THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 8, 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:

"The hardest spiritual work in the world is to love the neighbor as the self... to encounter another human being not as someone you can use, change, fix, help, save, enroll, convince or control, but simply as someone..."

-Barbara Brown Taylor

A question for reflection:

Whose voice are you least prepared to hear as God's messenger in your life right now?

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Give With Your Phone

Text TRCNYCGIVE to 833.833.4035

Cover Art: Drawings of Black people Pl.7 (1881) by Milton J. Burns

(For cover art details please visit page 13)

ASL Interpreter

Avery Gordon & 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

Be Thou My Vision (Slane) — Irish Ballad Melody, arr. Wendell Wescott
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (Solid Rock) — William B. Bradbury, arr. Giszczak

Carla Staffaroni, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Improvisation — Stephen Tharp

Stephen Tharp, *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Dr. Jillian Langford

INTROIT

Set Me As A Seal — René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

CALL TO WORSHIP

standing as able

Nadia King

One: As the deer longs for flowing streams, our souls thirst for you, O God.

All: **We come seeking your presence, the source of our hope and strength.**

One: When our hearts are weary and our spirits feel worn, your steadfast love sustains us.

All: **We remember your goodness and trust in your faithfulness.**

One: We hold our hope in God, for the One who holds us will never let us go.

All: **With hearts that thirst for your grace and voices lifted in praise, let us worship God!**

INVOCATION

standing as able

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *remain standing*

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters BEACH SPRING



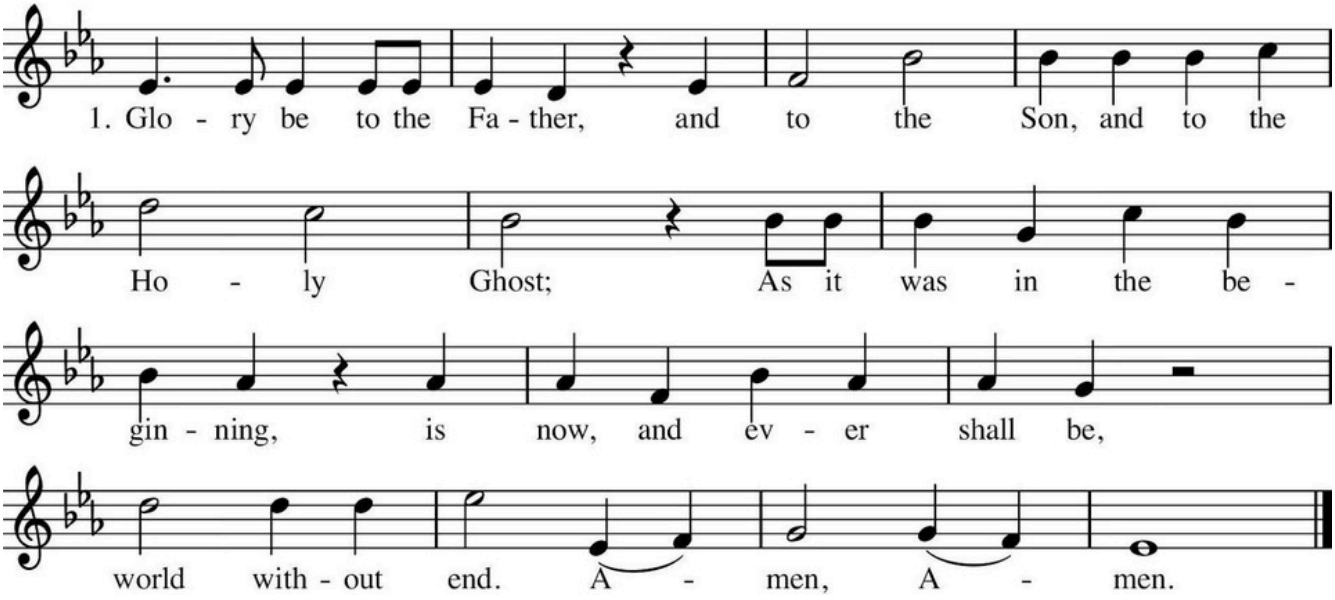
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Jim Keat

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

GLORIA PATRI



PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM (immersion)

Rev. Adriene Thorne

Joseph Donica
Bendu Kaba
Ruth Brooks

PRAYER FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

BAPTISM

Rev. Charlene A. Wingate,
Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler & Rev. Tim Dalton

Kendall Elizabeth Adams
Ramona Faye Belluzzi
Setareh Elaheh Moshaver

PRAYER FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

ANTHEM

Amazing Day — Rebecca Thompson

Thank you God for this amazing day
Thank you God for work and play
For friends and family and animals too
On this amazing day!

Look around us here, see God's holy spirit everywhere.
There's happiness, gentleness, love, peace, joy, overflowing for all to see.

Thank you God for this amazing day
Thank you God for work and play
For friends and family and animals too
On this amazing day!

The Riverside Cherub Choir
Sharon Prichard, *director*
Yuliya Basis, *pianist*

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Henry Williams

Matthew 8:2-3 *(Pew Bible page 7)*

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

HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

Yvonne Garvin

2 Kings 5:1-15a *(Pew Bible page 336)*

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

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

ANTHEM

God Walks With Me — Benjamin Kornelis

God was there with me on the day I was born, God walks with me. Just a little baby cradled safe and warm, God walks with me. God walks with me, everyday for the rest of my life. God will be with me when the sun shines bright, God walks with me. God will be with me in the darkest night, God walks with me. God will be with me when I'm old and gray. I'm gonna praise God everyday!

