THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



ALL SAINTS DAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | 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:

Be more concerned with your character than your reputation. Character is what you really are; reputation is merely what others think you are.

-John Wooden

A question for reflection:

What evidence of your private life with God can be seen in your public life with others?

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ASL Interpreter

Canara Price & M. Lisa Lockley

Assisted listening devices are available to anyone who needs them. Speak to an usher to secure one for service. They can be returned to any usher at the end of service.

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

Da Pacem Domine — Geert D'hollander
Lament and Alleulia — Alice Gomez

Lynnli Wang, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Prelude and Passacaglia in D Minor — Max Reger

Paul Byssainthe, Jr., *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Min. Kathy Lee

INTROIT

We Shall Walk Through the Valley — Undine Smith-Moore

We shall walk through the valley in peace;
we shall walk through the valley in peace.
If Jesus, Himself shall lead us,
we shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no trials there;
there will be no trials there.
If Jesus, Himself shall lead us,
we shall walk through the valley in peace

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able* Alejandra Argueta

One: We have come to affirm our historic faith,

All: **To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.**

One: We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living,

All: **To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.**

One: We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,

All: **To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever.**
Let us worship.

(Ruth Duck, Bread for the Journey, Pilgrim Press, 1981, p.56.)

INVOCATION *standing as able* Min Kathy Lee

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 526 *remain standing*

For All The Saints SINE NOMINE

LISTENING

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

ALL SAINTS LITURGY

NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Isadora Belle
Dion Clark
Brenda Clarke
Jim Dager
Theodosia Dullea
Daphne Emanuel
Bettye Franks Forbes
Dwight Frazier
Robert Fuller
Lucy Garcia
Ima Igbinosun Uzorka
Freddie Jackson
Sam Jones
Stephen Karakashian
Woodie King, Jr.
Jean Kiskaddan
Margaret Madden
Mayra Marte-Miraz
Mark Meredith
Stacia Murphy
Mary Pegram
Flora Polk
Joe Ramos
Leon Singletary
Angela Sosa
Cora Weiss
Marie Wilson
Carolyn Witherspoon
Genesis Woodford

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Tawanna Huguley

Matthew 6:9-10 *(Pew Bible page 6)*

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Jeremiah Drake and Stacey Robinson

I Kings 3:4-28 *(Pew Bible page 306)*

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

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Dr. Jillian Langford

HYMN 364
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God GRAND ISLE

SERMON The Night Prayer and the Daylight Test 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.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE Rev. Derrick T. Jordan

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place from *A German Requiem* — Johannes Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. Blest are they that dwell within thy house; they praise thy name evermore!

AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY

standing as able

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

***All*: 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 AND DEDICATION

remain standing — Rev. Jim Keat

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Memorial Society which assists members and friends with end-of-life planning.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

standing as able — Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

Following each petition, join in the following response:

One: God, in Your mercy,
***All:* Hear our prayer**

PRAYER LIST

Yvonne Allen
Kathia Almeida
Mace Anderson
Dr. Colleen Birchett
Valda Campbell
Linda Chu
Kara Dago-Clark
Lourdes Davila-Rojas
Morrell Dooley and family
Darryl Eatmon
Leslie Forshey
Jason Garcia
Karissa Garner & her son,
Isaac Cooke & mother, Maria
Garner
Bernard George
Sharan Harper
John Hartley
David Hemans
Winston Huang
Taniqua Huguley-Chaplin
and son, Caycen Chaplin
Tom Jarosz
George Johnson
Lisa Kremer
Orlando Lagforega
Gavin Landry
Bertha Lewis
Ayana Mathis, Christina
Cooke, and the child they
were fostering
Juanita Merritt
Dana Minaya
Nancy Mosley
Joyce Norris
Nickie Palmer
Megan Pell
Celena Pena's Grandmother
Janice and Aunt Joy
Sandra Ramos
Joan Ricketts
Ann Rocker
Alexander Simmons
Isabella Soto
Shirley Sutherland
George Theodore
Ronald Townsend
Libby Turnock
Janet Wise Thomas

We continue to grieve with:

The family of Angela Sosa in her death.

John Souza and family in the death of his partner, Jim Dager.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version closest to your heart.

