

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN 53

What Child Is This

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Wachet Auf

Diemer

* *You are invited to stand if able.*

Participants in the Service:

Ushers: Mary Kemp Clarke and Mary Rob Clarke

Andrew Ministers: Lynda Nadkarni and Cyril Friend

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by Susan Lynch.



Welcome to
Riverside Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2017 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Ask an usher for audio hearing units. ~ Please silence your cell phones.
Childcare is available for children 1st grade and younger in the upstairs childcare room.

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CHRISTMAS**

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* arr. Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

In snow-capped churches, and on sand-strewn beaches,

God's people gather in joy to celebrate a birth.

With hopes littering our hearts like wrapping paper under a tree,

We offer our thanks and praise

for the gift of grace swaddled in love.

With eyes wide open like little children,

with hearts full of wonder and laughter,

We join our lives with Mary and Joseph,

with the shepherds who ran to tell the good news.

* HYMN 16

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Shepherds & Sheep on the Nativity Board

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

In the Bleak Midwinter #36

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

Children are invited forward

HYMN 56 refrain

The First Nowell

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Service of Lessons, Carols and Art



Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7

* Carol 25 *Away in a Manger*

During the carol place Mary, Joseph, Jesus, the cattle and Donkey on board



Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-14

* Carol 22 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

During the Carol place the Angels



Scripture Reading Luke 2:15-20

* Carol 29 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

During the Carol place the

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *I Saw Three Ships* English Carol/Simeone

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 23 refrain *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is served by intinction. Please come forward by the aisle closest to the piano, move to a server, select a generous piece of bread, dip it in the juice and commune. Return to your seats using the other aisle.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

Now, may Bethlehem's Child bless you!

And also bless you!

Now, may the children of God open their hearts.

We offer them to the One who loves us each and every morning.

Now, may we join in the songs of the angels.

We join our voices with those of every time and place.

In the silenced night of chaos... we sing carols of praise to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of all turned away by the world.

Creation joins the angels in praising you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who clears the Way for us to walk.

Hosanna in the highest!

In the silence of the night... we will join the angels in singing carols to you forever, God in Community, Holy in One.