

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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JANUARY 8, 2023
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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:

“If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water.”

-Loren Eiseley

A question for reflection:

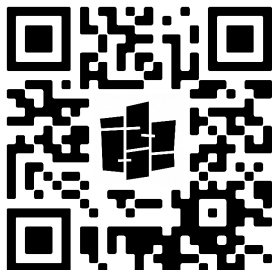
How does belonging to the family of Christ shape your everyday existence?

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.

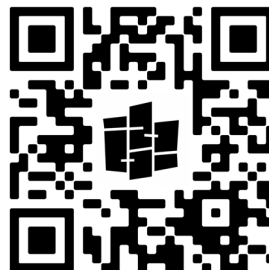
Whats happening at Riverside?

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. Or text TRCNYCGIVE to 833.833.4035.





GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Chorale Partita V (“All my Hope on God is Founded”)

John R. Knox

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

H. Percy Smith, arr. Richard Giszczak

Children of the Heavenly Father

Traditional Swedish melody, arr. Austin Ferguson

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Traditional English Melody, arr. Sally Slade Warner

Carla Staffaroni, Assistant Carillonneur

HANDBELLS

Fantasy on “Hyfrydol”

Hal H. Hopson

Appassionata

Michael W. Joy

The Riverside Ringers

Daniel Potter, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The heavens open and the Spirit descends,
as Jesus emerges from the water.

**All: A voice echoes through the heavens,
“This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased.”**

One: Jesus has been named and claimed by God.

**All: We come to the water to remember
that we have been named and claimed by God.
Let us worship the one who calls us by name and claims us today.**

†INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand*

† **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 495**
We Know That Christ is Raised

Engelberg

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Charlene Wingate

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Let The Heaven Light Shine on Me

arr. Moses Hogan

Let the light from heaven shine on me. Let it shine on me. Let the heav'n light shine on me,
for low is the way to the upper bright world. Let the heav'n light shine on me.

LISTENING

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

PSALTER LESSON

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

Psalm 2:7-8

(pg. 489 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

† **HYMN 494**

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

Rustington

† *All who are able, please stand*

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:1-17

(pg. 2 in the New Testament)

Julian Wharton

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

You Belong

Rev. Thorne

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM VOWS

One: We are united by a common faith in Jesus Christ.
The power at work in this community does not come
from our own strength but from God's Spirit working in us.
Claiming God's promises, we remember again God's
gracious love for us and recommit ourselves
to joyful life together in Christ.

Rev. Meisenheimer

One: Stir up in your people, mighty God, the gift of your Holy Spirit.
Give them a witness to Jesus as Savior and Lord.
Help them to love and serve those with whom they live and work.
Help them to bear God's creative and redeeming love and justice to all the
world.
Remember your baptism, church. In you God is well pleased.

Rev. Thorne

**All: We remember our baptism in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and
of the Holy Spirit. One God, Mother of us all.**

† *All who are able, please stand*

HYMN 368

I've Got Peace Like a River

1. I've got peace like a river... in-a my soul.
2. I've got joy like a fountain... in-a my soul.
3. I've got love like an ocean... in-a my soul.

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Meisenheimer

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

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

Craig Lemley

†*All who are able, please stand*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Down to the River

arr. Robert Lee

As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way, and who shall wear the starry (robe and) crown, good Lord, show me the way! O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray. O brothers, let's go down...O fathers, let's go down...O mothers, let's go down...O sinners, let's go down.

✠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. Charlene Wingate

Today we celebrate the work of our Membership Ministry, which is dedicated to accompanying our church members and prospective members on their spiritual journeys.

SENDING

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

✠BENEDICTION

Rev. Thorne

✠RECESSIONAL HYMN 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

POSTLUDE

Noël Étranger

Louis-Claude Daquin

Alan Montgomery, organist

Special thanks to our congregational leaders Julian Wharton and Craig Lemley

✠*All who are able, please stand*

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, January 8

Fresh Start | 8:30 AM | Zoom

Open Bible Study | 9:30 AM | 330 MLK

Biblical Hebrew- Beginners | 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

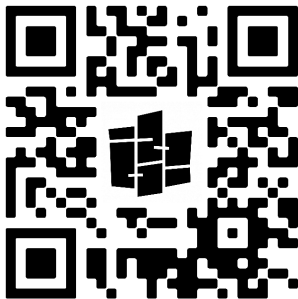
Virtual Coffee Hour | After Worship | 318 MLK & Online