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

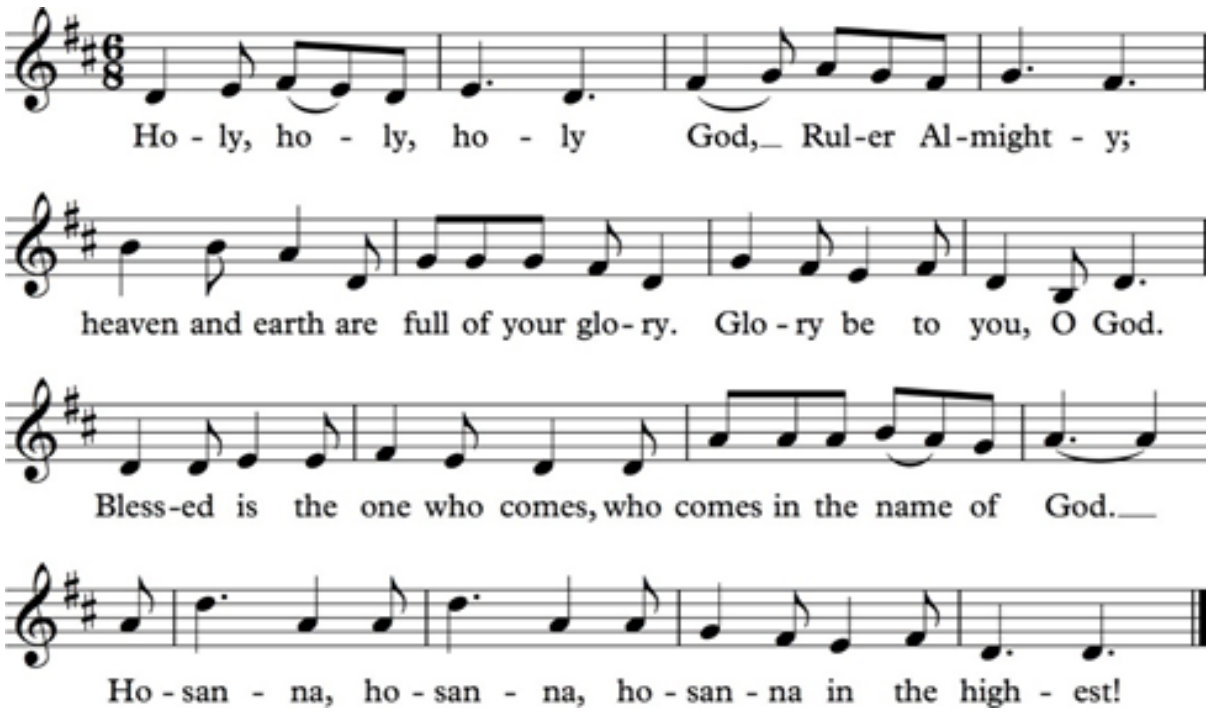
INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

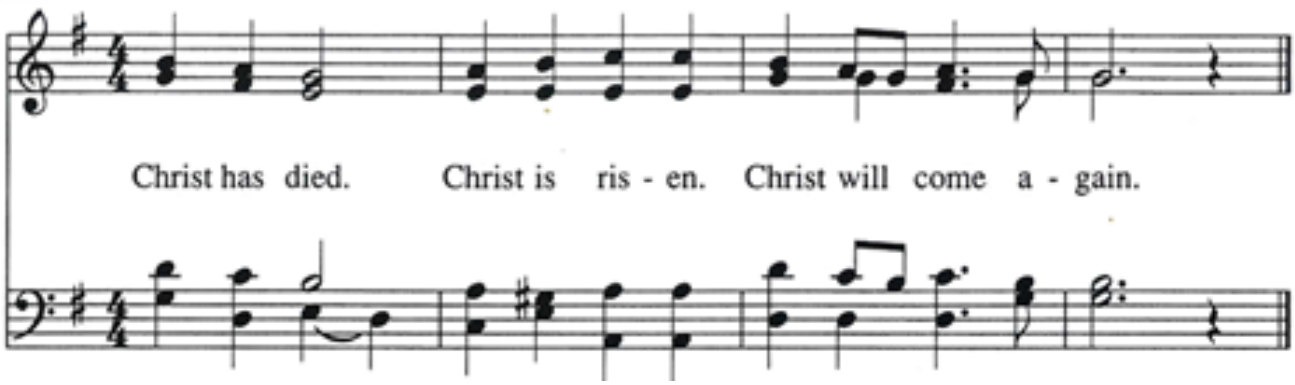
One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your spirit.**
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS



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!**

For everyone **worshiping online**, visit trcnyc.org/communion to take communion together on Zoom.

