

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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JANUARY 22, 2023  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

# 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:

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it,  
but because by it I see everything else.” -C.S. Lewis

## **A question for reflection:**

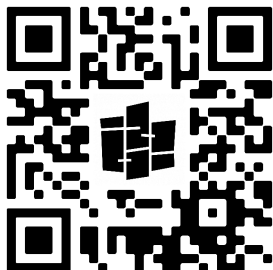
In what ways do you live out your child of God-ness?

## **THE LITURGICAL YEAR**

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season after Epiphany, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the green paraments and clergy stoles that represent new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Epiphany until the beginning of Lent.

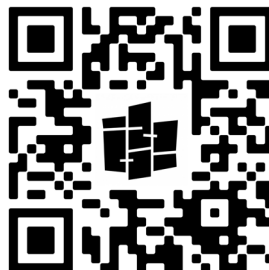
## **Whats happening at Riverside?**

Learn about the events and activities of the Life of Our Community by opening your camera and scanning the code below. You can find a printed calendar listed in the back of your bulletin!



## **Give by your phone**

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

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

### CARILLON

Three Chorale Preludes

Now Praise, My Soul

In all My Life's Endeavors

Jesus, My Joy

*Ludo Geloën*

*Charles Semowich, Carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Andante Sostenuto from *Symphonie No. 9, Op. 70*

*Charles-Marie Widor*

*Christopher Creaghan, Organist*

### ANTHEM

God Made Me

*The Cherub Choir*

*Sharon Pritchard, Director*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O people of the living world, in all of our unique and colorful varieties  
God calls us to hear the Word.

**All: With each breath we welcome God's gracious wisdom so that our faith  
may be steadfast in maturing.**

One: From the city streets to the tops of mountains, from the fields of grain,  
the rivers and the lakes, we are God's terrain to nurture.

**All: Through our time together may we enter into God's presence with joy!**

One: Blessed by God's love and warm embrace,

**All: Let us worship together with joy!**

### † INVOCATION

† *All who are able, please stand*

† **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 327**  
**O Word of God Incarnate**

*Munich*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Jim Keat

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

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**ANTHEMS**

**Joy In My Heart**

*Rollo Dilworth*

I've got this joy down in my heart, yes, down in my heart today. Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around. No one can quench this joy that I have found. This joy that I have can't be taken away. I believe in myself and I know that this joy is in my heart to stay. I've got this joy down in my heart, yes, down in my heart today. I've got joy!

*The Rising Voices Choir*

**Be the Change**

*Marc Kaplan and Colin Britt*

Be the change you want to see in the world. Be the voice you want to hear in the world. Be the light you want to shine in the world, and change will come to you.

*The Riverside Youth Choir  
Matthew Hommez, Director  
Yuliya Basis, Accompanist*

**LISTENING**

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

**PSALTER LESSON**

Rev. Bruce Lamb

**Psalm 1:1-3**

*(pg. 489 in the Old Testament)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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†HYMN

Blest Are the Humble Souls That See

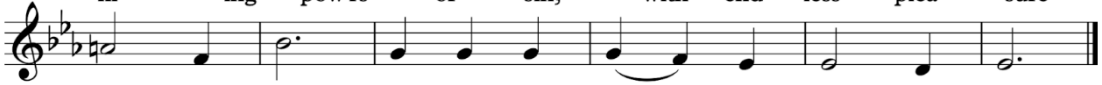
Quebec



1. Blest are the hum - ble souls that see their emp - ti -  
 2. Blest are the meek, who stand a - far from rage and  
 3. Blest are the souls that thirst for grace, hun - ger and  
 4. Blest are the pure, whose hearts are clean from the de -



ness and po - ver - ty; trea - sures of grace to  
 pas - sion, noise and war; God will se - cure their  
 long for right - eous - ness; they shall be well sup -  
 fil - ing pow'rs of sin; with end - less plea - sure



them are giv'n, and crowns of joy laid up in heav'n.  
 hap - py state, and plead their cause a - gainst the great.  
 plied and fed, with liv - ing streams and liv - ing bread.  
 they shall see a God of spot - less pur - i - ty.

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jonathan Favors-Grimes

Matthew 5:1-20

(pg. 4 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Children of God

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.

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## PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

## 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

## †PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Marilyn Mitchell

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### The Beatitudes

*Bob Chilcott*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

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## † 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. Lamb

*Today we celebrate the ministry of our Social Services programs, which is continuing to offer comprehensive services for those in economic and social crisis by providing food, clothing, and many other resources year-round, and throughout this global event.*

### SENDING

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

## † RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service**

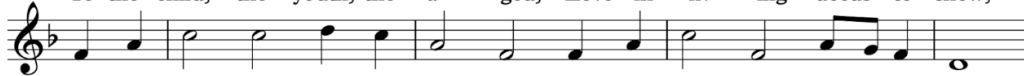
*Beach Spring*



1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser - vice Bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2. Still Your chil - dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your love's re - veal-ling light,  
4. Called from wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear name we go,



Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed,  
Still the cap - tives long for free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great - ness, Dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,  
To the child, the youth, the a - ged, Love in liv - ing deeds to show;



We, Your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart,  
As, O Lord, Your deep com - pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
Ma - king known the needs and bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
Hope and health, good will and com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



Con - se - crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - ery gift that You im - part.  
Use the love Your Spi - rit kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.  
Stir - ring us to tire-less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.  
That your ser - vants, Lord in free - dom May your mer - cy know and live.