Coffee Hour | After Worship | South Hall Lobby

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

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

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 9

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Tuesday, January 10

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Wednesday, January 11

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Grace Notes | 7:00 PM | Online

Thursday, January 12

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Tower League | 2:00 PM | Online

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

Friday, January 13

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Siblings Night Out: Girls and Nonbinary Youth | 6:00 PM | The Color Factory

Saturday, January 14

Riverside Church Book Club | 11:00 AM | Online

COMING SOON

Sunday, January 15

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

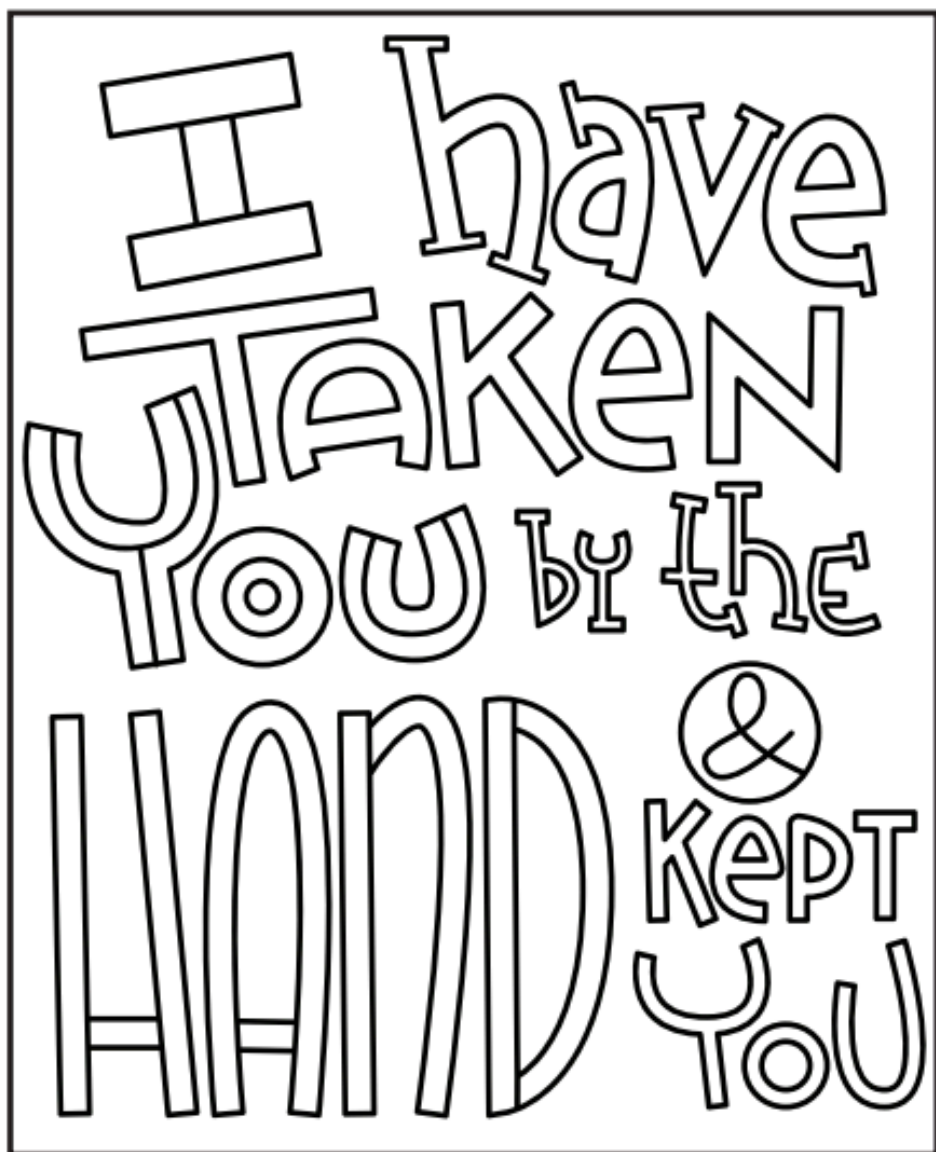
Friday, January 20- Sunday, January 22

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

COLOR ^{IN} THE WORDS



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.

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 TRCNYP 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 - 1/08/2022

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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