For everyone **worshiping in the nave**, take a cracker and dip it into the juice. There is also the option of an all-in-one pre-packaged bread and juice.

If you would like to **receive a blessing**, please place your arms across your chest. If you would like to receive **communion in your pew**, please indicate this to an usher.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION
ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision — arr. Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Mother and father, you are both to me;
Now and forever your child I will be.

Riches I heed not, nor life's empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Sovereign of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER Rev. Tim Dalton

***All*: Creative, connecting God, you have sent your Spirit and made us the body of Christ. From child-like faith, to youthful energy, from middle-aged mindfulness, to elder's wisdom. We thank you for this time, for each other, and for this remembrance. Amen.**

SENDING

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN 451 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

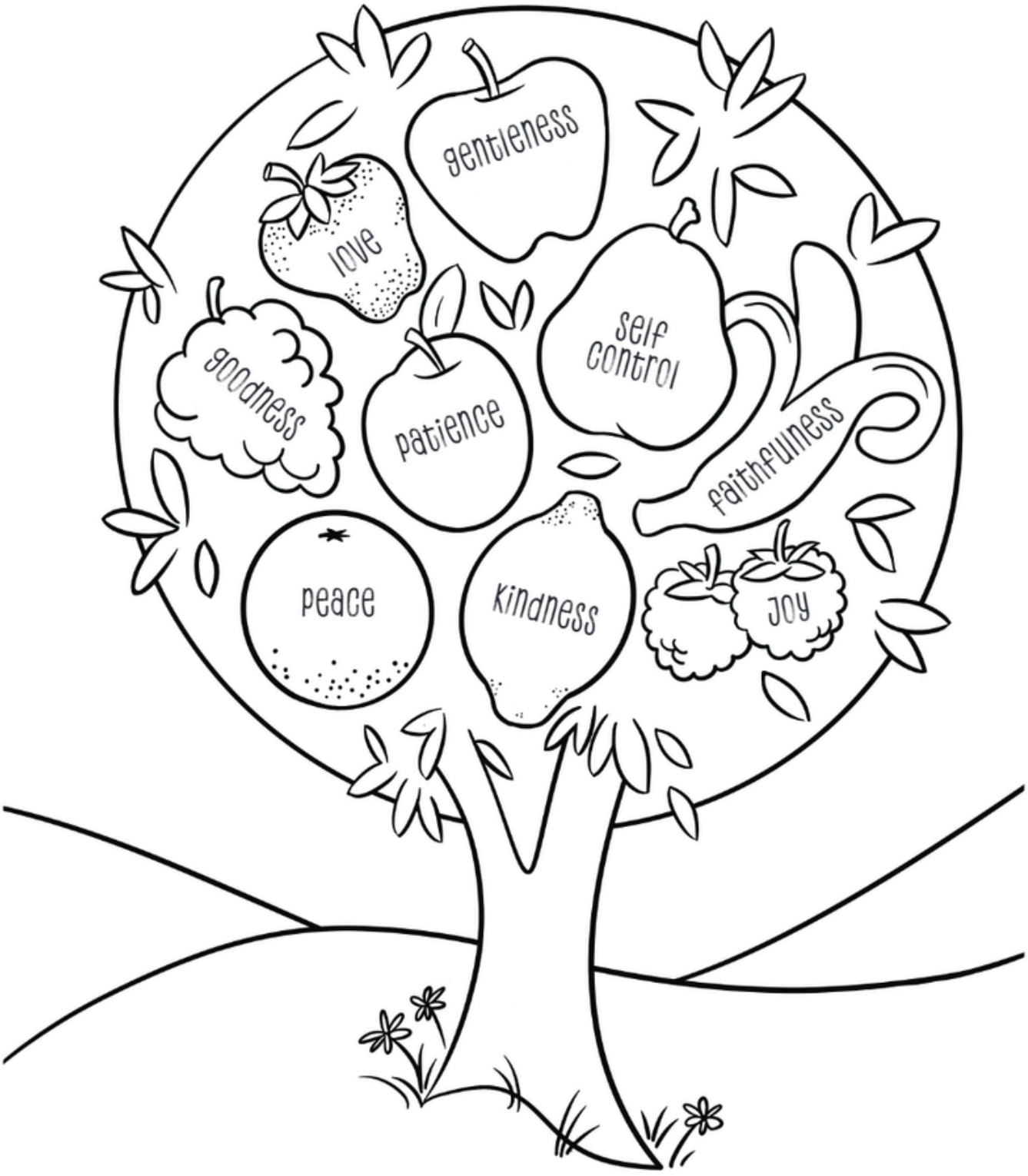
BENEDICTION Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE
Jubilate Fela Sowande

