

# THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

## IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



EPIPHANY SUNDAY  
JANUARY 7, 2024 | 11:00 AM

# WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Welcoming · Affirming

## **WORSHIP is at the center of the life of The Riverside Church.**

As you prepare your heart and mind for worship, consider this quote:

“The poverty of the poor is not a call to generous relief action, but a demand that we go and build a different social order.”

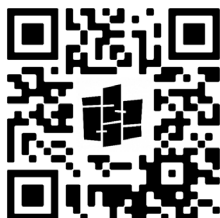
— Gustavo Gutiérrez

## **A question for reflection:**

How are you inspired to build a more just social order?

## **What's happening at Riverside?**

You can find a printed calendar listed in the back of your bulletin!



## **Give by your phone.**

Text TRCNYCGIVE to 833.833.4035



## **Cover art by Jamil De Honney.**

*Inspired by Matthew 2:1-11.*

*Riverside worship services are filmed, recorded, and broadcast online.  
If you do not want to appear in any videos or photos, we invite you to sit in the balcony.*



## GATHERING

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

### CARILLON

Joy! Joy! From Every Steeple  
We Three Kings  
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

arr. Milford Myhre  
arr. Albert Gerken  
arr. Geert D'hollander

Lynnli Wang, *carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Arioso from *Cantata No. 156*

J.S. Bach  
arr. Virgil Fox  
David Hurd

Four Spiritual Preludes  
- Oh! What a Beautiful City  
- Go Down, Moses  
- Were You There?  
- Deep River

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Min. Derrick T. Jordan

### CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

*One:* Come! Arise for God's Light has come!

***All:* Look for God's love and hope all around us.**

*One:* See the light of God's healing for us and the world.

***All:* Look for God's love and hope all around us.**

*One:* In this new year, let us journey closer to the source of all good gifts.

***All:* Let us prepare our hearts to receive God's Light. Let us worship.**

### INVOCATION *remain standing*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 380 *remain standing, sung by all*

O Christ, the Healer

ERHALT UNS, HERR

## ANTHEM

Hallelujah, Amen from *Judas Maccabaeus*

George Frederick Handel

*Hallelujah, amen. O Judah, rejoice in songs divine.  
With cherubim and seraphim, harmonious join.*

## LISTENING

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

## PSALTER SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 103:1-5

Rainer Engelken

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

***All:* Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN 482 *standing as able, sung by all*

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

## GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-45

Multiple Readers<sup>1</sup>

*One:* This is the Gospel of Christ.

***All:* Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*The Miraculous Healing Power of Touch*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

## MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

<sup>1</sup> Gospel Scripture Readers: Glenessa Gordon, Jacqueline Hopkins, Stephen Pierre-Paul, Gray Winslow, Mark Yim

## RESPONDING

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

## INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

To God Be The Glory

M. Roger Holland II

*To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life, an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

### THE DOXOLOGY *standing as able, sung by all*

*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 *remain standing* Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

*Today we celebrate the work of our Worship Commission who partners with our Worship ministry in the curation of welcoming and diverse worship experiences of the Church.*

### PASSING OF THE PEACE *remain standing*

*One:* The peace of the Lord be with you.

***All:* And also with you.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

*Following each petition, join in the following response:*

*One:* Light of the world,

***All:* Hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** 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.

## CHORAL AMEN

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

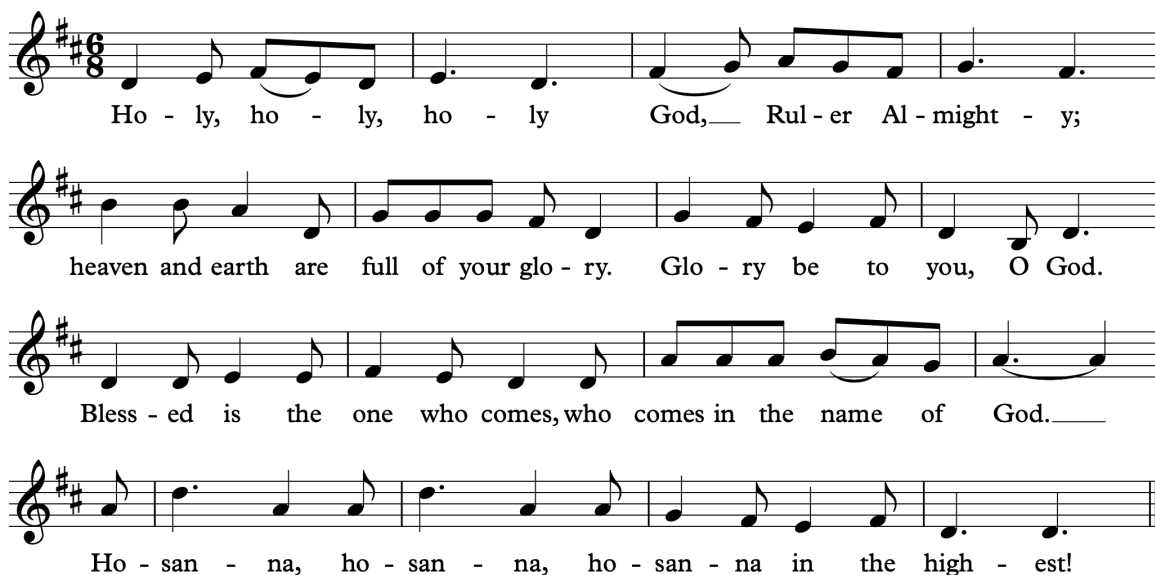
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## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

