

Traditional Service of Worship

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

11:00 A. M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE: *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* arr. Mansfield

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

CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN
As with Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle-bed,
there to bend the knee before Him whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed lives at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.

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

Arise! Shine!

God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

Arise! Shine!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Arise! Shine!

God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

Arise! Shine!

Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of
God's dawn.

Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE/CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6
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
Joy Arising
Ashley Alston, Misty Weisman 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

*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION No. 254
We Three Kings

SCRIPTURE & SERMON Matthew 2:1-12
"Faith Journey" ~ Rev. Emily Knight

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: No. 206
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE (Please be seated)

POSTLUDE Klauss
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

*CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

Assisting in Today's Worship

LITURGIST: Karina Descartin
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 30, 2018

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	79
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	93
TOTAL WORSHIP	172
SALTY SERVANTS	19
NURSERY	8
SUNDAY SCHOOL/SMALL GROUPS	43

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: No RiverKids Worship today
RiverKids Praise: 11:00 am ~ Room 507

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

RPUMC Youth: Tonight at 4:45pm
Parent's Meeting: Today at Noon - Room 303

MUSIC ACTIVITIES

Adult Bell Choir: Today at 5:00 pm ~ Room 201
Chancel Choir: Wednesday at 7:30 pm ~ Room 501
Children's Bell Choir: Wednesday at 6:00 pm ~ Room 201
Praise Team: Wednesday at 6:00 pm ~ Sanctuary

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): Friday at 10 am

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Circle of Joy & Peace: Tuesday, 10:30 am ~ Parlor
Circle of Hope: Tuesday, 6:30 pm ~ Parlor
Circle of Grace: Tues., 7:00 pm ~ Darby Norman's Home
Finance Committee Meeting: Thursday, 6:00 pm ~ Library



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.

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 2nd and or in-person on January 9th. Classes begin January 16th. For class list and more information, go to www.communityclassesrp.com

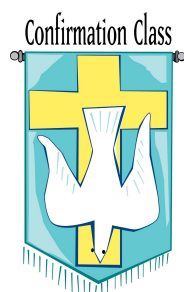
REKEYING of EXTERIOR LOCKS & MAIN OFFICE KEY: Please contact the church office if you have an “M” key and will need a replacement. The locks will be rekeyed mid-January.

MLK Day of Service
A DAY ON, NOT A DAY OFF

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



If you are interested in joining Riverside Park UMC and/or learning about the United Methodist Church. Join Pastor Emily on February 3rd, 10th, and 17th in the church office library at 10am. Those wishing to join the church will be welcomed on Feb. 24th.



The Confirmation Class of 219 will begin with an intro session on March 3rd at 3 pm in the chapel. Classes will be held on Sunday afternoons from March 10th-April 7th at 3 pm in the church office. The weekend of March 15-17 is a retreat at Warren Willis Camp. Contact Mr. Evan or Pastor Emily to sign-up your student (usually 6th-7th graders) for confirmation.

Epiphany

9am CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
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9:00 a.m.

Gather with Song

Dance in the Dawn - Selah
Welcome and Announcements
Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6
We Three Kings - Traditional
You Are the Light - Steve Fee

Greet/Share Peace in Christ

Welcome the Children

Faith & Fun bags are available in the narthex.

Pray for Each Other and the World

Offer Gifts to God:

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light - Kathleen Thomerson
During the song, please place an offering in one of the baskets in the aisle

Proclaim God's Word:

