

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JANUARY 6, 2019
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

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 yourself for Worship, we invite you to reflect quietly on these words:

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

– Howard Thurman

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 Epiphany, as signified by white paraments and clergy stoles, symbolizing joy in the light of Christ's birth.

The image on the cover is the icon of the Feast of Theophany or Epiphany, a manifestation of God to the world. On the left side we see John the Baptist who is dressed in camel's hair with his arms outstretched, directing others to Christ. With his right hand he is conducting the baptism. In the center of the icon is Christ being baptized in the Jordan. Above his head is the Holy Spirit descending as a dove upon him. The semicircle at the top depicts the opening of the heavens and the voice of God.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:

Complete a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate as it passes.

Join us for Coffee Hour in South Hall after directly after Worship. As you leave the Nave take a right and follow the hallway past Christ Chapel. Signs and greeters are available to provide direction. Breakfast and lunch for purchase will be in South Hall.

A free church tour is offered each Sunday after Worship. Meet in the 1st balcony, no reservation necessary. Tours also take place Wednesday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., as church schedule permits, leaving from the Welcome Center / Gift Shop. Reservations recommended. Visit trcnyc.org/visit.

Assistive hearing devices and large print bulletins are available upon request from an usher.

Healing Prayer, typically offered the first Sunday of every month immediately following Worship, is available today. Two of Riverside's ministers will be at the front of the Nave to pray for anyone who desires it.



GATHERING

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

CARILLON

We Three Kings

arr. Albert C. Gerken

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

ORGAN

Arrival of the Magi

Nancy Wertsch

Divinum Mysterium

Richard Purvis

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN 43

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Forest Green

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Butler

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: **We will be glad and rejoice in it.**

One: This is the year that the Lord has begun.

All: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for God's compassions never fail.

They are new every morning.

All: **Great is your faithfulness, O God. Come let us worship!**

+INVOCATION

+*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

DUET

Midwinter

arr. Bob Chilcott

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow. In the bleak midwinter, long ago. Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ. Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved with a kiss. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise one, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Tammy Mesic, soprano

Meghann Vaughn, mezzo-soprano

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Reiko Davis

Isaiah 60:2-6

(page 690 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Minister Derrick Jordan

Ephesians 3:1-12

(page 193 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

✚HYMN 51

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Humility

✚GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

Matthew 2:1-2

(page 2 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Michael Livingston

Go

✚*All who are able, please stand*

RESPONDING

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

SILENT MEDITATION

A time for reflection, prayer, and contemplation

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Bruce Lamb

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

There Shall A Star

Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a Star from Jacob come forth, and a Sceptre from Israel rise up,
and dash in pieces princes and nations. As bright the star of morning gleams,
so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams of light and consolation! Thy Word, O Lord,
radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation; thine be praise and adoration!
(from *Christus*, Op. 97)

✚ AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY

*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

Rev. Lamb

*Today we celebrate the work of our Communion Ministry, which faithfully prepares
and serves Communion for worship on the first Sunday of each month and other special
liturgical services throughout the year.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

Following each petition, please join in the following responses:

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy 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.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL AMEN

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Butler

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

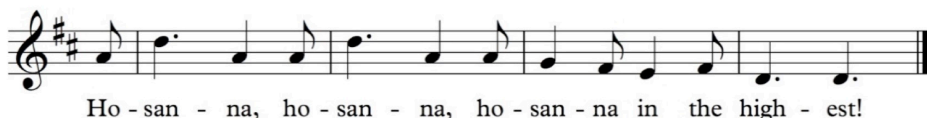
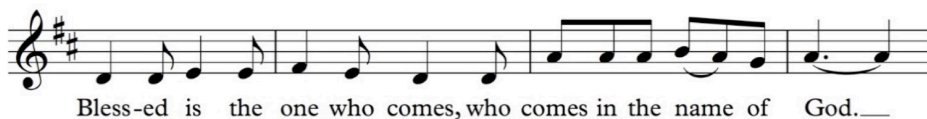
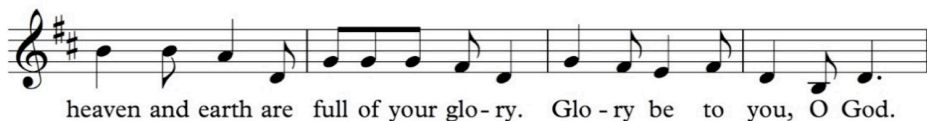
One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

