

A Service of Joyous Worship in word and song for the Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

The First Noel
Mary Holladay, Organ

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please fill out a Connect Card located in the pew pocket
or scan the QR code on the sanctuary screen)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day of remembering God's promises.

We will rejoice and be glad in them.

This is a day of worship, Advent waiting—and joy.

We will rejoice in God our savior! Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

*GATHERING SONG

Let Us Adore - David & Nicole Binion
Praise Team

PASSING OF THE PEACE/CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

Let no one be a stranger in the house of God.
Please take this opportunity to greet those around you.

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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:

As forgiven and reconciled people, we offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Messiah - Francesca Battistelli
Praise Team

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

by Hal H. Hopson

Carol Prelude String Quartet, Percussion,
Handbells, Organ

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, Angels We Have Heard on High,
From a Distant Home, God Walked in Eden's Garden Fair*

O Come All Ye Faithful Kids Choir, Chancel Choir

Adam and Eve rebel against God Genesis 3: 8-15
God Walked in Eden's Garden Fair Chancel Choir, Handbells

God makes a promise to faithful Abraham Genesis 22:15-18
The God of Abr'am Praise Chancel Choir

Christ's birth and rule of peace are foretold Isaiah 9:2,6,7
Comfort, Comfort O My People Chancel Choir

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown Isaiah 11: 1-4a, 6-9
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Chancel Choir

The angel Gabriel announces to Mary Luke 1:26-35,38
There Is No Rose Chancel Choir Women

Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus Matthew 1:18-23
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice Kids Choir, Chancel Choir, Handbells

The shepherds go to Bethlehem Luke 2:8-16
Angels, We Have Heard on High Chancel Choir

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus Matthew 2:1-11
Come See (Glory Hallelujah) - Phil Wickham Praise Team

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation John 1:1-14
Joy to the World Kids Choir, Chancel Choir,
Praise Team, Handbells

BENEDICTION AND SENDING
Christmas Is Coming - We The Kingdom Praise Team

Directors— John Larsen, Millie Russell, Nancy Newman

Organist – Mary Holladay

Narrators – Lara and Ava Manalo

Audio Visual Team: Brittany and Quinton Scott

Ushers: Brittany Bruce, Denise and Niel Fleming, Jane Hazlett

Greeters: Karen Fleming, Alicia Frank, Jeff and Sharon Joos

Instrumentalists

Violin 1 – Rebecca Simpson Violin 2 – Victoria Scarlett
Viola - Anne Nasrallah Cello - Nancy Kilmer
Percussion - Paul Butler

Chancel Choir

Ashley Alston Wayne Bailey
Clark Burner Diane Carrigg
Brenda Chapman *Elisabeth Crumrine
Katherine Crumrine Jeff Cornett
Nancy Darragh Sara Lynn Fenwick
Kimberly Fishman Julie Garmendia
Rebecca Garner Woody Garner
Keith Hall David Holladay
Mary Holladay Timothy Keatley
Mark Mathews Mollie Miller
Taylor Newman George Ridge
Jo Ann Stephens Diane Take
Matthew Take Corky Thomas
Kit Thomas Bridget Ware
Claire Weaver Vance Whitaker
*Friend of the choir

Handbells

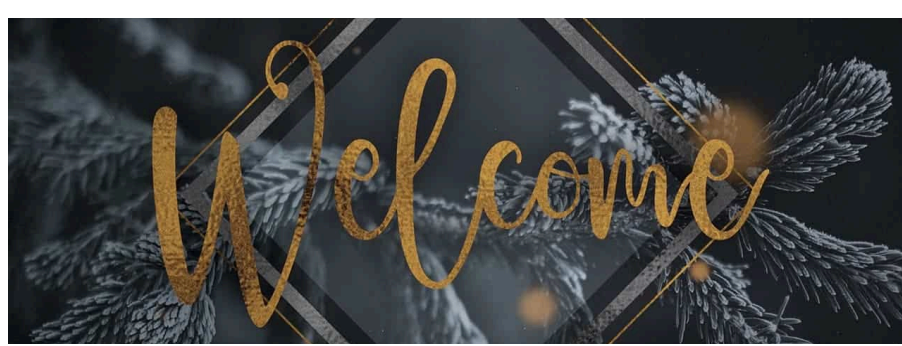
Dan & Judy Marks, Pam Pearsall

Praise Team

Singers - Millie Russell, Allison Matthews, Timothy Keatley
Keys - Doug Matthews
Guitar - Roger Hudson
Bass Guitar - Evan Ruffino
Drums - Tim Jackson

Kids Choir

Caden Bridges Nylah Carter
Mariah Cope Daiquan Flagler
Luke Garmendia Theo Henderson
Madeleine Knight E. J. Waters



Especially if this is your first Sunday, Welcome!

- Children are welcome to stay in worship (we love joyful noises) but if you would be more comfortable, our nursery is open for kids up to four years old.
- To engage kids in worship, we have activity bags near the main sanctuary doors.

Sunday Attendance – December 8, 2024

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - In Person	71
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - Online	2
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - In Person	113
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - Online	14
Total Worship	200

What's Happening This Week?

TODAY:

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
 Worship (ONE service): 10:30 a.m.
 Chancel Ringers Rehearsal: 5:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK:

Board of Trustees: Monday at 6:00 p.m. (Library)
 Tai Chi: Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
 Girl Scouts: Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. (Room 202)
 Karate: Tuesday at 5:00 p.m., Saturday at 3:00 p.m.
 Church Council: Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (Library)
 Circle of Joy & Peace: Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Night Ministry: Wed. at 5:30 p.m. (McCord Building)
Blue Christmas Service: Wednesday, at 7:00pm (RPC)
 Chancel Choir: Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. (Room 501)
 United Methodist Men: Saturday at 9:00 a.m. (Parlor)

Altar Flowers

The FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God.

Free Community Meals Served Last Week: 124



Advent Prayer Stations

Stations open 30 minutes before and after Sunday worship and during office hours.
3rd Floor McCord Building

Blue Christmas

A holiday service of hope & remembrance

Wednesday, Dec 18th @ 7pm Riverside Presbyterian Church



Volunteers are needed to help set up poinsettias in the chancel area on Mon., Dec. 23rd at 10 a.m. Call the church office to sign up. 904-355-5491



Christmas Eve Services

December 24th

4:30 p.m. - Contemporary with the Praise Team, communion, and candlelight.

7:00 p.m. with the Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, communion and candlelight. (childcare available)

Pajamas & Pancakes

Join us the **December 29th** to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Kids wear pajamas.
Pancake Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.
One Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.



December 29th
5th Sunday Special Offering



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



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