Matthew 2:1-12

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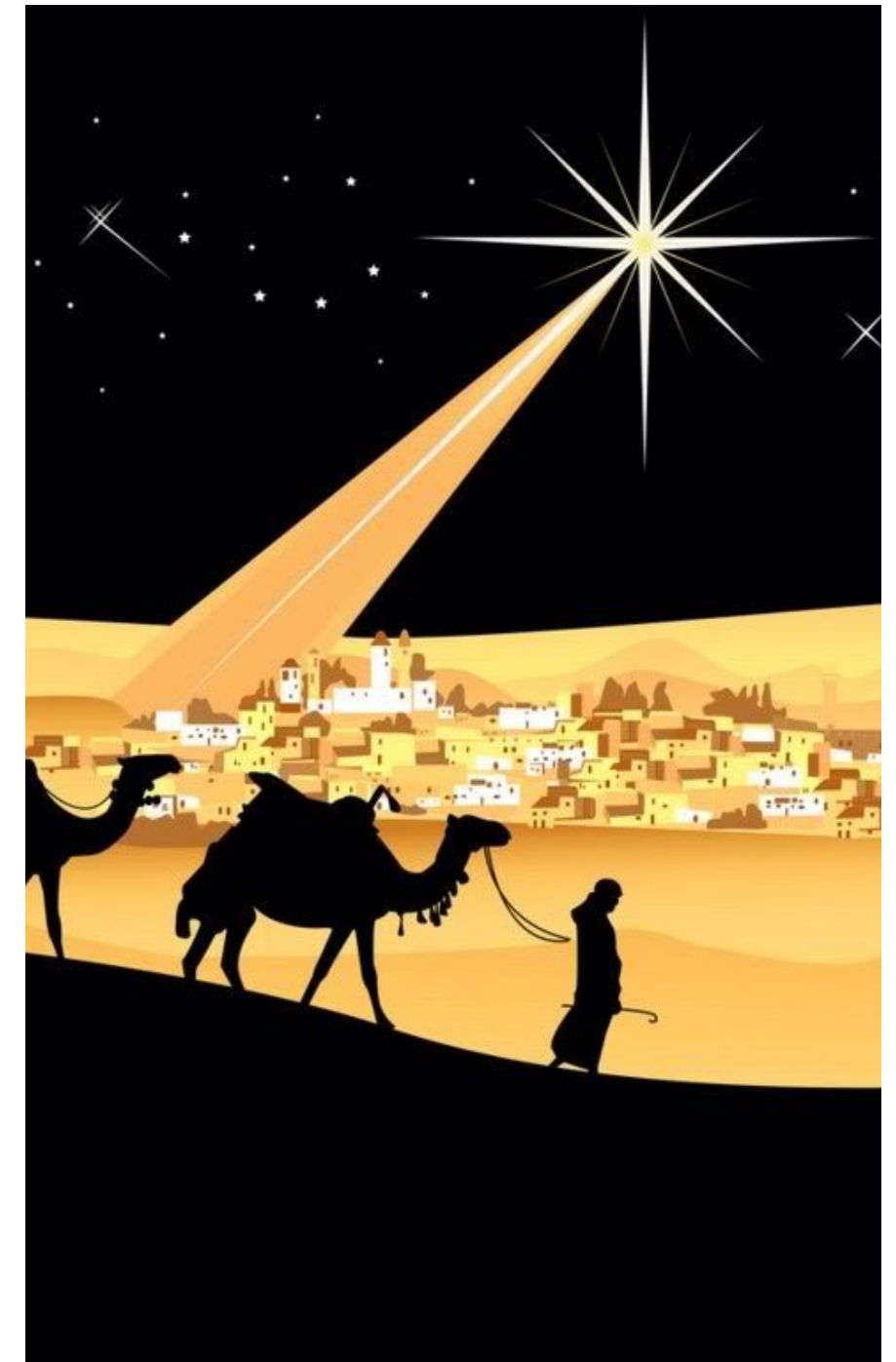
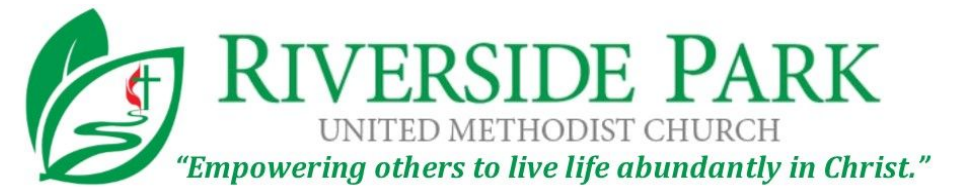
Break Bread. Celebrate Holy Communion.

Behold the Lamb - Stuart Townend

Benediction and Sending.

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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