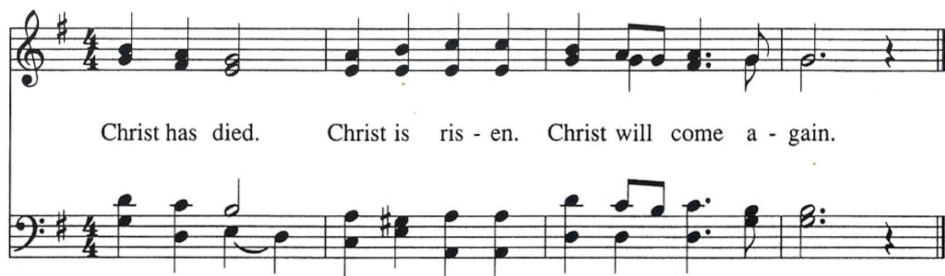
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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!

A gluten-free option for communion bread is available upon request from a communion server.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN

Interlude on the Coventry Carol
Pastorale from the 'Christmas' Concerto

*W. S. Lloyd Webber
Archangelo Corelli*

CHOIR

What is This Lovely Fragrance? *Trad. French Carol, arr. Healey Willan*

What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flowers in spring?
Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty, hear you not heavenly caroling?
What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flowers in spring?
What is this light so fair, so tender, breaking upon our wondering eyes? Never
the morning star so radiant followed course o'er eastern skies. What is this light
so fair, so tender, breaking upon our wondering eyes? Shepherds, O haste with
eager footsteps, seek the Savior born today. Low at His feet we lay our treasure,
heart's adoration, love for aye. Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps, seek
the Savior born today.

HYMN 53

What Child Is This

Greensleeves

+PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Butler

**Compassionate God, you have met us in the bread and cup at this
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

+BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

+RECESSIONAL HYMN 67

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

Morning Star

POSTLUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

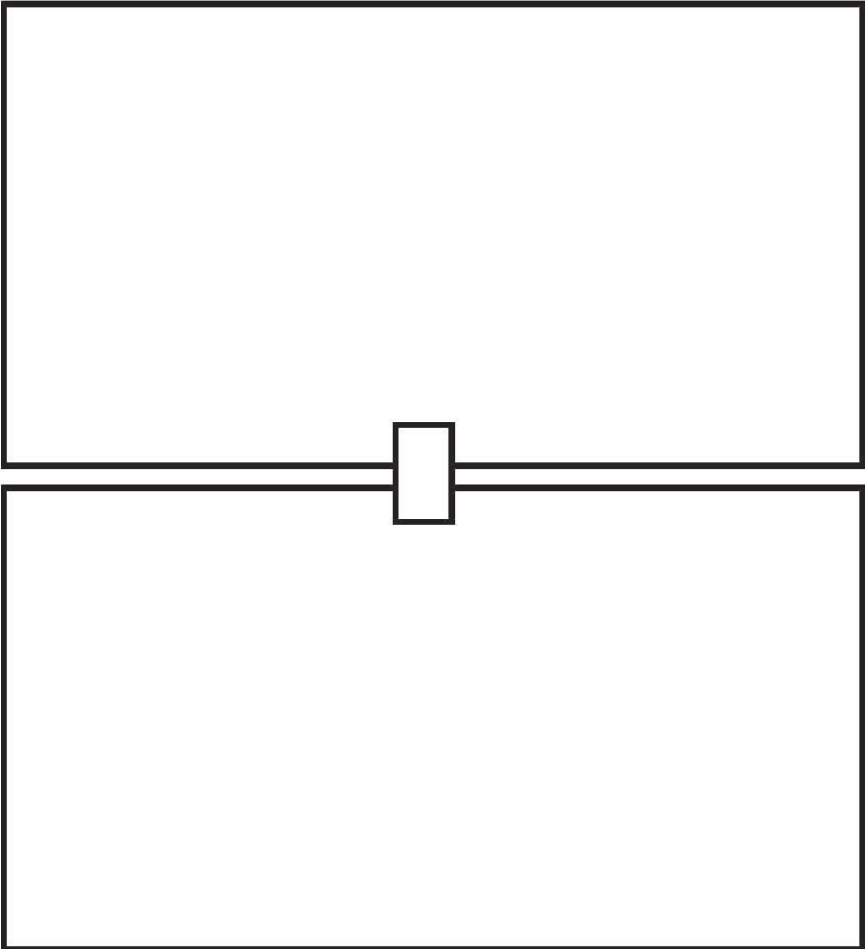
Keith Chapman

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Reiko Davis and Adedayo Perkovich, crucifer*

