

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 11, 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:

“Listen to Jesus and follow him. That’s the message of the Transfiguration.”

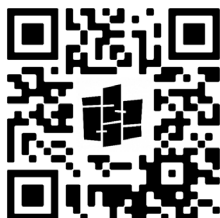
— Pope Francis

A question for reflection:

Who do you say Jesus is?

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 Mark 9:2-8.

*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

Transform Us As You, Transfigured

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star!
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Sylvia G. Dunstan
arr. Theophil Rusterholz
John Courter
arr. Richard Giszczak

Carla Staffaroni, *carillonneur*

HANDBELLS

Lux Aeterna
Lift Every Voice and Sing

Matthew Compton & William Payn
arr. Vicki L. Smith

Daniel Potter, *director*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ *standing as able*

One: My Lord, what a morning! You have raised up a mighty nation and a mighty people.

***All:* And we are strong, proud, and yours.**

One: My Lord, what a morning! You have brought us through the dips and hollows, up and down the streets, over the hills and mountains, and through the valleys.

***All:* And we are strong, proud, and yours.**

One: My Lord, this morning, we have come to celebrate You, to affirm ourselves as images of You in all Your glory.

***All:* Together we say, “Yes, Lord, we are strong, proud, brave, and yours in every way.”
Let us worship and count it all joy.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 361 *remain standing, sung by all*

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Jim Keat

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Hallelujah Chorus from *Christ on the Mount of Olives*

Ludwig van Beethoven

Hallelujah! unto God's almighty son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy. Earth, proclaim God's grace and glory! Hallelujah! Unto God's almighty son. Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

LISTENING

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

PSALTER SCRIPTURE READING

Andrew Fink-Presler

Psalms 27:1-4

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

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

HYMN 393 *standing as able, sung by all*

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

BOURBON

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27 – 9:8

Christina Cover, Danielle Hartley,
Rueben Martinez, and Natasha Pallan

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

SERMON

The Role of the Servant

Rev. Adriene Thorne

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

Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

We have heard the word of God read and proclaimed. Now let us pray together.

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

***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

PASSING OF THE PEACE *standing as able*

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Mack Wilberg

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy throne I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

AT THE PRESENTATION: 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. Lynn Casteel Harper

Today we celebrate Riverside's Antiracism Taskforce, which works to deconstruct racism and advance racial justice in our church, community, and world.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 420 *remain standing, sung by all*

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Stephen Tharp

Stephen Tharp, guest organist



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.

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Fresh Start	Online	8:30 AM
Breakfast (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	8:30 AM
The Seekers Book Study	323 MLK & Online	9:00 AM
Open Bible Study	316 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Absolute Beginners Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Rising Voices Rehearsal	Chapel of the Cross	9:30 AM
Cherub Choir Rehearsal	717 MLK	9:30 AM
Youth Choir Rehearsal	Chapel of the Cross	10:15 AM
Church Nursery Open	See Usher or Security for Location	10:30 AM
Limitless Kids Worship & Youth Group	Chapel of the Cross	11:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	Nave & Online	11:00 AM
Coffee Hour	South Hall Lobby	After Service
Lunch (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	After Service
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	12:30 PM
Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
Lecture, & Recital: Thank You, Mr. Paul Robeson	Assembly Hall & Online	1:30 PM
Maranatha Meeting	MPR	1:30 PM
Men's Class Meeting	311 MLK	1:30 PM
Thunderbird American Indian Dance Workshop	411 MLK	1:30 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: In Honor of The Lunar New Year		3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tai Chi	13T	3:00 PM
MSJ Commission Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
MCPL Commission Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
Worship Commission Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
Education Commission Meeting	Online	7:00 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Nominating Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Older Adults French Group	321 MLK	10:30 AM
Imposition of Ashes	Nave	12:00 PM
Advanced Beginners Biblical Hebrew II	Online	5:00 PM
Young Adult Bible Study	313 MLK	6:30 PM
Ash Wednesday Worship Service & Imposition of Ashes	Nave & Online	7:00 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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
Stewardship Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
Budget & Planning Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Lenten Organ & Dance Meditation	Nave & Online	12:00 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Knitters and Crocheters	7C	10:00 AM
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COMING SOON

Poor People's Campaign 101: Addressing the Myths of Poverty	Sunday, February 18	1:30 PM
Carla DeSola Body Prayer	Tuesday, February 20	6:00 PM
Inspirational Choir Concert: Turn the World Around	Sunday, February 25	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.

