

Riverside Presbyterian Church

December 5, 2021 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Please silence your cell phones.

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Chant on O, Come, O, Come Emmanuel* arr. Behnke

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) (Malachi 3:1-4, CEB)

Look, I am sending my messenger who will clear the path before me; suddenly the Lord whom you are seeking will come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you take delight is coming, says the LORD of heavenly forces.

Who can endure the day of his coming? Who can withstand his appearance? He is like the refiner's fire or the cleaner's soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver. He will purify the Levites, refining them like gold and silver. They will belong to the LORD, presenting a righteous offering.

* HYMN 366 (v. 1-3)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Eternal, Holy, and finally Loving God, we come before you a challenged people: struggling in great darkness, unnerved and sometimes, thoughtless and undisciplined. Forgive us for what we have left undone, and for that which we should not have done. Help us Lord! We so want to be your loving, generous and open children. And still we shy from the vulnerability love, generosity, and openness require. Forgive us for going too far in preserving and protecting ourselves. Help us to align ourselves with your majesty, mystery, and grace, and love....
(Silence is kept). All this we ask in Jesus, our Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON & THE PEACE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* HYMN 581

Glory Be to the Father

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

MINI MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

Gracious One, may your Holy Spirit lead us into wisdom and truth, so with the eyes of our hearts open and aware, we may know the hope and peace to which Christ has called us. May we enjoy and share the riches of his glorious inheritance, and may we labor in the greatness of his power as ones who trust and obey your will.

FIRST LESSON

Philippians 1:3-11

p. 196

ADVENT SUPPLICATION

Make of My Heart a Stable

This week we sing "PEACE"

8 C C 3 Am F2 C Dm

Make of my heart a sta-ble, a house for the Ho-ly, a warm and stur-dy
 Make of my life a sta-ble, a house for the Ho-ly, a warm and stur-dy
 Make of our church a sta-ble, a house for the Ho-ly, a warm and stur-dy

14 Em Am7 F2 G C

place for hope/peace/joy/love to live and grow.
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SECOND LESSON

Luke 3:1-6

p. 60

MEDITATION

A Place at the Table

ANTHEM

Dancing into the Promise

Carter

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Wendy Seifert & Ellen Hamilton

We light this candle of hope as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Christ is the reflection of God's glory, the very imprint of God's own being.

Night and day we pray that God will strengthen us in hope and peace.

We light this candle of peace as a sign of the coming rule of Christ. God, who began a good work in us, will complete it on the day of Christ's coming.

Night and day we pray that God will strengthen us in hope and peace.

Thanks be to God for this good news of great joy!

* HYMN 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE OFFERING

THE DOXOLOGY HYMN 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 105 (v. 1-4)

People, Look East

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hark the Glad Sound V

arr. Bouman

*THE CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE *Make of My Heart a Stable (vs 1)*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Advent Wreath Lighters: Wendy Seifert and Ellen Hamilton

Liturgist: Matt Lisle

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Ushers: Susan, Devin and Jaden Zander

Flowers are given by Sandra Kappmeyer and Dennis Zander in celebration of our Interim Pastor, Reverend Mary Jo Dean.

Fellowship Time please join us in the social hall for brunch to welcome Reverend Mary Jo Dean.

Worship Notes

Prelude: *Chant on O, Come, O, Come Emmanuel*; arr. Behnke © Concordia

Anthem: *Dancing into the Promise*; Carter

Postlude: *Hark the Glad Sound V*; arr. Bouman © Concordia

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DECEMBER 5, 2021

WELCOME REVEREND MARY JO DEAN — We will have a celebration brunch right after worship today, December 5th.

As she joins us at RPC, Mary Jo is asking for prayers for Light Memorial Presbyterian Church, the pastorate she has left in Sidney, Nebraska.

Donna Ulrich
Joyce Van Cura
Jack Smith
Monica Wood
Vaughn Gassmann, RPC preschool student



DAILY DEVOTIONALS — Copies of the November-December Upper Room are in the rack outside the office.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT IN WORSHIP —

December 12 as part of worship, we will have a good old-fashioned pageant. At 9 am, we will fit for costumes and do a run through. Then have a break and a snack before the 10 am service. We hope children of all ages will participate! Secure

your role at missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org.

SUNDAY MORNING CONVERSATIONS — are on hold for now.

Called Congregational Meeting

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING —There will be a called meeting of the congregation following worship on December 19 for the election,

ordination and installation of elders, deacons, trustees, and members-at-large of the 2022 nominating committee.

FROM OUR TREASURER — IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.....

It's December, so it's time to talk about the "state of the union" – that is the 2021 budget and 2022 pledging.

2021

You will soon be receiving an update of your offerings through the end of November. Included in the update will be some suggestions for how you can help us balance the 2021 budget.

2022

Pledge cards are available in the sanctuary and the office for 2022. In making your pledge, we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing the amount by some fraction of the gifts you made to the Capital Campaign over the last 3 years. This is a relatively painless way of assuring the sustainability of our church missions and ministries as we face the challenges of the current and post-COVID era.



LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS—With the Christmas and New Year's holidays coming up, it's more important than ever to remember those who rely on our Little Food Pantry for added sustenance. Donations are welcome, especially of canned goods with protein such as canned meats, beans, soup with meat, whole meals (like ravioli). Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.

