

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



NOVEMBER 27, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 your heart and mind for worship, consider these quotes:

“The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before ... What is possible is to not see it, to miss it, to turn just as it brushes past you. And you begin to grasp what it was you missed, like Moses in the cleft of the rock, watching God’s [back] fade in the distance. So stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder. There will be time enough for running. For rushing. For worrying. For pushing. For now, stay. Wait. Something is on the horizon.” -Jan L. Richardson

A question for reflection:

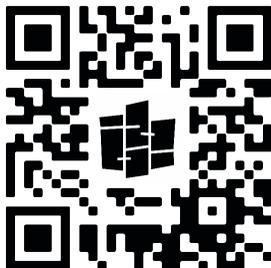
What are you watching and waiting for God to do in this season of expectancy?

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 Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas in which we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ child. Advent is signified by purple paraments and clergy stoles representing the sovereignty of Christ (except for Communion Sundays when the liturgical color is white). Each week we light a candle in the wreath on the Nave floor for the four themes of Advent: hope, peace, joy (pink) and love.

Whats happening at Riverside?

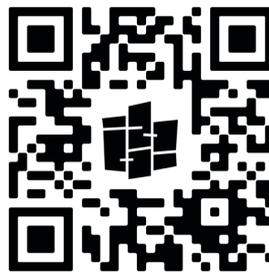
Learn about the events and activities of the Life of Our Community by opening your camera and scanning the code below. You can find a printed calendar listed in the back of your bulletin!



Give by your phone

Make an offering using your smartphone by opening your camera and scanning the code below.

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GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Season of Hope
Advent Fantasie
Now Come, Our Savior

*Frank DellaPenna
John Courter
arr. Don Cook*

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

HANDBELLS

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
We Gather Together
Now Thank We All Our God
Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

*arr. Daniel Potter
arr. Elaine B. Bayer and Daniel Potter
Johann Crüger arr. Daniel Potter
arr. Daniel Potter*

*Riverside Ringers
Daniel Potter, director*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

†CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Let us prepare our hearts as we await the coming of our Lord.

All: Let us watch for the one who heard our cries and shouldered the suffering of our world

One: Let us anticipate the coming of Christ's eternal world with wholeness, reconciliation and abundance for all.

All: Let us wait in expectation for the day when God's glory is revealed in all its fullness.

One: Watching and waiting for the promise to come...

All: Let us worship!

†INVOCATION

†All who are able, please stand

†**OPENING HYMN 20**

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Aberystwyth

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Wangu Ndungu and Christian Gateru

INTROIT

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In a moment of silence, offer your own prayers of confession.

Rev. Jim Keat

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Thorne

Harper Eninosa Bell

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Marty Wheeler Burnett

LISTENING

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

†*All who are able, please stand*

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 26:36-38

(pg. 30 in the New Testament)

Christian Gateru

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON INTRODUCTION

Rev. Keat

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:(3b-6), 17-19

(pg. 871 in the Old Testament)

Jeremiah Drake
Theatre of the Oppressed

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Wait for It...

Rev. Charlene Wingate

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

In a moment of silence, offer your own prayers of confession.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Rev. Thorne

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come,

Your 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.

Save us from the time of trial, deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom, 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

Jacqueline Hopkins

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Keep Your Lamps!

Spiritual, Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin', the time is drawing nigh. Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Gary Fritz, drums

†AT THE PRESENTATION: VENI EMMANUEL

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

O come, O Wisdom from on high,

who ordered all things mightily;

to us the path of knowledge show

and teach us in its ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

†*All who are able, please stand*

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Rev. Keat

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Matthew 5:4 Grief Support Group, which offers a safe, caring community for those grieving the loss of a spouse or partner.

SENDING

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

† CLOSING HYMN 6

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

Helmsley

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Wingate

POSTLUDE

Rhapsody on Helmsley

William Lloyd Webber

Alan Montgomery, organist

¹Adapted from writings by Christine Sine (2012), posted on the GodSpace website.

Special thanks to our congregational leaders Christian Gateru, Wangu Ndungu, Jacqueline Hopkins, Jeremiah Drake, and the Theatre of the Oppressed

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TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, November 27

Fresh Start | 8:30 AM | Zoom

Open Bible Study | 9:30 AM | 330 MLK

Biblical Hebrew- Beginners | 9:30 AM | 314 MLK & Online

Church Nursery Open | 10:30 AM

Limitless | 10:30 AM | 9T

Sunday Morning Worship | 10:45 AM | Nave & Online

Virtual Coffee Hour | After Worship | Online & 318 MLK

Coffee Hour | After Worship | South Hall Lobby

Advent Fest | 12:30 PM | South Hall

Theatre of the Oppressed | 1:00 PM | 15T

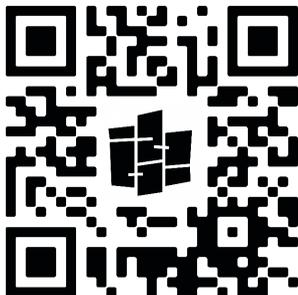
Riverside Poetry Group | 1:00 PM | 323 MLK

Biblical Hebrew- Intermediate | 1:00 PM | 314 MLK & Online

Exploring and Reclaiming Progressive Christianity | 1:00 PM | 411 MLK & Online

Thunderbird Annual Auction of Native American Items | 2:00 PM | 411 MLK

Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital | 3:00 PM



Visit trcnyc.org/LOC or scan the QR code to find out more about all the programs and events happening in the life of our community.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

