

Traditional Service of Worship

4th Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021 11:00 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE Bach
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*HYMN No. 250
Once in Royal David's City
Verse 1 - solo, verse 2 - choir only, verses 3-4 - all

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(please join by reading the bold text)

Creator God, you have molded us into your people. As we gather for worship, let us settle into your love.

We wish to be made into your image.

We worship to experience your brightness. We gather to receive and carry your light.

Restore us, O Chris; let your face shine upon us, so that we may worship and know you.

Come, thou long expected Jesus!

Come, thou long expected Christ!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI: No. 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:39-45

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Lighting of the Advent Wreath

As kids come forward, all are invited to sing verse 1 of *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* (hymn no. 196); then sing verse 2 as they return to their seats. *We value the gift of generations, so all kids are invited to grab a worship bag (or coloring supplies) and remain in the sanctuary for worship.*

ANTHEM Wood
Ding Dong! Merrily on High
Chancel Choir

PRAYER AND 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, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Offerings can be placed in the sanctuary offering plates, brought or mailed to the church office, or given online (visit www.mywell.org/give/rpumc or use the QR code.).

OFFERTORY Purvis
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Rich Lewis, Organ

*DOXOLOGY: No. 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION No. 230
O Little Town of Bethlehem

SERMON & SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:1-16
"Expecting Jesus: the Christ"
Rev. Emily Knight

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: No. 224
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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Callahan
Ding! Dong! Merrily on High

Riverside Park United Methodist Core Values
(i.e. Who are we? What will never ever change?)

- Our common faith in Jesus Christ
- The love and grace we experience
- The Word of God (importance of learning and reading the Bible)
- Personal and spiritual growth (learning, gathering, serving)
- A Spirit of loving warmth and hospitality
- Our history and our roots
- The gift of generations
- Worshipping together as a community of faith
- The recognition that we are in God's mission and process
- Our differences and our willingness to wrestle with HOW we lovingly accept differences

Worship Attendance - December 12, 2021

CANTATA WORSHIP - In Person	227
CANTATA WORSHIP - Online	63
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	290

Serving in Worship Today

Crucifer 11am: Anthony Strong
Acolytes: Malcolm Remo, Andrew Strong

What's Happening This Week?

TODAY

Contemporary Worship: 9 am
Sunday School: 10:10 am
Traditional Worship: 11 am

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Night Ministry: Wednesday at 5:30 pm
Chancel Choir: Wednesday at 7:30 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES (12/24)

3:30 - Traditional
5:30 - Contemporary
7:30 - Traditional

Meals Served Last Week

167

Especially if this is your first Sunday or first time in a while,
Welcome
to Riverside Park United Methodist Church!
We are glad that you are here

9am CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Gather with Song

The Weary World Rejoices- Millie Hudson

Welcome! Greet one another in Christ!

Scripture: Luke 1:39-45

Glorious - We the Kingdom

Kid's Message: the lighting of the Advent Wreath

Song as kids transition: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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Announcements:

- Christmas Eve- 3:30, 5:30, 7:30
- Dec. 26th-ONE Service @10:30
- Save the date: Jan 15th service day

Prayer

Offer Gifts to God

Fear Not - Point of Grace

Proclaim God's Word

Matthew 1:1-16

"Expecting Jesus: the Christ"

Rev. Emily Knight

Break Bread. Celebrate Holy Communion.

Glory (Let There Be Peace) - Matt Maher

Benediction and Sending

Website: www.riversideparkumc.com
Church office: (904) 355-5491

RPUMC Wednesday Night Ministries :
Free to-go dinners (served @5:30)
Help Serve: <https://tinyurl.com/WND2021>
Donate: Socks. Blankets. Long sleeves.
Thank you, Hardage-Giddens for generous support!

ADVENT
DEVOTIONALS
& DAILY COUNTDOWN CARDS

Pick Up Today in the Narthex!

Offerings can be placed in the sanctuary offering plates, mailed to the church (819 Park St. Jacksonville FL 32204) or given online using "MyWell" (code to the right): www.mywell.org/give/rpumc



Church Office Holiday Schedule:

**We will be closed on
Dec. 27th and Jan. 3rd**



Save the Date
**Service Saturday
January 15th**

**Christmas
Eve SERVICES**

3:30pm Early Traditional (in person only)
5:30pm Contemporary (also online)
7:30pm Traditional (also online)

**Communion
& Candlelight
at each**

**Nursery open
during 7:30pm
service**

Join us the December 26th
to celebrate the birth of Jesus with
Lessons & Carols

Kids wear pajamas. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
One Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.



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