

Traditional Service of Worship

4th Sunday of Advent

December 18, 202211:00 a.m.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDECallahanOnce in Royal David’s City

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

\*HYMNOnce in Royal David’s CityNo. 250Verse 1 & 2 choir. Verse 3 & 4 all

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
(please join by reading the bold text)  
This is the 4th Sunday of Advent, a time to rejoice in what God is doing.  
**Prepare the way of the Lord!**  
The time is fast approaching, not for parties or presents, but for the awareness of God’s loving gift to us--the gift of the Christ child.  
**Help slow us down, Lord, that we may realize that your gift of love is at the center of our lives and our celebrations.**  
Thanks be to the Holy Spirit who again reminds us of God’s eternal love.  
**Open our hearts, O Lord, to receive your blessed gift.**

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 PATRINo. 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.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: Love  
Special thanks to Linda Robbins and Jennie Bibb who light our advent candles today. As they come forward, please sing verse 1 of “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

We will sing the chorus as they return (changing the last line to today’s advent word: “Love of every longing heart”)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEMTucker  
As Lately We Watched (with Away In a Manger)  
Chancel Ringers

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.**

OFFERTORYMartin  
Rejoice All People, Rejoice  
(with Gentle Mary, Laid Her Child)  
Chancel Choir

\*DOXOLOGYNo. 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 ILLUMINATIONNo. 230  
O Little Town of Bethlehem

SCRIPTUREMatthew 1:18-25

SERMONRev. Emily Knight  
“Deck Your Hearts: in God’s Love”

\*HYMN OF DEDICATIONNo. 218  
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDECallahan  
Ding Dong! Merrily on High

Worship Attendance - December 11, 2022

Cantata Worship Service252

Serving in Worship Today

Tech Team 9 a.m.: Judy and Danny Marks  
Tech Team 11 a.m.: Millie Hudson and Michael Bone  
Greeters 9 a.m.: Tim Bush and Chris Schmitz  
Greeters 11 a.m.: Karen Fleming, Debbie Colbert, and Alicia Frank  
Liturgist: Andy Scully  
Crucifer: Anthony Strong  
Acolytes: Andrew Strong, Malcolm Remo

What’s Happening This Week?

TODAY:  
Worship: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Chancel Ringers Rehearsal: 5:00 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES  
Margaret’s Memories Remembrance: Monday at 6:00 p.m.  
Yoga: Wednesday & Friday at 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Ministry: Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.  
Blue Christmas Service: Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given in memory of our parents, Mary Rector and Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Rehberg by Emily and Gordon Rehberg.

Meals Served Last Week: 135

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.*

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**  
4th Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

9:00 a.m.

**Gather with Song**  
*Noel* - Chris Tomlin

**Welcome! Greet one another in Christ!**

*Joy Unto the World* - The Afters

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath:** Love

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**Children's Message**

*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. The nursery is open and available for kids 4 and younger.*

**Announcements**

**Prayer**

**Offer Gifts to God**  
*Fear Not* - Point of Grace

**Proclaim God's Word**  
"Deck Your Hearts: in God's love"  
Matthew 1:18-25  
Rev. Emily Knight

**Benediction and Sending**  
*The Weary World Rejoices* - Millie Hudson

*Blue Christmas*  
A holiday service of hope & remembrance  
Wednesday, Dec 21st @ 6:30pm in chapel

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
WORSHIP**

DECEMBER 24, 2022  
4:30 CONTEMPORARY  
7:00 TRADITIONAL  
*Communion & Candlelight*

 RIVERSIDE PARK UNITED METHODIST  
819 PARK STREET  
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32204



**Sunday, December 25th**  
*Lessons & Carols*

One Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.  
Kids are welcome to wear pajamas.

