

The Riverside Church

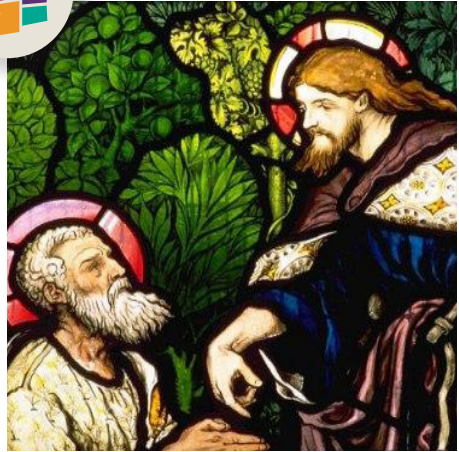
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JANUARY 14, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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:

“When Christ calls a [person] he bids [them] come and die.”

– *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the season of Epiphany, as signified by green paraments and clergy stoles (except on communion Sundays) symbolizing growth.

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

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Suite for Solo Organ: We Shall Overcome

Sharon J. Willis

I. Rosa: We Shall Overcome

IV. Hope: There is a Balm in Gilead

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 391

Take My Life

Hendon

✚CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Bertram Johnson

One: We are called to follow Jesus.

All: We are called to be God's children.

One: Called to move as Jesus did, among the people;
listening, helping and showing compassion.

**All: Called to name as Jesus did, the oppressions that destroy
our world.**

One: Called to discern the gifts of life God has hidden deep within us.

All: Called to use those gifts to further God's reign.

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All: We are called to be God's children.

Come let us worship!

✚INVOCATION

✚*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

Call to Justice: “Justice and Mercy” (Ode to Union) *M. Roger Holland II*

Justice and mercy mean more to me than your prayers and sacrifice says the Lord. Oh, justice and mercy mean more to me. So love, have faith and believe in the way of the Lord. Who will speak for the least of these, who will stand up for what's right? Who will defend the defenseless and champion the poor? Though you may have everything you need, what about the weak? What about the poor and those who don't have just like Lazarus? The poor and lowly man who died, Lazarus. The rich man cast him from his side. There is more that God requires from you. You've been blessed and shown God's mercy. So, now go and do the same. What will you do for someone who has nothing? Grace paid the debt for what I owe. Mercy dispensed for you and me. Freely given and freely shared. It's the gift of God for one and all. So don't forget about the least of these. What God has done for you, you must also do for someone else. If you really love Me, feed My sheep. If you really love Me, take care of My lambs. The love and care you show to the very least of My children is surely done to Me. So no more offerings and no more prayers until you feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and take care of the oppressed.

*The Riverside Inspirational Choir
Nedra Olds Neal, director
Ramona Dunlap, soprano
Brandon McCune, piano*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ms. Anthonia Adams

1 Samuel 3:1-10
(page 247 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER LESSON

Dr. Colleen Birchett

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18
(page 577 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 313

Come Down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney

†*All who are able, please stand*

†GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Butler

John 1:42-51

(page 92 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

God is Calling! Anybody Home?

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Kevin Wright

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.

†*All who are able, please stand*

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Ms. Farley Lord

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Walk Together, Children

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Walk together children, don't you get weary. Walk together children, don't you get weary. Oh, talk together children, don't you get weary. There's a great camp meeting in the Promised Land. Sing together children, don't you get weary. Sing together children, don't you get weary. Oh, shout together children, don't you get weary. There's a great camp meeting in the Promised Land. Gonna mourn and never tire. Mourn and never tire. Mourn and never tire. There's a great camp meeting in the Promised Land.

✠ 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

Ms. Lord

Today we celebrate the ministry of the Ordination Committee, which prayerfully nurtures God's call to ordained ministry within those who are in their care.

