Sending.

*Go Tell It On the Mountain*

### 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) line up at the sanctuary entrance. before the service begins--all are welcome to help!



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