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:

Define yourself radically as one beloved by God.
This is the true self. Every other identity is illusion.
– Brennan Manning

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 white paraments and clergy stoles, symbolizing joy in the light of Christ’s birth.

The image on the cover is the icon of the Feast of Theophany or Epiphany, a manifestation of God to the world. On the left side we see John the Baptist who is dressed in camel’s hair with his arms outstretched, directing others to Christ. With his right hand he is conducting the baptism. In the center of the icon is Christ being baptized in the Jordan. Above his head is the Holy Spirit descending as a dove upon him. The semicircle at the top depicts the opening of the heavens and the voice of God.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:
Complete a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate as it passes.

Join us for Coffee Hour in South Hall after 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. Breakfast and lunch for purchase will be in South Hall.

A free church tour is offered each Sunday after Worship. Meet in the 1st balcony, no reservation necessary. Tours also take place Wednesday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., as church schedule permits, leaving from the Welcome Center / Gift Shop. Reservations recommended. Visit trcnyc.org/visit.

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

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

J. Pachelbel, arr. C. Semowich

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

ORGAN

Rhapsody (Op. 17, No. 1)

Herbert Howells

HANDBELLS

Prelude on “Thaxted”

Michael Helman

The Riverside Ringers

Daniel Potter, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 361

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Debra Northern

One: The heavens open and the Spirit descends, as Jesus emerges from the water.

All: A voice echoes through the heavens, “This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased.”

One: Jesus has been named and claimed by God.

All: We come to the water to remember

that we have been named and claimed by God.

Let us worship the one who calls us by name and claims us today.

INVOCATION

HANDBELLS

Beside Still Waters

Howard F. Starks

The Riverside Ringers

All who are able, please stand
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Michael Livingston
Serenity Lavé Bryant

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEDICATION

Nathaniel Anthony Pennant
Priya Pennant

PRAYER

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Iniva Ngaka
Isaiah 43:1-7
(page 672 in the Old Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Northern
Acts 8:14-17
(page 126 in the New Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 498
Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
Kingdom

GOSPEL LESSON

Ndansi Elvis Nukam
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
(page 60 in the New Testament)
One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Butler
Tell Me My Name

†All who are able, please stand
RESPONDING

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

SILENT MEDITATION

A time for reflection, prayer, and contemplation

PASTORAL PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to 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. Ellen Robison

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Like As the Hart  Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, “Where is now thy God?”

All who are able, please stand
AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY
The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize the 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;

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION Rev. Robison
Today we celebrate the ministry of our Church Council, Commissions and Committees
as they begin a new year of dreaming, planning, and discerning the many ways that we
might be Christ’s hands and feet in the world.

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

BENEDICTION Rev. Butler

RECESSIONAL HYMN 356
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Nettleton

POSTLUDE
Deep River David Hurd

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Iniva Ngaka and Ndansi Elvis Nukam

All who are able, please stand
God says in Isaiah 43:4, "You are precious in my sight and honored and I love you." When we face hard things in our lives, God is with us and will help us through them. How does it make you feel to know God will help you through these times? Draw a picture of something hard you've faced in your life - maybe even something right now. And draw God with you in the picture.
do not fear
for I have
REDEEMED YOU
CONNECT the DOTS

Luke 3 describe Jesus' baptism. Connect the dots to see what came down from heaven after Jesus was baptized.
WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Psalm 29 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

LORD HEAVEN ASCRIBE GLORY STRENGTH WORSHIP

SPLENDOR WATER THUNDER POWERFUL VOICE FLAME

CEDAR CALF FLAMES FLOOD PEOPLE PEACE
ABOUT RIVERSIDE
The Riverside Church is an interdenominational, interracial, international, open, welcoming, and affirming church and congregation. The church is a member of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. and the United Church of Christ. Riverside cooperates with the Council of Churches in the City of New York and with the New York State, National, and World Council of Churches. Rev. Dr. Amy Butler is the seventh senior minister of the church and the first woman to serve in this position at the church. Whoever you are: You are safe here. You are loved here. You are invited into full participation in our life together.

Rev. Dr. Amy Butler, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Senior Minister Emeritus

TALK WITH THE PREACHER
Read transcripts of Pastor Amy’s sermons online at trcnyc.org/sermons. Follow Pastor Amy on Twitter at @PastorAmyTRC.

Pastor Amy is available for conversations with members. Email SrMinister@trcnyc.org or call 212-870-6775 to arrange an appointment.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY
For announcements of programs and events at The Riverside Church, please pick up the Life of the Community newsletter located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center. Visit trcnyc.org/Events for more information and to download a copy.

PARKING - 1/13/2019
Parking is available in the garage below the building. Present this bulletin to the attendant before 6:00 p.m. for a reduced rate of $5.00.
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