

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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DECEMBER 31, 2022
WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

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 Christmas, as signified by white altar pieces and clergy stoles, symbolizing joy in the light of day.

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.

Or text TRCNYCGIVE to
833.833.4035.





GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Season of Hope (For the Season of the New Year)
The Day Thou Gavest
St. Anne (Our God in Ages Past)
Sleepers, Wake
Rock of Ages
The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time

*Frank Della Penna
arr. Betty Buchanan
Leen 't Hart
Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. Georg Koppl
Thomas Hastings, arr. Richard Giszczak
arr. Charles Semowich*

Charles Semowich, Carillonneur

ORGAN

In dir ist freude (BWV 615)
Divinum Mysterium
Variations on 'In Dulci Jubilo'
Arrival of the Magi
Rhapsodie sur des Nöels

*Johann Sebastian Bach
Richard Purvis
Denis Bédard
Nancy Wertsch
Eugène Gigout*

Christopher Creaghan, Organist

HYMN 262

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

GREETINGS

Rev. Adriene Thorne & Rev. Co'Relous Bryant

† *All who are able, please stand*

†**CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 90¹

One: Eternal and Immortal One, you have been our refuge in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth, before you had formed the earth,
from everlasting to everlasting.

All: You are the Alpha and the Omega. Our times are in your hands.

One: For our days on earth are a mystery, a searching for you, a yearning for
the great Mystery to make itself known. Teach us, O Beloved, to honor each day that we
may have a heart of wisdom.

All: You are the Alpha and the Omega. Our times are in your hands.

One: When our days on Earth are ended, you welcome us home to your heart,
to the City of Light, where time is eternal and our days are not numbered.
You gather those who love you as friends returning from a long journey.

All: You are the Alpha and the Omega. Our times are in your hands.

One: Awaken us, O Holy One! Help us wait--listening for your gentle voice. Oh, that we might
be converted in our hearts and walk together in peace and harmony! Let your love be
known to the nations and your glory to our children's children.

All: You are the Alpha and the Omega. Our times are in your hands.

INVOCATION

INTROIT

Ring Out, Wild Bells

Alan Tregaskis

Ring out, wild bells to the wild sky, the flying cloud, the frosty light; the year is dying in
the night, ring out, ring out wild bells, and let it die. Ring out the old, ring in the new, ring,
happy bells across the snow; the year is going, let it go, ring out, ring out the false, ring in
the true. Ring in the valiant ones and free, the larger heart, the kindlier hand, Ring out the
darkness of the land, ring in the Christ that is to be. Ring out!

LISTENING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (embodies prayer)

Rev. Dr. Colleen Birchett

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

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO

Give Me Jesus

Russell Saint John, baritone

arr. Moses Hogan

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Habakkuk 2:1-3

Rev. Dr. Birchett

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 404

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Haggai 2:6-9

Rev. Jim Keat

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

In A Little While

Rev. Bryant

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thorne

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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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.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Keat

ANTHEM

Walk Together Children

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Walk together children, don't you get weary. Oh, talk together children, don't you get weary. There's a great camp meeting in the Promised Land. Sing together children, don't you get weary. Oh, shout together children, don't you get weary. There's a great camp meeting in the Promised Land. Gonna mourn and never tire.

† 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 every thought, action, and prayer that engages in ministry at the Riverside Church. Together we are the hands of God extending out to the world as the beloved community of Christ.

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CHORAL MEDITATION

I Want Jesus To Walk With Me

arr. Jester Hairston

Dancer: Rev. Adriene Thorne

Choreography: Carla DeSola, co-creator of “Beyond Words” and founder of the Omega West Dance Company

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

THE SWINGING OF THE GREAT TOWER BELLS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Bryant

POSTLUDE

Oh Freedom

arr. Adolphus Hailstork

¹Psalm 90 (Translation from Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness by Nan Merrill).

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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

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 - 12/31/2022

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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