+All who are able, please stand

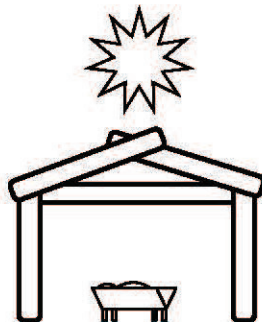
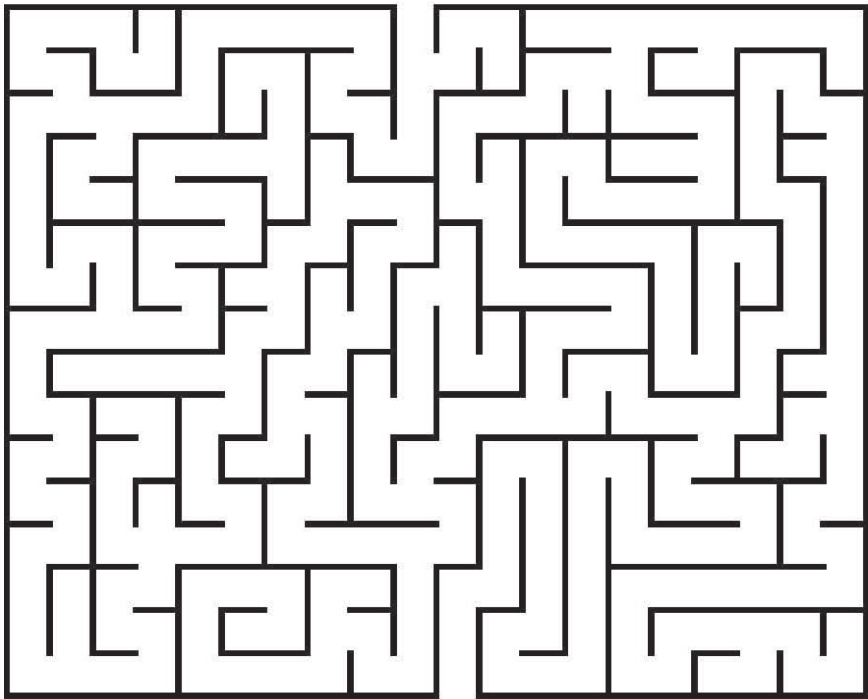
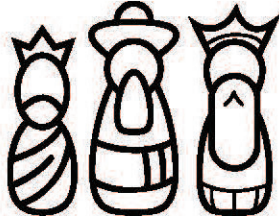
DRAW IT

Matthew 2 describes the wise men and their search for Jesus. They followed the star until it stopped above Bethlehem where Jesus was born. The wise men were filled with amazing joy when they found Jesus. In the first box, draw what you think this scene looked like. In the second box, imagine you are with the wise men and draw what kind of gift you would bring Jesus.



SOLVE (the) MAZE

Help the wise men find their way to Baby Jesus!



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. Rev. Dr. Amy Butler is the seventh senior minister of the church and the first woman to serve in this position at the church. Whoever you are: You are safe here. You are loved here. You are invited into full participation in our life together.

Rev. Dr. Amy Butler, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Senior Minister Emeritus

TALK WITH THE PREACHER

Read transcripts of Pastor Amy's sermons online at trcnyc.org/sermons. Follow Pastor Amy on Twitter at @PastorAmyTRC.

Pastor Amy is available for conversations with members. Email SrMinister@trcnyc.org or call 212-870-6775 to arrange an appointment.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

For announcements of programs and events at The Riverside Church, please pick up the Life of the Community newsletter located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center. Visit trcnyc.org/Events for more information and to download a copy.

PARKING - 1/6/2019

Parking is available in the garage below the building. Present this bulletin to the attendant before 6:00 p.m. for a reduced rate of \$5.00.

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