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. If you're not receiving them, add 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 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 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 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

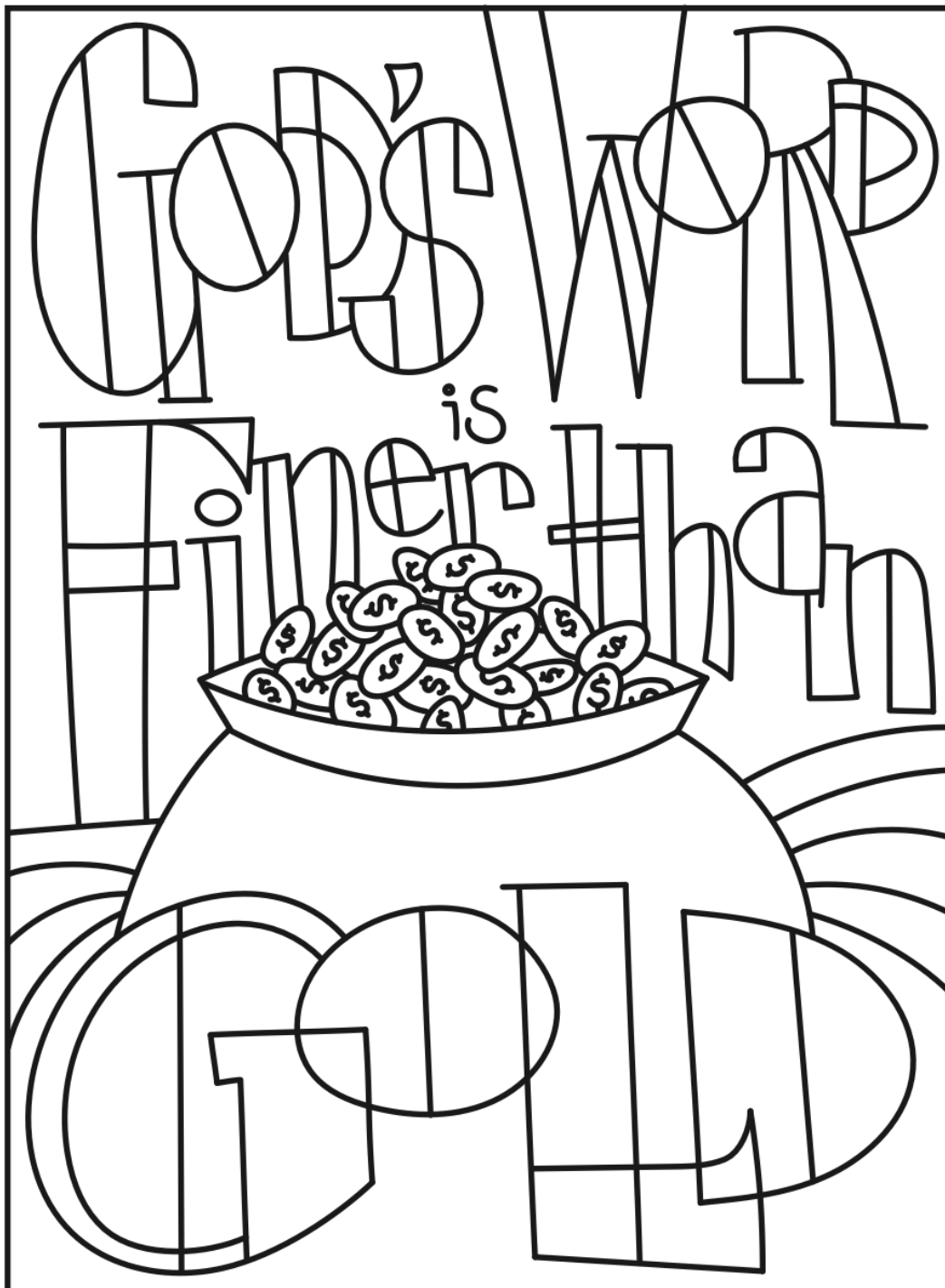
Babies and toddlers are not too young to start learning about God's love for them. The nursery is open every Sunday from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM and is staffed by trained nursery workers. For location, please see an usher or security guard.

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 for more information.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Proverbs 1:20–33, Psalm 19, Mark 8:27–38.



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