Dr. Nathaniel Gumbs, *organist*

COVER ART DETAILS

The painting presents an atmospheric night scene filled with movement and mystery. Deep, moody shades form the abstract impressionist style that evokes a dreamlike quality.



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MAKE YOUR PLAN TO VOTE

★ A QUICK VOTER CHECKLIST ★





BEFORE ELECTION DAY

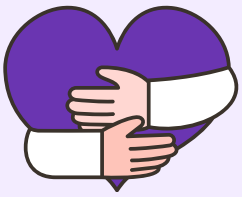
- ☐ Check your voter registration: voterlookup.elections.ny.org
- ☐ Register to vote if needed
- ☐ Mark important election dates on your calendar
- ☐ Decide: Early Vote, Mail-In Ballot, or Election Day
- ☐ Find your polling place
- ☐ Review your sample ballot ahead of time
- ☐ Bring required ID/documents





GET INFORMED

- ☐ Use nonpartisan voter guides like:
  - **Vote411**
  - **ActiVote**
  - **League of Women Voters**
  - **MyVote Project**
  - **Call or Text 866-OUR-VOTE**
- ☐ Research candidates and ballot issues
- ☐ Talk with friends, neighbors, and coworkers about voting





VOLUNTEER FOR DEMOCRACY

- ☐ Volunteer with **NYC Votes**
- ☐ Become a poll worker
- ☐ Help monitor polling sites and support voter access
- ☐ Help register voters or organize a voter registration drive
- ☐ Join youth organizing with **GenVote**
- ☐ Volunteer with:
  - **Election Protection Coalition**
  - **We The Action**
  - **NYC Votes**
- ☐ Offer rides to the polls
- ☐ Share voting resources online
- ☐ Join postcard writing or phone banking campaigns
- ☐ Encourage your community to Get Out The Vote!

Justice is Love in Action
trcnyc.org/knowyourrights

YOUR VOTE HAS POWER



AN INVITATION FROM THE WORSHIP COMMISSION

Beloved Riverside community,

As part of our ongoing commitment to Creation Justice, the Worship Commission is inviting our congregation to take a meaningful step together: reducing our reliance on paper worship bulletins.

For generations, Riverside has been a community that listens for God's call in the world and responds with courage. Today, that call includes caring for creation in ways both large and small. One of the simplest and most impactful changes we can make is to reduce the thousands of sheets of paper we print each year for Sunday worship.

We know this will be a significant shift, especially for a congregation where the majority is over 65 and have long relied on printed bulletins. We want to honor that reality with tenderness and patience. Bulletins will continue to be available for those who need them, including our visually impaired members and anyone for whom a printed bulletin is essential for full participation in worship.

However, for those who are able, we are asking you to join us in trying something new. Our screens, our livestream, and our digital bulletin will carry everything you need to follow the worship service. By choosing to use these tools, you help Riverside live more fully into our commitment to justice for the earth and all God's creation.

This is not about taking something away but about moving together, at a thoughtful pace, toward a practice that reflects our values. We trust that, with grace and patience, we can make this communal transition together with a complete transition occurring by April 2027.

Thank you for walking this path with us.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES DURING BULLETIN CHANGE

- Honor accessibility — printed bulletins always available for visually impaired and anyone who truly needs one.
- Honor dignity — no shaming, no policing, no testing.
- Honor pace — change happens slowly.
- Honor justice — we will keep our creation-justice framing front and center.

