

# Traditional Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

11:00 a.m.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

*Joy to the World*

Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out a Connect Card located in the pew pocket or scan the QR code on the bottom right side of this bulletin.

\*HYMN

*Once in Royal David's City*  
(verses 1-2 choir, 3-4 all)

No. 250

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Please respond by reading the bold text aloud.)

Come, joy, lighten our spirits.

**Come, hope, lift us from despair.**

Come, peace, ease our frantic worry.

**Come, love, shine in all we do.**

Come, Lord Christ, be born in us.

**Live in our hearts and set us free.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (THE 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.**

\*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

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

\*HYMN

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (verse 1)

No. 229

SCRIPTURE

John 3:14-17

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

& LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Still, Still, Still,*

*Send your hope, peace, joy, love to us still*

We value the gift of generations, so all kids are invited to grab a worship bag (or coloring supplies) and remain in the sanctuary as part of worship. The nursery is open and available for kids four and younger.

ANTHEM

*Sing We Now of Christmas*  
Chancel Ringers

McChesney

PASTORAL 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.**

OFFERTORY

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*  
Chancel Choir

Willcocks

\*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

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

No. 221

SCRIPTURE

LEADER: Word of God for the people of God.  
**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!**

Micah 5:2-5a

SERMON

"Be Still"

Rev. Emily Knight

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

*The First Noel*  
(verses 1-4)

No. 245

\*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*God Rest Ye Merry*

Held

\*Congregation, please stand.

*Worship Attendance* - December 1, 2024

Cantata Worship- In-person	303
Cantata Worship- Online	6
Total Worship	309

## *Serving in Worship Today*

**9 a.m. Contemporary Service**

Greeters: Tami & Kevin Crowell, Rick Bible

Tech Team: Caroline Jennings

Liturgist: Kimberly Julia

**11 a.m. Traditional Service**

Greeters: Julianne Kirchain, Emily Rehberg, Harriet Thurgood

Tech Team: Ava Manalo, Eden Santa Lucia

Ushers: Craig Coffey, Jake Manalo, Jesse Manalo

Liturgist: Chris Western

Crucifer: Wyatt Snipes

Acolytes: Lilah Manalo, Kara Manning

## *What's Happening This Week?*

**TODAY:**

Worship: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Handbell Choir 5:00 p.m. (Room 201)

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Christmas Eve Contemporary Service: Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Traditional Service: Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

The church office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and will be closed Christmas Day and the day after.

## *Altar Flowers*

The flowers on the altar are given in honor of Sisters of Strength by Kit Thomas.

*Meals Served Last Week:* 107

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**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

9:00 a.m.

**Gather with Song**

*Angels From The Realms of Glory (Emmanuel)* - Paul Baloche

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

*What A Glorious Night* - Sidewalk Prophets

**Scripture**

John 3:14-17

*Reckless Love* - Cory Asbury

**Children's Message  
& Lighting of the Advent Wreath:**

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**Announcements**

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**Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**Offer Gifts to God**

*Love Comes Down* - Worship Initiative

**Proclaim God's Word**

Micah 5:2-5a

"Be Still"

Rev. Emily Knight

**Benediction and Sending**

*What A Beautiful Name (Christmas)* - Hillsong Worship



*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)

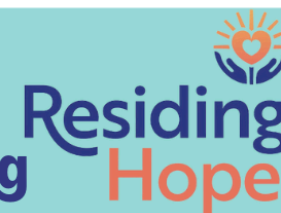
*Pajamas & Pancakes*

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



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