The Riverside Church
in the City of New York

JANUARY 12, 2020
FIRST 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:

‘You are my Beloved’ revealed the most intimate truth about all human beings, whether they belong to any particular tradition or not…From the moment we claim the truth of being the Beloved, we are faced with the call to become who we are. Becoming the Beloved is the great spiritual journey we have to make.”

– Henri Nouwen from Life of the Beloved

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.

Cover art: Jesus’ Baptism by Laura James

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

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
Choral Prelude on How Brightly Shines the Morning Star (World Premiere)  
Ludo Geleon
Wake, Awake  
arr. Albert Gerken
Caithness  
Don Cook

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

HANDBELLS
Prayer for the Innocents  
Michael Helman
Cantabile  
Emily Li

The Riverside Ringers  
Daniel Potter, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY  
Rev. Michael Livingston

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise  
St. Denio

†CALL TO WORSHIP  
Rev. Bruce Lamb

One:  Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!  
All:  In spite of our human hindrances, may you shine from deep within us.

One:  Allow us to extend our reach beyond New York City, stretching out around the world.  
All:  May the Lord give us strength to become an evolving beacon for love and justice. May the Lord bless us and all the Lord’s people with peace.

†All who are able, please stand
INVOCATION

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

Let the Heaven Light Shine on Me  
Moses Hogan

Let the light from heaven shine on me. Let it shine on me. Let the heav’n light shine on me, for low is the way to the upper bright world. Let the heav’n light shine on me.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM  
Rev. Lamb

Robert-Jacob Quawntay Walker

BAPTISM BY IMMERSION  
Rev. Livingston

Barbara Duran
Daniel-Kayleb Nassir Young

PASSING OF THE PEACE  
Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

One:  The peace of the Lord be with you.
All:   And also with you.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON  
Robert Lugo

Isaiah 42:1-9  
(pg. 670 in the Old Testament)

One:  The Word of God for the People of God.
All:   Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON  
Minister Charlene Wingate

Acts 10:34-43  
(pgs. 129 & 130 in the New Testament)

One:  The Word of God for the People of God.
All:   Thanks be to God.

All who are able, please stand
Hymn 72
When Jesus Came to Jordan De Eersten Zijn De Laatsten

Gospel Lesson
Matthew 3:13-17 (pg. 3 in the New Testament)
One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
Rev. Harper
Grown-Up Faith

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

Pastoral Prayer
Rev. Livingston
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

Invitation to Give and Serve
Minister Wingate

All who are able, please stand
OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Down to the River to Pray
Phillip Lawson
As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way, and who shall wear the starry (robe and) crown, good Lord, show me the way! O sisters, let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down. O sisters, let’s go down, down in the river to pray. O brothers, let’s go down... O fathers, let’s go down... O mothers, let’s go down... O sinners, let’s go down
Tammy Mesic, soprano

†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;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen,

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION
Minister Wingate
Today we celebrate the ministry of the Theatre of the Oppressed, which uses interactive drama as an educational means of engaging and empowering participants to confront and address oppressive situations that challenge their everyday lives.

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

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 356
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Nettleton

BENEDICTION
Rev. Harper

POSTLUDE
Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella
Keith Chapman

Special thanks to our congregational leader:
Robert Lugo

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COLOR IN THE WORDS

I have taken you by the hand & kept you
This is my Son, the Beloved.
Matthew 3 describes Jesus being baptized by John. The Holy Spirit - looking like a dove - came down from the sky, and a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son.” **Draw what you imagine this amazing event looked like!**
Psalm 29 uses imagery from the earth to show the power of God’s voice! Unscramble the words to learn some of what God’s voice can do.

HET CEIVO FO TEH

DOLR AKBERS EHT

DRECSA TEH OCEVI

FO EHT RLOD ESSKAH

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DOODLE AREA

Draw a picture of someone you want to pray for.
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. Whoever you are: You are safe here. You are loved here. You are invited into full participation in our life together.

Rev. Michael Livingston, Interim Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Senior Minister Emeritus

RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST
Are you receiving our weekly emails? Check your junk folder, add us to your “safe sender list,” or visit trcnyc.org/Email to sign up. We want to make sure that you know all the latest news and events at The Riverside Church!

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.

WORSHIP ONLINE & ALL WEEK LONG
If you’re out of town or in need of more Riverside worship throughout the week, visit trcnyc.org/DigitalDiscipleship to watch the Sunday morning Livestream, videos of the sermon and the choirs, and more. Be sure to watch The Word Made Fresh, our weekly video Bible Study, and catch up on Be Still and Go, our devotional podcast.

PARKING - 01/12/2020
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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