

CANDLELIGHT CAROL FESTIVAL



THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

WELCOME TO CANDLELIGHT

We're so glad you've joined us.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY SERVICES

DECEMBER 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

4:00 p.m. | Service for Children & Families | Nave & Online

8:00 p.m. | Service of Lessons & Carols | Nave & Online

Join us for a traditional service of lessons and carols.

DECEMBER 31 | NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

Ushering in the New Year | Nave & Online

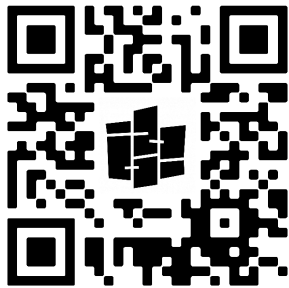
10:00 p.m. | Carillon Recital

10:30 p.m. | Organ Recital

11:00 p.m. | Worship with Min. Richard X, III, preaching

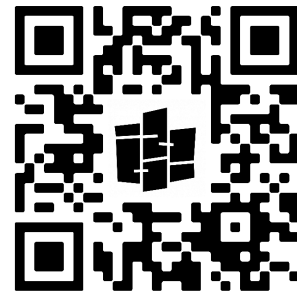
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Or text TRCNYCGIVE to 833.833.4035.



The Riverside Church requires all staff, tenants, guests, and visitors to wear masks at all times, and that event and performance attendees show proof of vaccination. We continue to update our policy based on information from New York City and the CDC; this webpage contains Riverside's most current COVID-19 safety protocols and other information. We thank you for your cooperation.

We ask you remember that The Riverside Church is more than a church – we host many individuals currently ineligible for vaccination, including children of all ages via our Weekday School, Riverside Hawks, and youth programs. We are also a gathering place for older adults and other vulnerable populations, and the safety of our staff, tenants, visitors, and guests is our utmost priority.

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(We ask that you please refrain from applause to maintain the meditative mood of this service.)

CARILLON

A La Nanita Nana
See Amid the Winters Snow
What Sweeter Music
Carol of the Bells
Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella
Prelude on Good King Wenceslas
Carol of the Drum
The Huron Carol

*arr. Richard von Grabow
John Goss
John Rutter, arr. Austin Ferguson
Albert Gerkin
arr. Milford Myhre
arr. Richard Von Grabow
Katherine Kennicott Davis, arr. Jean-Pierre Hautekiet
arr. Richard Giszczak*

STRING ENSEMBLE

Three Traditional Carols
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
What Child is This

HANDBELLS

Savior of the Nations Come
Shades of Forrest Green
The First Noel

*arr. Cathy Moglebust
arr. Tim Waugh
arr. Kevin McChesney*

ORGAN AND HARP

Selected Carols
Aria in Classic Style

*Carlos Salzedo
Marcel Grandjany*

THE LESSER PROCESSION

The Lesser Procession
Of eternal love begotten, e'er the world began to be,
God is Alpha and Omega, she the source, the ending he;
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.
O ye heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, her praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before her, and extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.
Christ, to thee with God Creator, and O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be;
Honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.

13th Century Plainsong

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 8:1, 22-24, 27-31
(page 638 in the Old Testament)

Rev. Bruce Lamb

†*All who are able, please stand*

INTROIT

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who orders all things mightily.
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel!

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's cold shadows put to flight!

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Debra Northern

Luke 2:1-7
(page 58 in the New Testament)

THE GREATER PROCESSION

+HYMN

You are joyfully invited to join the choir in singing.

Gloria

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo;
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain

†HYMN

Regent Square

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:

Refrain

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star.

Refrain

All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One.

Refrain

COLLECT and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

**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. Amen.**

CAROLS

Born, Born in Bethlehem

Spiritual, arr. Donald Moore

Mary had a baby, oh, my Lord. Born, born in Bethlehem. The hay is his pillow, the manger his bed. The beasts stand in wonder to gaze on his head, yet there where he lies, he's so weak and so poor, come shepherds and wise men to kneel at his door. The glory surrounds them with angels on high, and "Peace upon earth!" heav'nly voices reply, then come, little children, and hear what they say, that gladdened the world on that first Christmas day. Mary had a baby, oh, my Lord. Born, born in Bethlehem. Yes, he was born in Bethlehem!

Goin' Now to See the Baby

Greg Gilpin

Goin' now to see the baby. Goin' now to see him in a manger. Goin' now to see the baby down in Bethlehem. Goin' now to see the little baby down in Bethlehem. All the people comin' to see the baby, following that yonder star! All the people comin' to see the baby, comin' from near and far. Hear the angels sing! Angels singing from on high! Singing, "Glory hallelujah! Peace on earth tonight." Goin' now to see the baby in Bethlehem!

