

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



DECEMBER 4, 2022
SERVICE OF HOPE & CONSOLATION

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

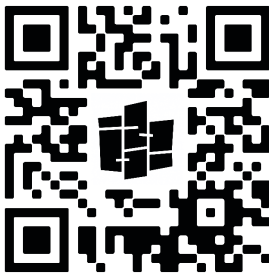
WORSHIP is at the center of the life of The Riverside Church.

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 Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas in which we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ child. Advent is signified by purple paraments and clergy stoles representing the sovereignty of Christ (except for Communion Sundays when the liturgical color is white). Each week we light a candle in the wreath on the Nave floor for the four themes of Advent: hope, peace, joy (pink) and love.

Whats happening at Riverside?

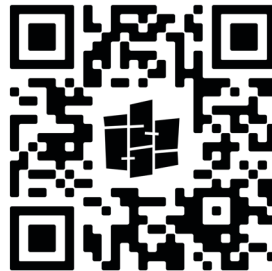
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Give by your phone

Make an offering using your smartphone by opening your camera and scanning the code below.

Or text TRCNYCGIVE to 833.833.4035.





GATHERING

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

PRELUDE Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

WELCOME

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

†CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 27:1, 13-14

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

**All: Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!**

†OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

†*All who are able, please stand*

Isaiah 40:1, 25-31

Minister Derrick Jordan

Psalm 121

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer, our spirits by thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

Matthew 11:28-30

Rev. Casteel Harper

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

**O come, Desire of nations, bind, in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease and be yourself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

LIGHTING OF CANDLES OF HOPE AND REMEMBRANCE

You are invited to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of a loved one, on
acknowledgement of a loss, or in the hope of the light of Christ.

ORGAN Largo, from 'Sonata in C Minor'

Johann Sebastian Bach

SOLO Litany to the Holy Spirit

Peter Hurford

† *All who are able, please stand*

†PRAYER FOR HEALING

Rev. Dr. Northern

The God of strength moves within us;
the God of courage hears our distress.
The God of hope reveals wholeness to us;
the God of healing touches us when we are broken.
When the pain overwhelms us, when the burden is too heavy,
we turn to our God, who sustains us and comforts us.
When there is loneliness, when there is isolation,
we turn to our God, who loves us tenderly and fiercely.
For God created us, redeemed us and sustains us,
and we are not alone.
Lead us in your ways, O God, and bring us your healing touch.

BENEDICTION

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arr. Dale Wood

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**Rev. Dr. Debra Northern, Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper, Minister Derrick Jordan,
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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/ Events for more information and to download a copy.

RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST

Are you receiving our weekly emails? Check your junk folder and add communications@trcnyc.org to your "safe sender list" or visit trcnyc.org/email to sign up. We want to make sure that you know all the latest news and events at The Riverside Church!

DOWNLOAD THE RIVERSIDE APP

Take Riverside with you, wherever you go. Text TRCNYC to 833.833.4035 or visit trcnyc.org/app to download the app and stay connected to all the videos, podcasts, and events from The Riverside Church.

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 - 12/4/2022

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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