SENDING

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

✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

✠ RECESSIONAL HYMN 361

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

POSTLUDE

Oh, Freedom

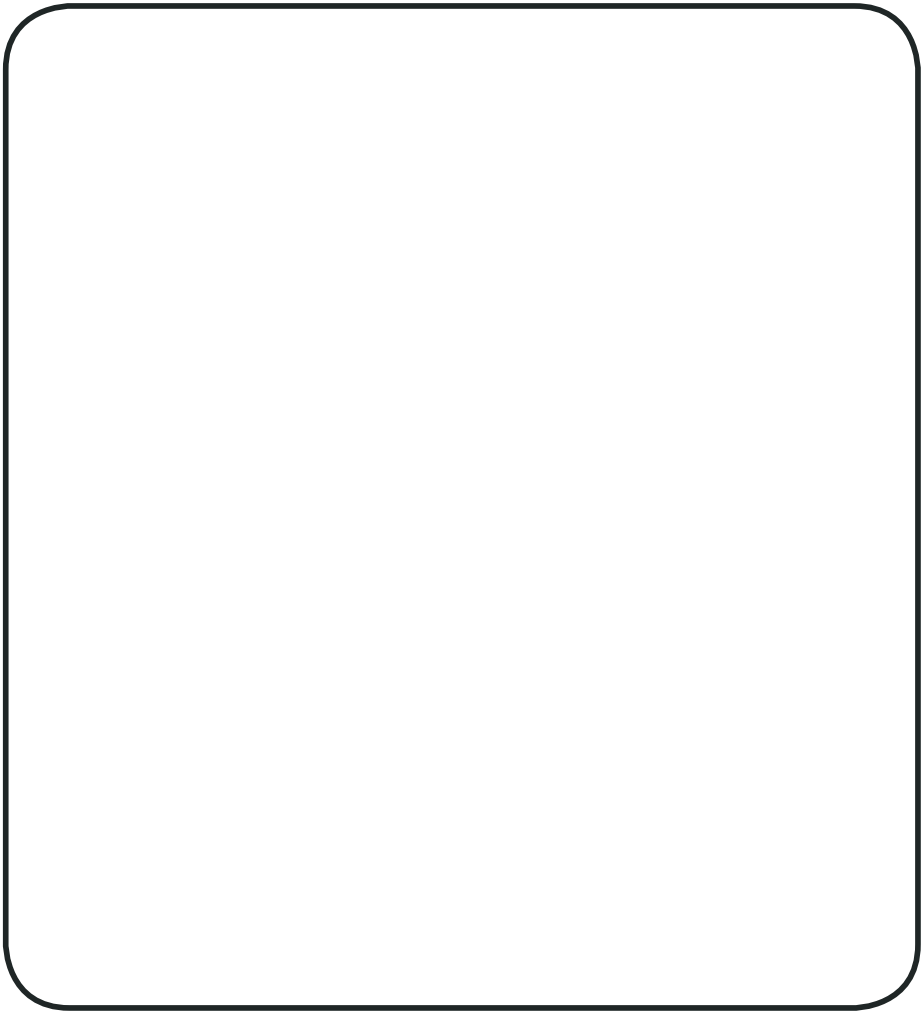
Adolphus Hailstork

✠ *All who are able, please stand*

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Ms. Anthonia Adams and Dr. Colleen Birchett*

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.

 DRAW IT

In 1 Samuel, as Samuel is lying down, God calls his name. Samuel doesn't know it's God speaking to him until the third time it happens. Imagine what it would be like to hear God calling your name. **Draw** what it may have looked like when Samuel heard God calling his name.

WORD SEARCH

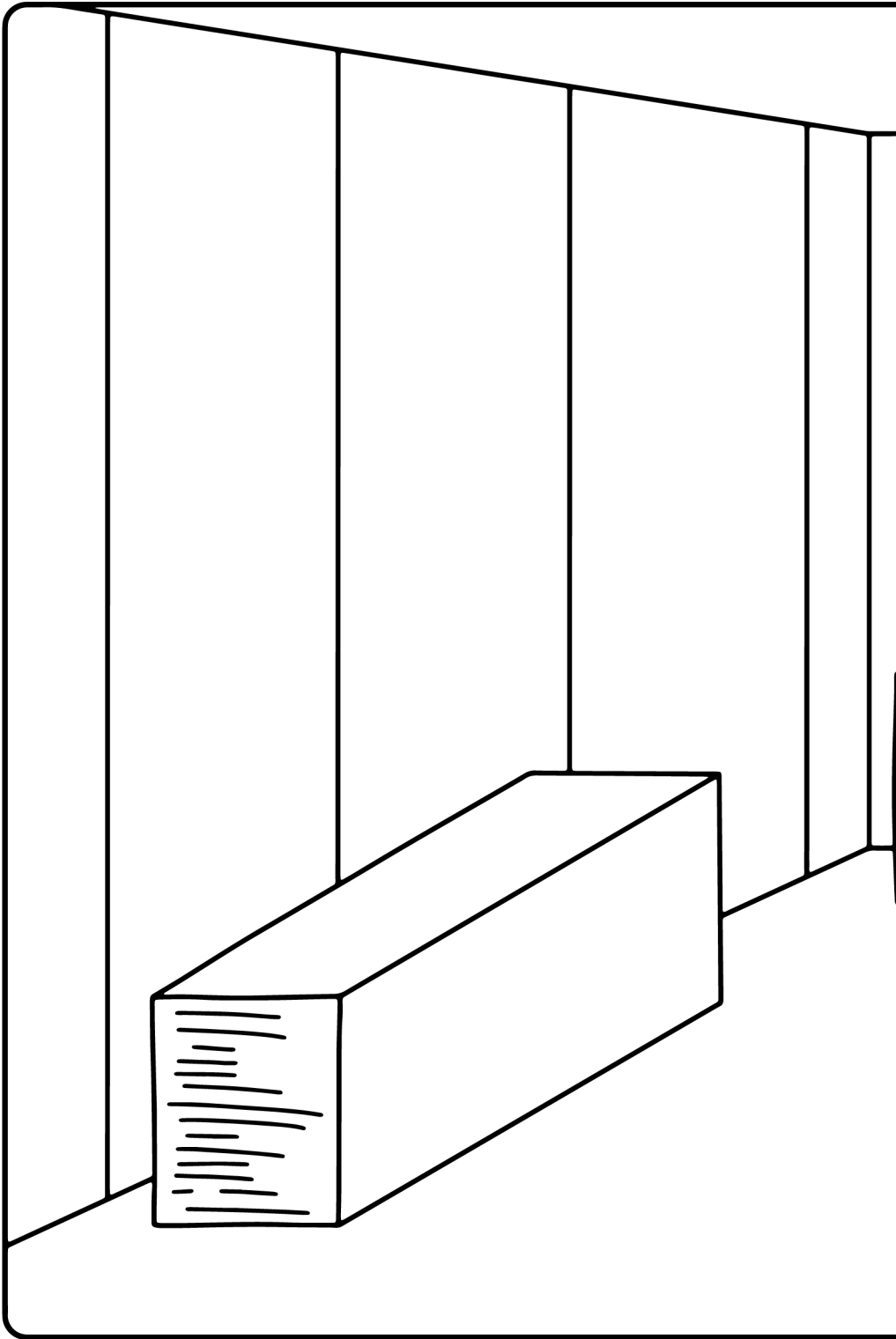
Try to find the words from John 1 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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BELIEVE
CALLED
FOLLOW
PHILIP
NATHANAEL

ANDREW
PETER
NAZARETH
PROPHETS
ISRAELITE
TRULY

LAW
FOUND
MOSES
COME
SEE
JESUS





1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)

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.

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