Monday, November 28

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Tuesday, November 29

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Young Adult Bible Study | 6:30 PM | 313 MLK & Online

Wednesday, November 30

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM | Online

2022 Biblical Hebrew Graduates | 5:00 PM | Online

Grace Notes | 7:00 PM | Zoom

Thursday, December 1

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM | Online

Tower League | 2:00 PM

Friday, December 2

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Sunday, December 4

Service of Hope and Consolation | 2:00 PM | Christ Chapel

COMING SOON

Thursday, December 8

Tower League Annual Christmas Luncheon | 12:00 PM | Assembly Hall

Saturday, December 10

2022 Maranatha Christmas Party | 6:00 PM | 9T

Sunday, December 11

2022 The Riverside Church School Christmas Pageant | 10:45 AM | Nave

Sunday, December 18

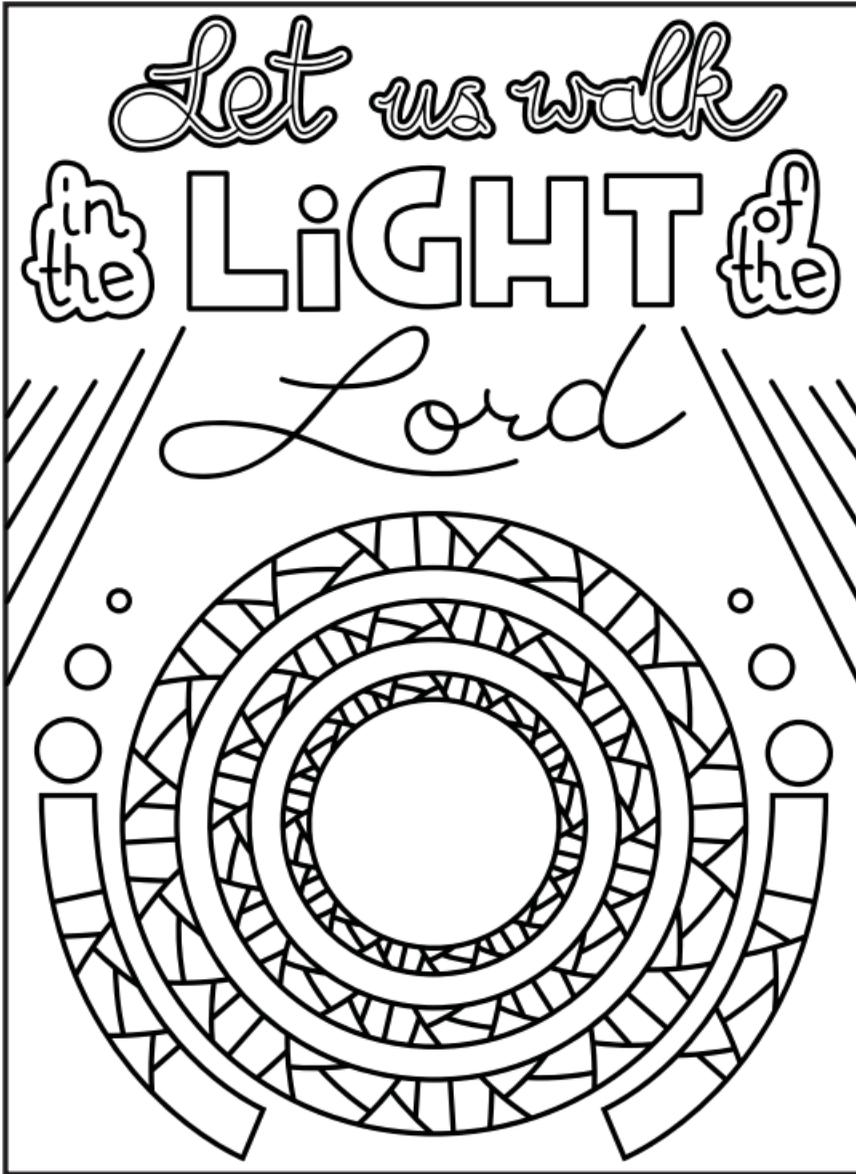
The Annual Riverside Church Candlelight Carol Festival | 4:00 PM | Nave & Online

Sunday, December 18

Young Adults Christmas Brunch | 12:30 PM | 311 MLK

Wednesday, December 21

Space for Grace | 7:00 PM | Assembly Hall & Online



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. Adriene Thorne, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Senior Minister Emeritus

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

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RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST

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DOWNLOAD THE RIVERSIDE APP

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON CARILLON RECITALS

Sunday afternoon carillon recitals take place most weeks at 3:00 p.m. and can be best heard outdoors listening from Sakura Park, immediately north of The Riverside Church at 122nd Street. Visit trcnyc.org/CarillonRecitals for the complete schedule.

CHURCH NURSERY OPEN

Babies and toddlers are not too young to start learning about God's love for them. The nursery is open every Sunday from 10:30-12:30 during worship staffed by trained nursery workers. For location please see an usher or security guard.

PARKING - 11/27//2022

Parking is available in the garage below the building. Present this bulletin to the attendant before 11:00 p.m. for a reduced rate of \$5.00.

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