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Robert MacGimsey, arr. Nancy Wertsch

Sweet little Jesus Boy, they made you be born in a manger. Sweet little Holy Child, didn't know who you were. Didn't know you come to save us, Lord, to take our sins away. Our eyes were blind, we couldn't see, we didn't know who you were. Long time ago, you were born, born in a manger low, sweet little Jesus boy. The world treat you mean, Lord; treat me mean, too, but that's how things are down here, Lord, we don't know who you are. You have told us how, we are trying. Master, you have shown us how, even when you were dying. Just seem like we can't do right, look how we treated you! But please forgive us, Lord! we didn't know 'twas you. Sweet little Jesus boy, born long ago, Sweet little Holy Child, and we didn't know who you were.

What Child Is This?

arr. Paul Halley

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ, the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king to own Him.

The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.

HANDBELLS

Joy to the World

Arnold B. Sherman

†HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Hark! The herald angels sing,

"Glory to the newborn King.

Peace on earth, and mercy mild,

God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations rise,

Join the triumph of the skies;

With the angelic host proclaim,

"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,

"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time, behold Him come,
Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.

Refrain

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die.
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.

Refrain

CAROLS

Shout For Joy / O, Bwana, Utombe Sasa

Carl MaultsBy

O Bwana, Utombe sasa,
O Lord, Shout for joy!
Mary had a baby, Shout for joy.
Born in a stable, Shout for joy!
Bwana, O Bwana, Utombe sasa.
O Bwana, Utombe sasa Wo
Sisi wakosefu.

O Bwana, Utombe sasa,
They laid him in a manger,
They named him King Jesus, Shout for joy!
He was the Prince of Peace,
A Mighty Counselor. The King of Kings.

O Bwana, Utombe sasa,
That Christmas morning,
Shepherds came to see him,
Wise men brought him presents.
King Herod tried to find him.
They went away to Egypt, Shout for joy!

Mary rode a donkey, Shout for joy!
Joseph waked beside her, Shout for joy!
Angels walked over, Shout for joy!
He was the Prince of Peace,
a Mighty Counselor, King of Kings,
That Christmas morning.
O Bwana, Utombe sasa,
O Lord, Shout for joy!

GREETING

Rev. Michael Livingston

Quem Pastores

James Bassi

He whom joyous shepherds praised,
When an angel's song was raised
Bidding them be not amazed,
Heaven's all glorious King is born.

He whom sages, westward faring,
Myrrh and gold and incense bearing,
Worshipped, bowing low before him,
Reigns as King this happy morn.

Sing to Christ, the King who reigneth,
Yet of Mary manhood gaineth,
Born our God; let us adore him:
Glory be to God on high.
(Sung in Latin)

RITUAL of LIGHT

Riverside Pastoral Staff

HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille Nacht

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born.

PRAYER

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper & Rev. Livingston

The congregation will extinguish candles after the prayer.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 56

The First Noel

English

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay tending their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

They look-ed up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

VIOLA, HARP, AND ORGAN

The Sleep of the Infant Jesus

Henri Büsser

The congregation is requested to remain seated through the performance of this composition.

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Nancy Wertsch, guest conductor*

The Riverside Inspirational Choir
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The Riverside Rising Voices
Matthew Hommez, director

The Riverside Ringers
Daniel Potter, director

The Riverside Youth String Ensemble
*Kristina Giles, director
Athena Wilkinson, guest conductor*