SUNDAYS WITH TED meets in person in the upstairs RPC parlor and via Zoom starting at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays to view the TED Talk and discuss it, ending by 7:30 p.m. <https://tinyurl.com/sundayswithted> Email Doug Asbury with questions at dougasbury@gmail.com.

*Programs are subject to change.

Dec. 5 —"When God talks back" by Tanya Luhrmann

Dec. 12 —Abraham Verghese - The Great Lie that tells the truth

Dec. 19 —Roman Krznaric - How to start an empathy revolution



November 28 - December 19, 2021

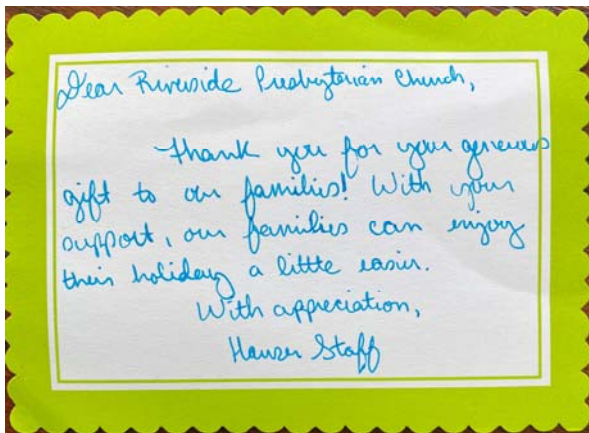
Christmas Joy

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Rev. Stewart Pattison is a recent recipient of a gift from this offering. You can see his testimonial about it on our Facebook page. Your contribution may be made online or with a note on the memo line of your check. Thank you for supporting church workers and future leaders!

JR/SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS —The next get together for the Jr/Sr High Youth Group will be after worship, during fellowship this Sunday, December 5th. We'll meet for food, games and conversation, including floating initial ideas for next summer's mission trip. Any high school student wanting to attend the summer mission trip will need to participate in events, including fundraisers, during the year. Part of our conversation will be about what your participation might look like.

USHERS NEEDED — Thank you to the people who have signed up to be a Liturgist or host fellowship. Still desired are ushers for December 12 and 19. Please see Sandy Kappmeyer or the office to sign up.

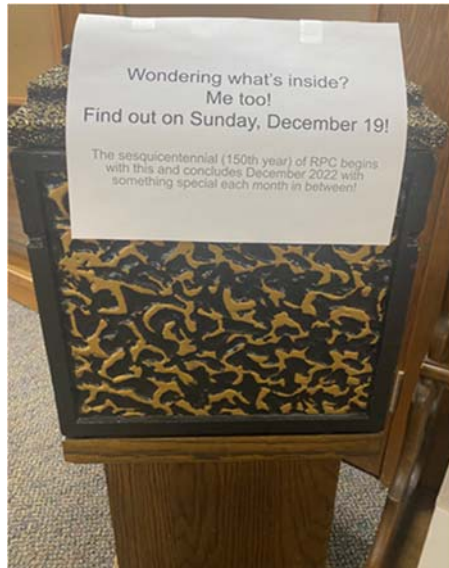
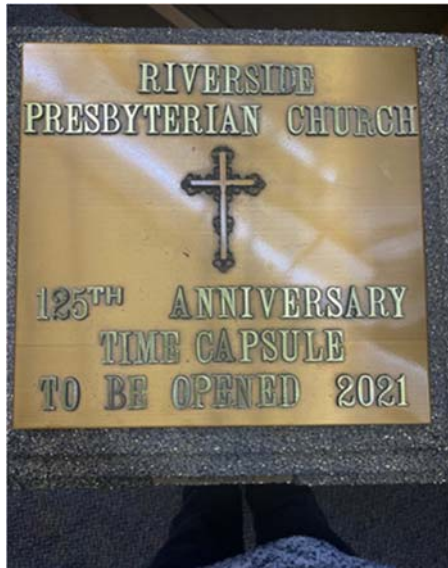


The Mission Committee purchased \$1000 worth of gift cards for Aldi in \$25 increments which were provided to the social work team for District 96. The Hauser social workers collaborated with the elementary schools to make sure any families who may face food instability during the week of Thanksgiving and/or Winter Break receive

support. Breaks are hard on families who rely on the free lunch program for daily sustenance for their children.

RPC 150th ANNIVERSARY & TIME CAPSULE OPENING DECEMBER 19

Have you seen our growing display about that 150th anniversary? Do you have any artifacts to contribute? It's going to be fun to celebrate the history of RPC beginning with the opening of the time capsule from our 125th anniversary. It will be during fellowship on December 19. RPC was founded on December 15, 1872. We are working on an event or activity for each month of our 150th year culminating in December 2022. See Lynda Nadkarni if you have any ideas or want to lend a hand.



2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders	2021	2022	2023
	Gwen Heine	Ben Dickerson	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak
	Allan Halline	Ellen Hamilton	Sandra Kappmeyer
	Matt Lisle	Serina Ranft	Jon Jansky
			Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	Deb Jansky	Susanne Vogel	Bridget Juister
	Wendy Seifert		Susan Lynch
	Joyce Van Cura		
Trustees	Thom DeVries	Paula McCracken	Doug Harvin
	Fred Mitchell	Tom Radigan	Henry Vogel
	Mike Heine	Brad Staubus, President	