

CANDLELIGHT CAROL FESTIVAL



THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY SERVICES

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Christmas Eve: Children & Families | 4:00 pm | Nave & Online

Cookies & Cocoa | 5:00 pm | South Hall

Christmas Eve: Lessons & Carols | 8:00 pm | Nave & Online

Prelude music 7:00pm

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Christmas Day | 10:45 am | Nave & Online

Saturday, December 31, 2022

Watch Night Worship | 11:00 pm | Nave & Online

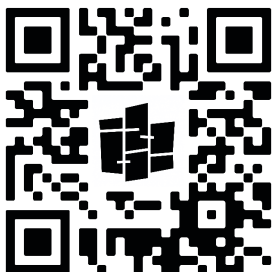
Carillon Recital 10:00 pm, Organ Recital 10:30 pm

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Epiphany Sunday | 10:45 am | Nave & Online

Whats happening at Riverside?

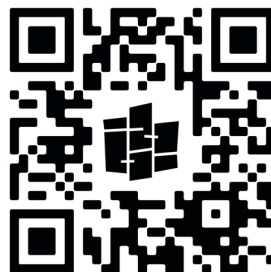
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CARILLON

Villancico de Navidad

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Silent Night

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (from "Cantata 147")

Angels We Have Heard on High

The First Noel

Joy to the World

Agustín Barrios Mangoré, arr. Mary Jo Disler

Louis H. Redner, arr. Frank Péchin Law

Franz Gruber, arr. Austin Ferguson

Anonymous, arr. Austin Ferguson

Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. Fred Marriot

Old French Melody, arr. Milford Myhre

Traditional, arr. Frank Péchin Law

Georg Frederick Handel, arr. Wendell Wescott

STRING ENSEMBLE

Traditional Carols

Carol of the Bells

We Three Kings

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Go Tell it on the Mountain

O Come All Ye Faithful

HANDBELLS

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

God With Us For All Time

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

arr. Betty Garee

ORGAN AND HARP

Selected Carols
Aria in Classic Style

*Carlos Salzedo
Marcel Grandjany*

THE LESSER PROCESSION

13th Century Plainsong

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.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Bruce Lamb

Proverbs 8:1, 22-24, 27-31

(pg. 590 in the *Old Testament*)

INTROIT

Plainsong, Mode 1

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.

† *All who are able, please stand*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

(pg. 58 in the New Testament)

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern

THE GREATER PROCESSION

†HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

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

†All who are able, please stand

†HYMN

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

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

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COLLECT and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

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

Bethlehem Hallelu

Jay Althouse

Mary, Mary had a baby boy in Bethlehem. Heavenly angels shout for joy. Came the wise men from afar to Bethlehem. On a journey they followed a star. Hear the news of a tiny king now, hallelujah! Come rejoice let the angels sing now, hallelujah! Spread the news all around the earth now, hallelujah! Joyful news of a baby's birth now, hallelujah! Came the shepherds through the night to Bethlehem. Led to Bethlehem by a light. Mary, Mary had a baby boy, hallelujah!

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.

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

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.

Go Tell it on the Mountain

arr. Jeffrey Smith

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

HANDBELLS

Fum, Fum, Fum

arr. Nicholas Hanson

✚ HYMN

Mendelssohn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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

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CAROLS

The Night That Christ Was Born

Words and music by Kirk Franklin

Listen to the angels
Rejoicing ever so sweetly,
Receiving Heaven's glory;
The night that Christ was born.

Can't you see the people
Coming from every nation,
Pleading for salvation;
The night that Christ was born.

Oh, such a wonderful Savior
To be born in a manger,
So that I can share His favor
And my heart be made anew.

Listen to the trumpets,
Shouting through the darkness,
Crying "Holy, holy";
The night that Christ was born.

GREETING

Rev. Adriene Thorne

A Christmas Carol

Charles Ives

Little star of Bethlehem!
Do we see Thee now?
Do we see Thee shining
O'er the tall trees?
Little Child of Bethlehem!
Do we hear thee in our hearts?
Hear the Angels singing:
Peace on earth, good will to men!
Noel!

O'er the cradle of a King,
Hear the Angels sing:
In Excelsis Gloria, Gloria!
From his Father's home on high,
Lo! for us He came to die;
Hear the Angels sing:
Venite adoremus Dominum.

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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. Thorne

The congregation may extinguish their candles after the prayer.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The First Nowell

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. Thorne

VIOLA, HARP, and ORGAN
The Sleep of the Infant Jesus

Henri Büsser

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CHOIRS

Christopher Creaghan
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Alan Montgomery
Associate Organist

The Riverside Choir
Christopher Creaghan, director
Nancy Wertsch, guest conductor

The Riverside Inspirational Choir
Nedra Olds Neal, director

The Riverside Rising Voices
Matthew Hommez, director

The Riverside Youth Choir
Matthew Hommez, director

The Riverside Ringers
Daniel Potter, director

The Riverside Community String Ensemble
Kristina Giles, director
Rev. Andrea White, guest director

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Yuliya Basis, piano
James Bassi, piano
Shelton Becton, piano
Andrew Feyer, drum
Jennifer Hoult, harp
Anand Gan, drum
Carla Staffaroni, carillon
Miranda Sielaff, viola

SOLOISTS

Jack Cotterell, tenor
Juan José Ibarra, bass
Jonathan Guss, bass
Nicholas Hay, bass
Matthew Krenz, tenor
Elizabeth Lang, soprano
Ramona Dunlap, soprano
Rev. Freeman Palmer, leader

ASL INTERPRETERS

Cheryl Kelly
Bernadine Virani

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

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

For announcements of programs and events at The Riverside Church, please visit trcnyc.org/loc for more information.

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON CARILLON RECITALS

Sunday afternoon carillon recitals take place most weeks at 3:00 p.m. 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.

CHURCH NURSERY OPEN

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

PARKING - 12/18/2022

Parking is available in the garage below the building. Present this bulletin to the attendant before 11:00 p.m. for a reduced rate of \$5.00.

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