The Riverside Rising Voices Choir
Matthew Hommez, *director*
Yuliya Basis, *pianist*

SERMON The Bodies We Ignore Rev. Adriene Thorne

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Derrick T. Jordan

One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your spirit.**
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

PRAYER LIST

Yvonne Allen
Kathia Almeida
Mace Anderson
Dr. Colleen Birchett
Valda Campbell
Linda Chu
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
Debra Jenkins
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
Lady T
George Theodore
Ronald Townsend
Libby Turnock
Henry Williams
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

RESPONDING

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

standing as able

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Tim Dalton

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Wade in the Water — Stacey V. Gibbs

Wade in de water,
Wade in de water, children,
Wade in de water,
'Cause my God's a gonna trouble de water.

See him all dressed in red,
God's a gonna trouble de water.
Well, it mus' be da children dat Moses led,
Yes, God's a gonna trouble de water!

See him all dressed in white,
God's a gonna trouble de water.
Well, it mus' be da children o' the Israelite,
Yes, God's a gonna trouble de water!

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. Anthony J. Tang

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Personnel & Salary Committee, which partners with our staff to create an organizational culture where every member of our staff team is valued for their contributions to our collective ministry and treated with dignity and respect.

SENDING

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN 495 *remain standing*
We Know That Christ is Raised ENGELBERG

BENEDICTION *remain standing* Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE
Allegro from *Organ Symphony No.6,* Op.42, No. 2 Charles M. Widor

Paul Byssainthe, Jr., *organist*

COVER ART DETAILS

This is one of a set of seven black-and-white crayon drawings on gray paper, created in 1881 by the American marine artist. These drawings are likely studies for illustrations in the book Down the Islands by William Agnew Paton. The series depicts Black people in the Caribbean and Netherlands Antilles in the 19th century.

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WINTER COAT DRIVE

NOVEMBER 6– DECEMBER 6, 2026

DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED EVERY DAY FROM 9AM–12PM

NO DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON HOLIDAYS WHEN THE CHURCH IS CLOSED.

WE ARE REQUESTING
NEW AND GENTLE USED COATS



THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
91 CLAREMONT AVENUE
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TODAY AT RIVERSIDE - YOU ARE INVITED

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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
Maranatha Meeting	Multipurpose Room	9:30 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
Youth Group Sunday Church School	8T	11:30 AM
Virtual Coffee	Online	After Service
Coffee Hour	South Hall Lobby	After Service
Carillon Recital	Riverside Neighborhood	1:30PM
MCPL & Ministry Meeting	Multipurpose Room	1:30 PM
Writing Workshop – The Psalms: A Poetic Reexamination	9T Library	1:30 PM
Biblical Hebrew - Advanced	314 MLK	1:30 PM
From Surviving to Thriving: Equipping Young Black Males for the Future	Nave	1:30 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE - YOU ARE INVITED

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Holiday Gift Drive	Drop Off Donations at Security Desk	9:00 AM
Winter Coat Drive	Drop Off Donations at Security Desk	9:00 AM
Art Of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tower League Bible Study	Online	11:00 AM
Membership, Care, & Parish Life Commission Meeting	Online	6:00 PM
Mission & Social Justice Commission Meeting	311 MLK	6:00 PM
Education Commission	8T & Online	6:30 PM
Worship Commission Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Food Pantry	Food Pantry	9:00 AM
Corbin Hill	Cloister Lobby	11:00 AM
Blessed Are Those Who Mourn	Online	6:00 PM
Nominating Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Food Pantry	Food Pantry	9:00 AM
Older Adults French Group	321 MLK	10:30 AM
Midweek Bible Study	Online	12:30 PM
Biblical Hebrew – Advanced Beginners	Online	5:00 PM
Dinner Church	9T Library, 9T Kitchen	5:00 PM
Social Services Committee Meeting	Online	5:00 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Food Pantry	Food Pantry	9:00 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
Short Circles: "Stories from my Mother's Garden" with Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner	Online	7:00 PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Food Pantry	Food Pantry	9:00 AM

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.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Everybody's Night	10T	6:00 PM

COMING SOON

Informal Congregational Meeting	Sunday, November 15	1:00 PM
Battle of The Organs	Sunday, November 15	3:00 PM
Maranatha: VISIONS Ballet Reception	Sunday, November 15	3:00 PM
Writing Workshop – The Psalms: A Poetic Reexamination	Sunday, November 15	7:00 PM
Organ Recital by Philippe Lefebvre	Tuesday, November 17	7:00 PM
Thanksgiving Day Service	Thursday, November 26	11:00 AM
Thanksgiving Day Brunch	Thursday, November 26	12:00 PM
Hope and Consolation Service	Sunday, December 6	2:00 PM
Candlelight Carol Festival	Sunday, December 13	4:00 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

Get the latest news and events at The Riverside Church from our weekly emails. Sign up at trcnyc.org/email. Be sure to add communications@trcnyc.org to your "Safe Sender list."

DOWNLOAD THE RIVERSIDE APP

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Senior Minister



Rev. Tim Dalton
Minister for Congregational Care and Older Adults



Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler
Minister for Intergenerational Christian Education and Formation



Rev. Derrick T. Jordan
Ministerial Staff



Rev. Anthony Tang
Executive Minister



Rev. Jim Keat
Minister of Digital Worship and Education



Dr. Jillian Langford
Associate Director of Education and Faith Formation (Children and Families)



Min. Kathy Lin
Associate Director of Education and Faith Formation (Youth and Young Adults)



Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner
Minister of Justice, Advocacy, and Change



Rev. Charlene A. Wingate
Ministerial Staff

If you or someone you know is experiencing a pastoral emergency, please call 212.870.6710 and ask for the clergy on call.

PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

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