

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



NOVEMBER 19, 2017
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

WORSHIP is at the center of the life of The Riverside Church. As you prepare yourself for Worship, we invite you to reflect quietly on these words:

“Entirely too much has been said in most churches about the stewardship of money and too little about the stewardship of power. The modern equivalent of repentance is the responsible use of power.”

– *Harvey Cox*

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the green paraments and clergy stoles that represent new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:

Complete a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate as it passes.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in South Hall Lobby directly after Worship. As you leave the Nave, take a right and follow the hallway past Christ Chapel. Signs and greeters are available to provide direction. You'll find fair trade coffee from Javesca Coffee, a children's play area, a greeting area to learn about membership at Riverside, and indoor seating.

A church tour is offered each Sunday after Worship free of charge. Meet in the 1st balcony. Tours also take place on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. leaving from the Gift Shop. No reservations are necessary.

Assistive hearing devices and large print bulletins are available upon request from an usher.



GATHERING

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

CARILLON

Meditation: Hymn of Thanksgiving

John Franco

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's Windsor

†CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 100

Rev. Ellen Robison

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise.

All: Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

One: Because God is the giver of all good gifts,

All: We will share our gifts and our lives with others.

One: For the Lord is good;

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

†INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

We listen for the word of God through song, Scripture, and preaching

ANTHEM

You Must Have That True Religion

Spiritual, arr. Roland Carter

You must have that true religion, you must have your soul converted, you must have that true religion or you can't cross there. Where have you been, poor sinner/mourner? Where have you been, I say? I've been way down to the river of Jordan. No, you can't cross there. Where have you been, good Christian? Where have you been so long? I've been way down to the valley for to pray, and I ain't done praying yet. Oh, give me that ol' time religion, it's good enough for me.

Makea McDonald, soprano

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ms. Luvon Roberson

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

(page 874 in the Old Testament)

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ms. Jennifer Vazquez-Hili

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

(page 205 in the New Testament)

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 560

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

Nyland

+GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Ellen Robison

Matthew 25:14-30

(page 28 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Butler

Money, Money, Money, Money

+*All who are able, please stand*

RESPONDING

We respond to the hearing of God's word through confession, offering, passing the peace, and monthly communion

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Michael Livingston

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

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.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL AMEN

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Bertram Johnson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Psalm 90

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home. Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, Thou art God from everlasting and world without end. Thou turnest earth to destruction; again thou sayest "Come again ye children of earth"; For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday, seeing that is past as a watch in the night. As soon as Thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep and fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and groweth up, but in the evening it is cut down, dried up and withered. For we consume away in Thy

displeasure, and are afraid at Thy wrathful indignation. For when Thou art angry all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end as a tale that is told: so passeth it away and we are gone. The years of our age are threescore years and ten, and though some be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength but labor and sorrow. Turn Thee again O Lord at the last. Be gracious unto Thy servants. O satisfy us with Thy mercy and that soon. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, Thou art God from everlasting and world without end. And the glorious majesty of the Lord be upon us. O prosper Thou the work of our hands, O prosper Thou our handiwork.

†AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY

The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize offering of our whole selves to God

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Rev. B. Johnson

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Stewardship Committee which helps our church family grow in its understanding of the important relationship between giving and faith by creating faithful opportunities for giving, serving, fellowship, and stewardship education.

SENDING

We are sent out into the world to love God and our neighbors

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Butler

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 555

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Frederick Swann

†All who are able, please stand

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Ms. Luvon Roberson and Ms. Jennifer Vazquez-Hili*

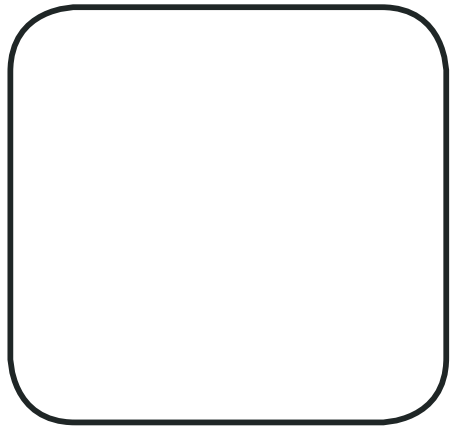
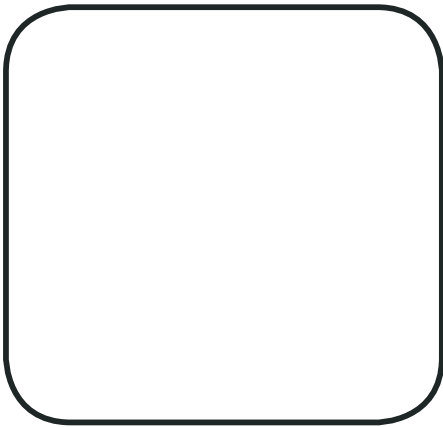
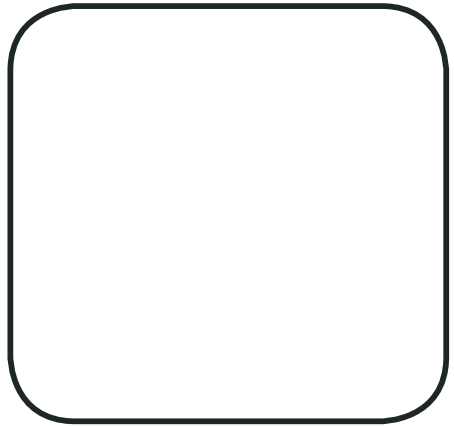
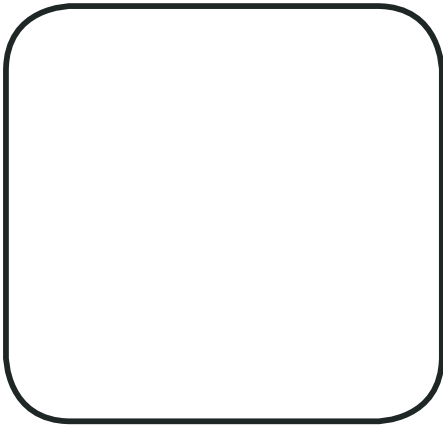
LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

For announcements of programs and events in the church, please pick up the *Life of Our Community* bulletin located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center. Or visit our website www.trcnyc.org.

✝ *All who are able, please stand*

CREATIVE DRAWING

What are some things God gave you that you could try and multiply or grow - like a special skill you have or a certain possession. Draw pictures of how you could use those gifts in service to God.





OUR
DWELLING
PLACE

UNSCRAMBLE IT

Unscramble the words from Psalm 90.

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TALK WITH THE PREACHER

Read Pastor Amy's blog online at talkwiththepreacher.org.

Printed copies are also available in the Welcome Center/Gift Shop.

Pastor Amy is available for conversations with members by appointment.

Please email srminister@trcnyc.org or call 212-870-6775 to arrange an appointment.

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PARKING - 11/19/2017

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