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Yuliya Basis, piano

Jennifer Hoult, harp

Matt King, piano

Jonathon Peretz, percussion

*Charles Semowich,
carillon*

Miranda Sielaff, viola

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Jack Cotterell, tenor

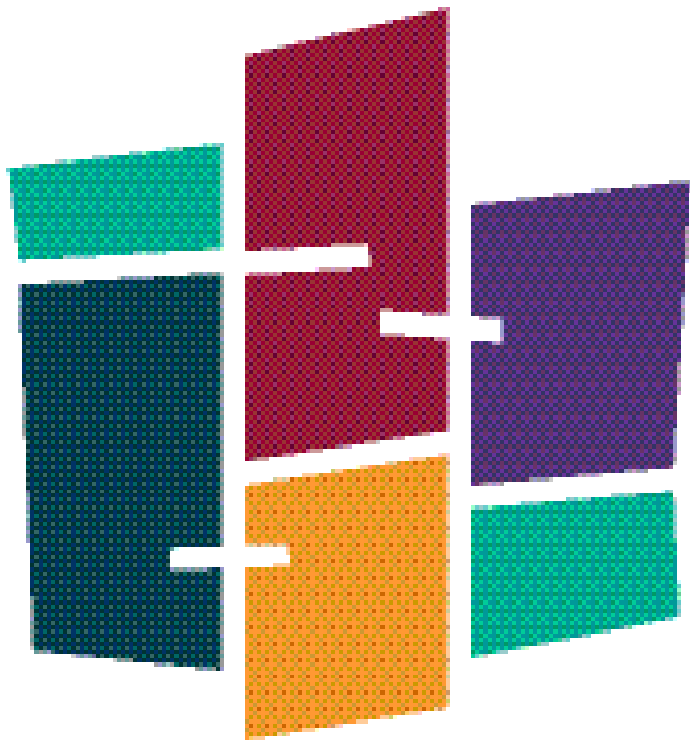
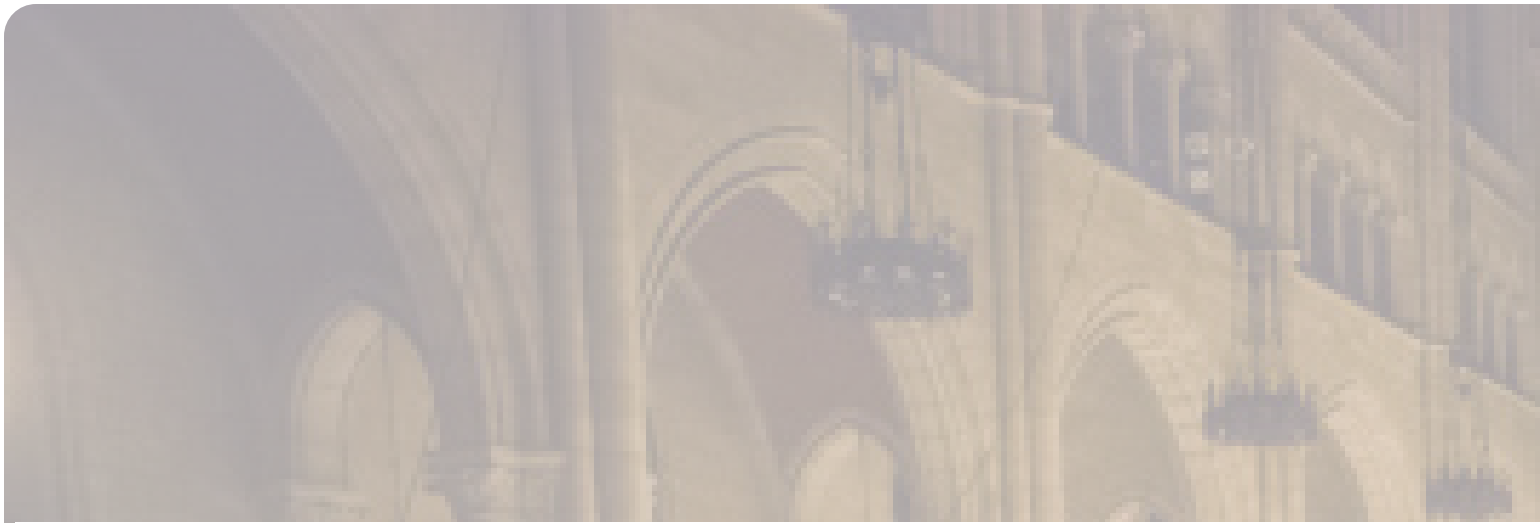
Juan José Ibarra, bass