*One:* The Lord be with you.  
**All:** And with your spirit.  
*One:* Lift up your hearts.  
**All:** We lift them up unto the Lord.  
*One:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul - er Al - might - y;  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo - ry be to you, O God.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



## CALL TO SUPPER

*One:* The body of Christ, broken for you.

**All:** Thanks be to God for the bread of life!

*One:* The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

**All:** Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!

## ORGAN

Improvisation

Stephen Tharp

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

arr. Moses Hogan

*I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me. When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

Rashard Deleston, *tenor*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Colleen Birchett

**All:** Compassionate God, You have met us in the bread and cup at Your table. As we go from this place may we receive strength to walk with all Your children in peace, and witness to the truth of Your reconciliation and love. Amen.

## SENDING

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

### RECESSIONAL HYMN 341 *standing as able, sung by all*

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

### BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

### POSTLUDE

Overture from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*

George Frederick Handel

Stephen Tharp, *guest organist*



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**Stephen Tharp** (guest organist) is a Grammy-nominated concert organist and recording artist based in New York City. His more than 60 world tours earned him the 2011 International Performer of the Year Award from the American Guild of Organists, considered the highest honor given to organists by a professional American musicians' guild.

Noteworthy performances include The Royal Albert Hall, London; Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris; the Elbphilharmonie, Hamburg; Dvorak Hall, Prague; the Duomo, Milan; The Hong Kong Cultural Centre; The Opera House, Sydney; Symphony Center, Chicago; Walt Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles; The Meyerson Symphony Center, Dallas; and Alice Tully Hall, New York City.

Stephen Tharp is known for commissioning new music for the organ, with works dedicated to him by Samuel Adler, George Baker, Thierry Escaich, Jean Guillou, Anthony Newman and others. He is himself a composer, with commissions from Cologne Cathedral and Walt Disney Concert Hall. His choral music has been sung by ensembles in the U.S. and Europe, including the St. Thomas Choir of Men and Boys (NYC).

Tharp has taught at Yale University; the Eastman School of Music; Rice University, Houston; Westminster Choir College; and the Cleveland Institute of Music. He has also adjudicated for competitions at the Juilliard School and Northwestern University and served as a member of the jury for the 2018 Chartres International Organ Competition.

For more information see [www.stephentharp.com](http://www.stephentharp.com).

"IN THE MORNING, WHILE IT WAS STILL  
VERY DARK, JESUS GOT UP AND  
WENT OUT TO A DESERTED PLACE,  
AND THERE HE PRAYED."



## TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

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<b>First Sunday Food Collection</b>	Narthex & Security	All Day
<b>Fresh Start</b>	Online	8:30 AM
<b>The Seekers Book Study</b>	323 MLK & Online	9:00 AM
<b>Open Bible Study</b>	316 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
<b>Absolute Beginners Biblical Hebrew</b>	314 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
<b>Rising Voices Rehearsal</b>	Chapel of the Cross	9:30 AM
<b>Cherub Choir Rehearsal</b>	717 MLK	9:30 AM
<b>Youth Choir Rehearsal</b>	Chapel of the Cross	10:15 AM
<b>Church Nursery Open</b>	See Usher or Security for Location	10:30 AM
<b>Limitless Kids Worship &amp; Youth Group</b>	Chapel of the Cross	11:00 AM
<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b>	Nave & Online	11:00 AM
<b>Practicing Sabbath</b>	South Hall	After Service
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	South Hall Lobby	After Service
<b>Virtual Coffee Hour</b>	Online	12:30 PM
<b>Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew</b>	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
<b>Carillon Recital: Music by Joey Brink</b>		3:00 PM

## THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

### MONDAY, JANUARY 8

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<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Online	8:00 AM
<b>Art of Movement</b>	411 MLK	10:00 AM
<b>MSJ Commission Meeting</b>	Online	6:30 PM
<b>MCPL Commission Meeting</b>	Online	6:30 PM
<b>Worship Commission Meeting</b>	Online	6:30 PM
<b>Education Commission Meeting</b>	Online	7:00 PM

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

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<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Online	8:00 AM
<b>Nominating Committee Meeting</b>	Online	6:30 PM

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

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Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Older Adults French Group	321 MLK	10:30 AM
Advanced Beginners Biblical Hebrew II	Online	5:00 PM
Space for Grace	9T & Online	7:00 PM

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

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Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tower League Bible Study	10T	11:00 AM
Tower League Luncheon	Assembly Hall	12:00 PM

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

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Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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## SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

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Riverside Book Club	Online	11:00 AM
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## COMING SOON

Joy Regardless Concert	Sunday, January 14	5:00 PM
Carla DeSola Body Prayer	Tuesday, January 16	6:00 PM
Winter Sabbath Spiritual Retreat	Friday-Sunday, January 19-21	All Day
The Riverside Choir Benefit Cabaret	Sunday, January 28	1:30 PM
Beyoncé and the Hebrew Bible (Class #2)	Wednesday, January 31	6:30 PM



Visit [trcnyc.org/LOC](https://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.

## **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

### **RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST**

Get the latest news and events at The Riverside Church from our weekly emails. Sign up at [trcnyc.org/email](http://trcnyc.org/email). If you're not receiving them, add [communications@trcnyc.org](mailto:communications@trcnyc.org) to your "Safe Sender list."

### **MEMBERSHIP AT RIVERSIDE**

Membership is about responding to God's call on your life to step up and belong to this community as you pursue the passion God has set in your heart. By joining The Riverside Church you are taking the next step to partner with us as we seek to cultivate a community of justice, peace, and love that transforms the world. Visit [trcnyc.org/membership](http://trcnyc.org/membership) to find out more.

### **DOWNLOAD THE RIVERSIDE APP**

Take Riverside with you wherever you go. Text TRCNyc to 833.833.4035 or visit [trcnyc.org/app](http://trcnyc.org/app) to download the app and stay connected to all the videos, podcasts, and events from The Riverside Church.

### **SUNDAY AFTERNOON CARILLON RECITALS**

These recitals take place most weeks at 3:00 PM and can be best heard outdoors listening from Sakura Park, immediately north of The Riverside Church at 122nd Street. Visit [trcnyc.org/carillonrecitals](http://trcnyc.org/carillonrecitals) for the complete schedule and programs.

### **SUNDAY MORNING PARKING**

Visit the Security Desk on the Claremont Level to pick up a \$5 parking coupon. Bring this bulletin and your parking ticket to the attendant on the upper level to receive this discounted rate, pay, and pick up your car. This discounted rate applies to Sundays only.

### **CHURCH NURSERY**

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 AM-12:30 PM and is staffed by trained nursery workers. For location, please see an usher or security guard.

## **VOLUNTEER AT RIVERSIDE**

Riverside offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, from ushering to serving in our Communion and Greeters ministries, providing support in our Food Pantry and Clothing Distribution programs, to making a digital impact through our Digital Ministry, and so much more! Discover the joy of giving back, establish connections with those who share your passion and purpose, and make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. Join Riverside's volunteer family, and let your light shine in all the ways that matter. Visit [trcnyc.org/volunteer](http://trcnyc.org/volunteer) for more information.

## **PRACTICING SABBATH**

On first Sundays after worship, we Practice Sabbath as a community. There will be no all-church programming on first Sundays, with the exception of the Rising Voices Concert in May. Programming before worship will continue on all Sundays unless otherwise noted. We will have lunch available for purchase in South Hall, as always.

## **BORROW BAGS**

We understand the challenge of keeping children happily occupied during service, and we have a solution right at the entrance of the nave – our Borrow Bags! These bags are designed to make the worship experience more accessible and enjoyable for both parents and kids. Inside each Borrow Bag, you'll find activities that will captivate and entertain your children while you focus on the service. Ask an usher for more information.



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