

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

January 5, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Christmas

Ask an usher for audio hearing units.

Please silence your cell phones.

Childcare for children through preschool is available upstairs.

\* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.

### *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*

*A sermon series on the wisdom of Mr. Rogers*

Don't ever give up on yourself or your dreams.  
You're worthwhile, and always will be, no matter  
what. Just remember to always be who you are,  
because that person is very special.

There's no person in the whole world like you. And I  
like you just the way you are.



## **WE PREPARE**

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

\* PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **WE GATHER**

PRELUDE

*Now Sing We, Now Rejoice*

arr. Manz

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

You are welcome in this place, where God meets us in love.

**Why are we here?**

**We are here to love God with all that we have and all that we are.**

You are welcome in this place, where God loves us as children.

**Why are we here?**

**We are here to love ourselves as deeply as God loves us.**

Welcome to this place, where God serves us at the table of love and grace.

**Why are we here?**

**We are here to be sent forth to love others as deeply as we love God and ourselves.**

\* HYMN 136

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

\* INVITATION TO PRAYER

\* SUNG PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

470 verse 1 *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*

Guided Silent Prayer

Mister Rogers often invited people to spend a minute in silence thinking of someone who loved them into being; you are invited to do that now.

\* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

\* SUNG RESPONSE 447

*We Are Forgiven*

**WE LISTEN**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

*Children are invited to stay in worship; activity bags are available.*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

MEDITATION

\* HYMN 692

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

**WE RESPOND**

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

*The Angels and the Shepherds*

arr. Dickinson

\* SUNG RESPONSE 609

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

Communion is served by intinction.

Please come forward, tear off a piece of bread and dip it in the chalice. Return to your seats by the outer aisles. The chalice contains juice and the cup wine. Crackers are gluten free.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

God is the heart of life.

**And we are the heartbeat.**

May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy.

**We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation.**

Creating God... We give thanks.

**We give thanks.**

We who hold all such good things in trust, join with others in declaring:

**Holy! Holy! Holy! Heaven and earth are holy and good.**

Holy is peace.

**Holy is truth. Holy is love.**

In this season of transition...that sustain us when we are in need.

**God loves in us; God cares through us; God laughs in us;**

**God cries in us, as nowhere else.**

Especially we give thanks for...and making us whole.

**Together we remember our past. Together we discern our present.**

**Together we shape our future. 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

**WE DEPART**

\* HYMN 529

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

\* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*We Three Kings*

arr. Peterson

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

***Liturgist:*** Lynda Nadkarni

***Ushers:*** Deb Pike and Susan Lynch

***Communion Servers:*** Allan Halline, Susan Lynch, Ellen Hamilton and Charlie Juister

***Flowers*** are given in honor of Lynda Nadkarni by her secret admirers. For all you do Lynda, WE LOVE YOU. #365+1

***Fellowship Time:*** join us for coffee after worship in the social hall.

***Trustees of the Month:*** Doug Harvin and Brad Staubus

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The 1619 Project

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** returns Monday, January 27 at 6:30 pm. We will explore the 1619 Project. The 1619 Project is a major initiative from The New York Times observing the 400th anniversary of the beginning of American slavery. In August of 1619, a ship appeared on the horizon, near Point Comfort, a coastal port in the English colony of Virginia. It carried more than 20 enslaved Africans, who were sold to the colonists. No aspect of the country that would be formed here has been untouched by the years of slavery that followed.



**WORSHIP SERIES**—Today we begin the worship series *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* There are few personalities who evoke such universal feelings of warmth as Presbyterian minister, Fred Rogers. Mr. Rogers reminds us that there is much more in life that unites us than divides us.

Throughout the months of January and February we will explore the wisdom and profound theology of Mr. Rogers.

**2020 PLEDGE ENVELOPES** are available for those who ordered them. You can find them in the front hallway.

**LOOSE COIN OFFERING**—Today we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund.

**DEVOTIONALS**—Copies of the January-February 2020 Upper Room are in the rack outside the office.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**— The Annual Congregational Meeting is January 26<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship. The Annual Report will be available on our web site. Hard copies will be available in the office and outside the sanctuary for those who need them.



**JANUARY CALENDAR AND BIRTHDAYS** — Copies of the January calendar and birthdays are at the back of the sanctuary and in the rack by the office.



**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER SUNDAY JANUARY 12, AFTER WORSHIP** — Join the Mission Committee in bringing a dish to share. Invite anyone who would enjoy a free meal and good conversation. All are welcome!

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE** — There are sign-up sheets for all sorts of fun things to do – such as **donating flowers for the church service**, or **hosting coffee fellowship** after Sunday worship, **teaching Sunday School** and for **ushering**. We need 2 volunteers to usher for every worship service. It's fun, easy, and very much appreciated!! No previous experience is required. Please stop by the board and sign up.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** – If you have announcements for the bulletin, please keep in mind the deadline to submit them to the office is 12:00 pm Wednesday.

**HUMAN SCENE**—is discussing the Book of Luke, Sundays at 9:00 am in the Parlor.

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE FOR FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY** —We look forward to seeing you January 22 at 10:00 am in the Social Hall.



**CARERS CORNER JANUARY — THE BOULEVARD**— The residents of the Boulevard need tools for basic repairs, cooking gear, utensils,

towels and other essential household items. Thank you for donating these items.

**HOMELESS KITS**—were made during 5th Sunday last week and are available outside the sanctuary.

## DECEMBER IN PHOTOS



*Children's  
Christmas  
Pageant*



*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

**THIS WEEK**

**Today**

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
2:00 pm Worship at Cantata

**Monday**

5:30 pm Volleyball

**Tuesday**

6:30 am Men’s Forum  
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

**Wednesday**

12:00 pm Deadline for Bulletin  
Announcements  
4:15 pm Ringers & Singers  
6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday**

6:30 am Women’s Forum

**Sunday**

9:00 am Middle School Youth  
Group  
9:00 am Human Scene  
10:00 am Worship  
10:15 am Sunday School  
11:15 am Free Community Meal

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<https://vimeo.com/riversidepresbyterian>

**Our Mission Statement:**

We gather as a church to:  
Celebrate God’s presence,  
Nurture the Spiritual Life,  
Carry the light of Christ into the world,  
Serve God by serving others.

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**2019 CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

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