



Merry Christmas

Riverside Park United Methodist Church

December 25, 2022 -- 10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

Come All Ye Faithful (234)

*O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore
him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore
him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord*

Lighting of the Christ Candle (response : and the darkness has not overcome it.)

Good Christian Friends Rejoice (224)

*Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice:
give ye heed to what we say: News, news!
Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice:
now ye hear of endless bliss: News, news!
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and ye are blest forevermore.
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!*

Christmas Morning Creed

Angels from the Realms of Glory (220)

*Angels from the realms of glory,
wing you flight o'er all the earth:
ye who sang creations story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Kids Message & Bible Story

Away in a Manger (217)

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

**Offering Song: "Story of Christmas" by Point of Grace
Doxology**

Joys and Celebrations

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (240)

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.*

Philippians 2:1-7a

Love Came Down at Christmas (242) 1,2,3

*Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas;
star and angels gave the sign.*

*Worship we the God-head,
love incarnate, Love divine;
Worship we our Jesus,
but where with for sacred sign?*

*Love shall be our token;
love be yours and love be mine;
Love to God and all men,
love for plea and gift and sign.*

Communal Prayer of Praise and Alleluia

Joy to the World! (246) 1,2,3

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King:
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and
Heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove the glories of his
righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders
of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

Go Tell it on the Mountain (251)

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent
flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens
there shown a holy light.*

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.
Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.*

Benediction and Blessing