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†BENEDICTION

Rev. Thorne

**POSTLUDE**

Fanfare

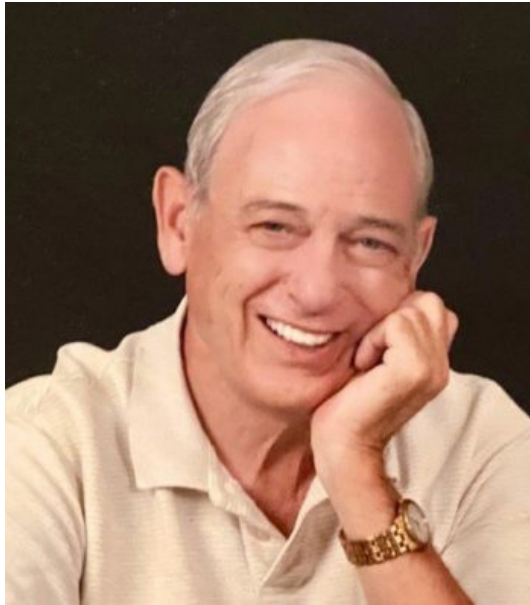
*Percy Whitlock*

*Alan Montgomery, Organist*

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders Jonathan Favors-Grimes & Marilyn Mitchell*

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**The Reverend Dr. Thomas Lowell Stiers**, 84, of Boulder, CO, died peacefully at home on Tuesday, January 10th in Boulder, CO, surrounded by his family. Memorial services were held in Boulder, CO on Monday, January 16th at 10am and will be held in Old Greenwich, CT on Saturday, May 20th at 11am. Reverend Stiers served at The Riverside Church as the interim senior minister from January 2007 to November 2008 and the Interim Chief Program Officer from June 2004 to February 2005. His first wife, Brenda, also served at the Riverside Church as the Executive Minister from 1994-2000. Brenda sadly passed away in 2013. Tom's second wife, Judy Schilling, lives in Boulder. Condolences can be sent to the family at [Stiers@icloud.com](mailto:Stiers@icloud.com). The Boulder service can be viewed on YouTube at the following link: <https://youtu.be/kfj4qswGmLU>

# TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

**Sunday, January 22**

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

**Fresh Start** | 8:30 AM | Zoom

**Open Bible Study** | 9:30 AM | 330 MLK

**Beginner Biblical Hebrew I** | 9:30 AM | 314 MLK & Online

**Church Nursery Open** | 10:30 AM

**Limitless - Children & Youth Service** | 10:30 AM | 9T

**Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00 AM Prelude begins at 10:30 AM | Nave & Online

**Virtual Coffee Hour** | After Worship | 318 MLK & Online

**Coffee Hour** | After Worship | South Hall Lobby

**Theatre of the Oppressed** | 1:00 PM | Multipurpose Room

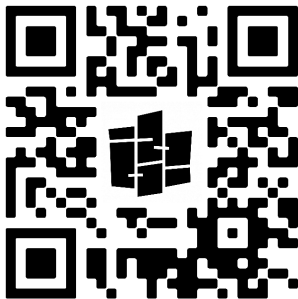
**Riverside Poetry Group** | 1:00 PM | 323 MLK

**Theatre of the Oppressed** | 1:00 PM | 15T

**Intermediate Biblical Hebrew** | 1:00 PM | 314 MLK & Online

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

**Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital** | 3:00 PM



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## **THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE**

**Monday, January 23**

**Morning Prayer** | 8:00 AM | Online

**Tuesday, January 24**

**Morning Prayer** | 8:00 AM | Online

**Wednesday, January 25**

**Morning Prayer** | 8:00 AM | Online

**Beginner Biblical Hebrew II** | 5:00 PM | Online

**Grace Notes** | 7:00 PM | Online

**Thursday, January 26**

**Morning Prayer** | 8:00 AM | Online

**Tower League** | 2:00 PM | Online

**Writing Social Media & Justice** | 6:30 PM | Online

**Friday, January 27**

**Morning Prayer** | 8:00 AM | Online

## **COMING SOON**

**Sunday, January 29**

**Riverside Choir Benefit Cabaret** | 2:00 pm | 9T

**Sunday, February 5**

**Lunch and Learn with Dr. Willie Jennings** | 1:00 pm | 9T

**Sunday, February 12**

**A Lecture and Musical Performance in Celebration of Black History Month** | 12:30 pm | 9T

# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19, Matthew 1: 18-25.



# WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Isaiah 2:5 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

W A P X J V H P K E C V I R K  
D U M U J Z F L F L F U S K M  
L R D Z Y G S O K Y Y T S M M  
C G I H K T P W R L D A W O G  
E O R T R G I S A I A H O U A  
N N L A E M X H Y O L W R N U  
A Z E P E C O A G Z K T D T C  
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ISAIAH  
WORD  
MOUNTAIN  
GOD  
HOUSE  
HIGH

STREAM  
PATH  
JUDGE  
NATION  
PEOPLE  
ZION

SWORD  
PLOWSHARE  
SPEAR  
HOOK  
WALK  
LIGHT

# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14.



## **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](http://trcnyc.org/loc) for more information.

## **RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST**

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

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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](http://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.

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### **PARKING - 1/22/2023**

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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