

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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JANUARY 1, 2023
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 your heart and mind for worship, consider this quote:

“Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

A question for reflection:

What do you need to leave behind in 2022 and what tickles your imagination for 2023?

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.

What's happening at Riverside?

Learn about the events and activities of the Life of Our Community by opening your camera and scanning the code below.



Give by your phone

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

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833.833.4035.





GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Bread of Angels

Prelude on How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Cesar Franck, arr. Leen 't Hart

Ludo Geloen

arr. Albert Gerken

Charles Semowich, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Greensleeves

Berceuse Paraphrase

Richard Purvis

George Baker

Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

†CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: From generation to generation, God has walked among us.

All: Come, young and old and in-between, to worship in God's presence.

One: From generation to generation, we have sung the songs of liberation.

All: Let us sing of our Redeemer who sets the people free.

One: From generation to generation we have heard the stories of the God-made-human.

All: Let us call his name Immanuel, God is with us. Come, let us worship!

†INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand*

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN
As with Gladness Sages Bold

Dix



1. As with glad - ness sa - ges bold did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2. As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger bed,
3. As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger plain and bare,
4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright,
there to bend the knee be - fore One whom heav'n and earth a - dore,
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed lives at last

so, true Morn - ing Star, may we ev - er - more your splen - dor see.
so, may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek your mer - cy seat.
all our cost - liest treas - ures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.

LISTENING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lee Sartain

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night, was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of love and light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced, and at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced. O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night, that gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of love and light. Let every voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell. From paradise to earth He came, that we with Him might dwell.

Juan Jose Ibarra, baritone

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PSALTER LESSON
Psalm 132:11-12

Rev. Dr. Colleen Birchett

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

†HYMN 68

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

Puer Nobis Nascitur

GOSPEL LESSON
Matthew 1:1-17

Rev. Jim Keat

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

SERMON

In the Beginning: Part II

Rev. Thorne

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Lee Sartain

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

There Shall A Star

Felix Mendelssohn

When Jesus, our Lord, was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judea; behold, from the east to the city of Jerusalem there came the wise men and said:

Say, where is he born, the king of Judea? For we have seen his star, and are come to adore him. Behold a star from Jacob shining, and a scepter from Israel rising, to reign in glory over the nations. Like some bright morning star is he, the promise of the coming day, beyond the night of sorrow. Break forth, O Light! We, our joyful hearts uplifting with thanksgiving, hail the brightness of thy rising.

(from Christus, Op. 97)

*Brooke Collins, soprano, Mark Donato, tenor
Nicholas Hay, baritone, Jonathan Guss, bass*

†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. Dr. Birchett

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.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff and Community Clergy

Following each petition, please join in the following responses:

One: Light of the world,

All: hear our prayer.

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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.

CHORAL AMEN

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Thorne

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.

† *All who are able, please stand*

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul-er Al-might - y;



heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Glo-ry be to you, O God.



Bless-ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.



†All who are able, please stand

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!

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN

Pastorale from the 'Christmas' Concerto

Archangelo Corelli

CHOIR

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

arr. David Willcocks

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, nowells ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new; saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you.

†HYMN 53

What Child is This?

Greensleeves

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

God of hope you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love, and help us to serve you and each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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SENDING

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

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 23
Angels We Have Heard On High

Gloria

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Thorne

POSTLUDE

Quand Jésus naquite à Noël

Claude Balbastre

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*Special thanks to our congregational leaders Lee Sartain, Rev. Dr. Andrea White, and
Communion Stewards Robbie Patterson, Irene King*

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, January 1

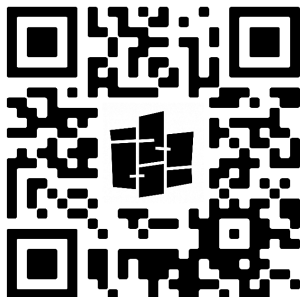
Fresh Start | 8:30 AM | Zoom

Sunday Morning Worship | 10:45 AM | Nave & Online

Virtual Coffee Hour | After Worship | 318 MLK & Online

Coffee Hour | After Worship | South Hall Lobby

Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital | 3:00 PM



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.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