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE - YOU ARE INVITED

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Breakfast (*available for purchase*)	South Hall	8:30 AM
Fresh Start	Online	8:30 AM
Discovering the Bible	320 MLK & Online	9:00 AM
The Seekers Book Study	323 MLK & Online	9:00 AM
Open Bible Study	316 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Biblical Hebrew - Beginners	314 MLK	9:30 AM
Youth Confirmation Class and Experience	8T	9:30 AM
Parent Connect	321 MLK	10:00 AM
Rising Voices and Youth Choir	Chapel Of The Cross	10:00 AM
Grace Space Nursery	See Usher or Security for Location	10:00 AM
Sunday Worship	Nave & Online	11:00 AM
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	After Service
Coffee Hour	South Hall Lobby	After Service
Practicing Sabbath	South Hall	12:30PM
Social Services Committee Meeting	Online	1:00 PM
Carillon Recital	Riverside Neighborhood	1:30 PM
Biblical Hebrew – Advanced	314 MLK	1:30 PM
Light Eternal: Duruflé's Requiem for All Saints' Day	Nave & Online	3:00 PM
Sharing Fund Committee Meeting	Online	6:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE - YOU ARE INVITED

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Men's Professional Attire Drive	Drop off Donations at Security Desk	9:00 AM
Art of Movement	10T	10:00 AM
Beyond Sunday Experience: MSJ Focus	South Hall Lobby	6:00 PM
Blessed Are Those Who Mourn	Online	6:00 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Food Pantry	Food Pantry	9:00 AM
Corbin Hill	Cloister Lounge	11:00 AM
Caring Hearts	Online	6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Food Pantry	Food Pantry	9:00 AM
Older Adults French Group	321 MLK	10:30 AM
Biblical Hebrew – Advanced Beginners	Online	5:00 PM
Space for Grace	9T & Online	6:00 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Food Pantry	Food Pantry	9:00 AM
Restorative Justice Initiative's Citywide Roundtable on Restorative Approaches	South Hall	9:30 AM *(Check In)*
Art of Movement	10T	10:00 AM
Tower League Programming	Online	1:30 PM
Personnel & Salary Committee Meeting	Online	6:00 PM
Young Adults Small Group	8T	6:00 PM
Short Circles: "Stories from my Mother's Garden" with Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner	Online	7:00 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.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Morning Prayer	Online	11:00 AM
Food Pantry	Food Pantry	9:00 AM
Winter Coat Drive	Drop off Donations at Security Desk	9:00 AM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Turkey Trot	Randall's Island Park	9:00 AM
Beloved Earth Community	Online	1:00 PM

COMING SOON

From Surviving to Thriving: Equipping Young Black Males for the Future	Sunday, November 8	1:30 PM
Writing Workshop-The Psalms: A Poetic Reexamination	Sunday, November 8	1:30 PM
Battle of the Organs	Sunday, November 15	3:00 PM
Philippe Lefebvre Organ Concert	Tuesday, November 17	7:00 PM

SERVICE PROGRAM FOR OLDER PEOPLE

The Riverside Church partners with Service Program for Older People (SPOP). SPOP's mission is to enhance the quality of life of older adults and to foster their independent living through the delivery of comprehensive mental health and supportive services, advocacy and education. If you need support please reach out to Riverside's Director of Social Services, Alexandra Pimentel at apimentel@trcnyc.org.

SPOP

SERVICE PROGRAM FOR OLDER PEOPLE

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 A. Forbes, Jr., Senior Minister Emeritus

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES & ASL INTERPRETATION

Assisted listening devices are available for those who need them, and ASL interpretation is provided on select Sundays. Please see an usher to request a device or to find the best seating for viewing the interpreters.

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.

GRACE SPACE NURSERY

Babies and toddlers are not too young to start learning about God's love for them. The grace space 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.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CARILLON RECITALS

Recitals take place most weeks at 1:30 PM and can be best heard outdoors listening from Sakura Park, north of The Riverside Church at 122nd Street. Visit trcnyc.org/carillonrecitals for the complete schedule and programs.

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.

VOLUNTEER AT RIVERSIDE

Riverside offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, from ushering to providing support in our social services programs, and so much more! Discover the joy of giving back, and make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. Visit trcnyc.org/volunteer for more information.

RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST

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Rev. Charlene A. Wingate
Ministerial Staff

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