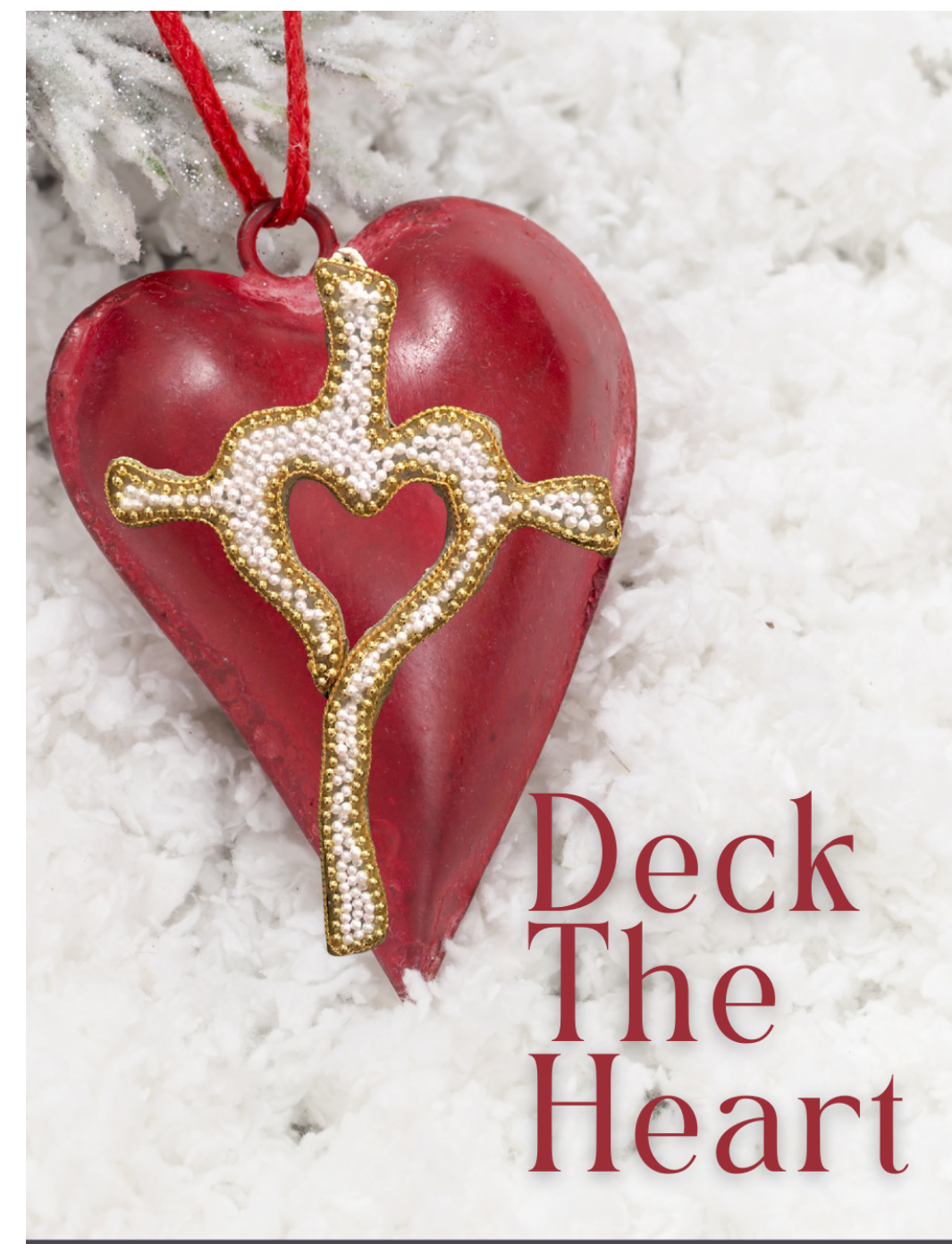


**"Three Square" Last day to sign-up**

Meet and eat with new people! Three meals over three months (you and a partner host one and attend another two). See newsletter for more info.  
Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/RPUMC3>

**WORSHIP TIME CHANGE**  
**10:30am**  
**Dec. 25th & Jan. 1**

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](http://www.mywell.org/give/rpumc)



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