Monday, January 2

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Tuesday, January 3

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Wednesday, January 4

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM | Online

Thursday, January 5

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM | Online

Friday, January 6

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

COMING SOON

Sunday, January 15

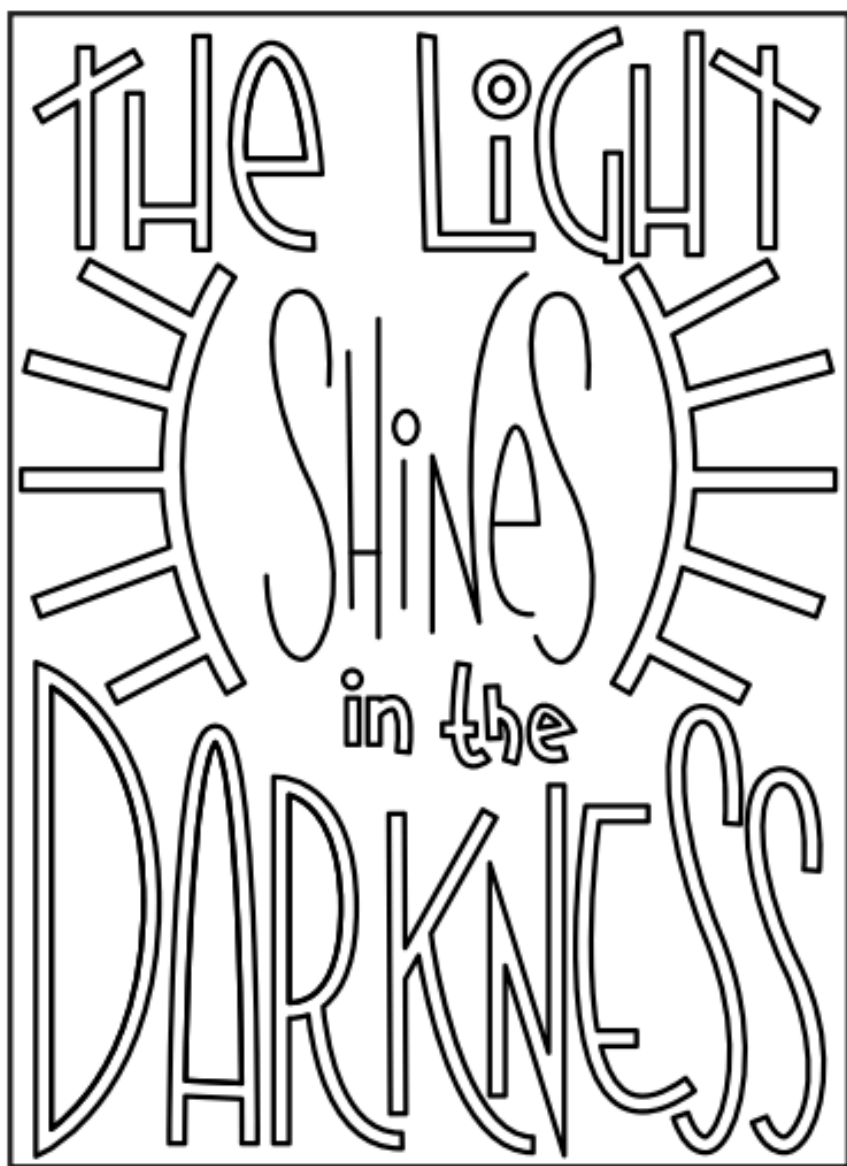
Teach-In, Act Out! A Forum on Faith and Freedom | 1:00 PM | South Hall & Online

Friday, January 20-Sunday, January 22

Jesus in the Flesh: 2023 Spiritual Retreat | Mariandale Retreat Center

Sunday, January 22

Christ Chapel Chamber Series: Chinese New Year | 2:00 PM | Christ Chapel



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

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

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DOWNLOAD THE RIVERSIDE APP

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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 - 1/01/2022

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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