Elizabeth Lang, soprano

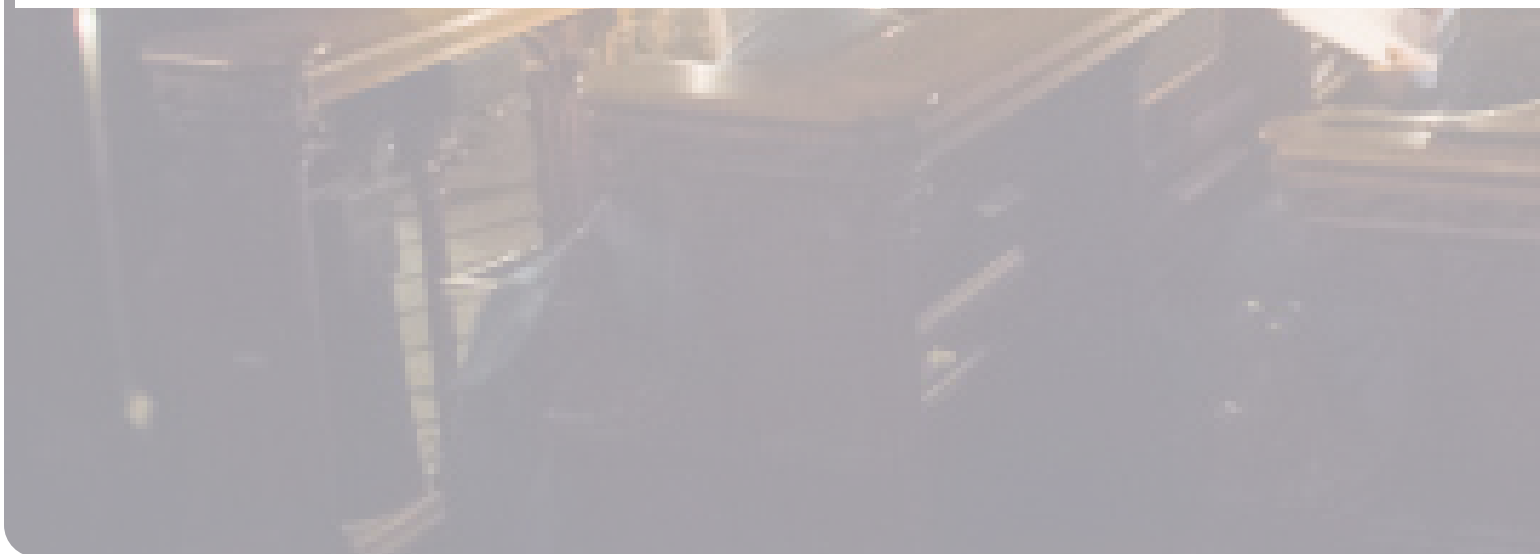
Jessica Marsten, soprano

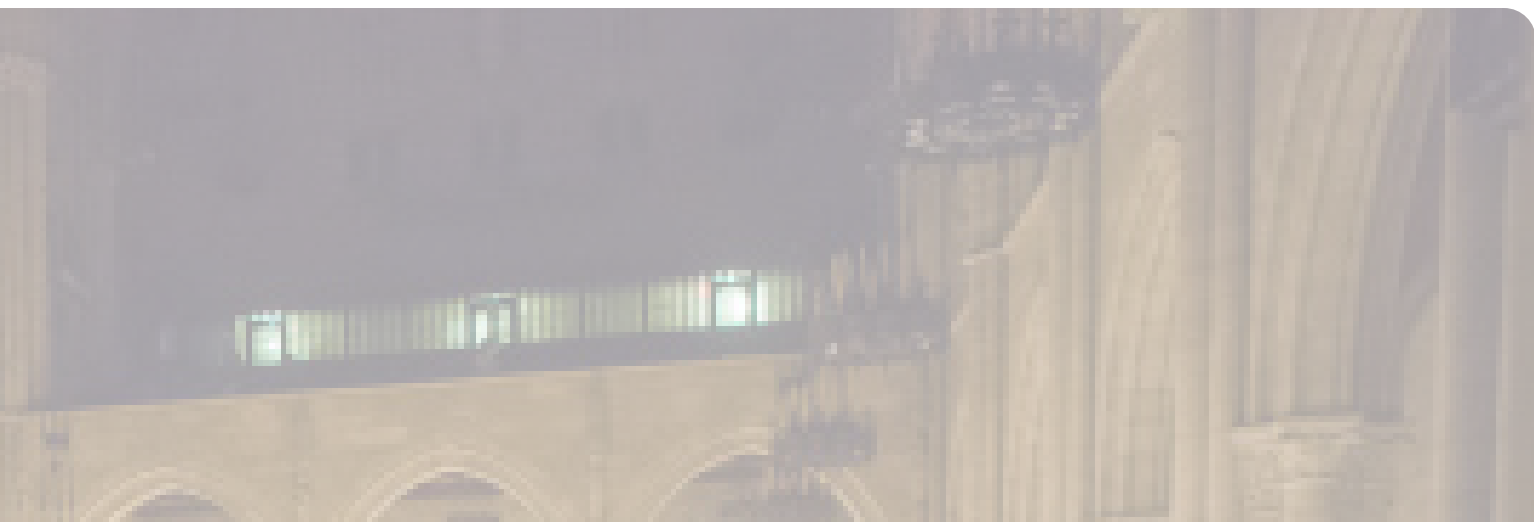
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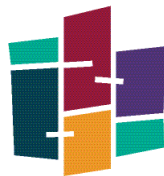
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