

Riverside Presbyterian Church

January 2, 2022 ~ 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Hark the Glad Sound I* arr. Bouman

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 CEB)

L: God, give your judgments to the king. Give your righteousness to the king's son.

P: Let him judge your people with righteousness and your poor ones with justice. Let the mountains bring peace to the people; let the hills bring righteousness.

L: Let the king bring justice to people who are poor; let him save the children of those who are needy, but let him crush oppressors!

P: Let the king live as long as the sun, as long as the moon, generation to generation.

L: Let him fall like rain upon fresh-cut grass, like showers that water the earth.

P: Let the righteous flourish throughout their lives, and let peace prosper until the moon is no more.

*HYMN #141 *“On This Day Earth Shall Ring”*

* CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Glory and of Love, you came to us as the light of the world, to reveal your glory to everyone. We admit that our pride dims your light, and your love. We turn away from the poor, we ignore cries for justice, and we have given up on peace. Clean us and forgive us, so that we may expend your light in every direction. Help us to align ourselves with your mercy, mystery, and majesty. *(Silence is kept).*
All this we ask in Jesus, our Christ. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON & THE PEACE

*The GLORIA PATRI (# 581)

**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)

Holy one, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, our never fading morning star. By the light of your Holy Spirit, guide us by your saving Word, strengthening us in unity and in service, through Christ we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON	Isaiah 60:1-6	OT p. 690
ANTHEM	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>	Beck
SECOND LESSON	Matthew 2: 1-13	NT p. 2
MEDITATION	"Secrets"	

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN # 151 *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed p. 34

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen."

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 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” #606
**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 #385 *“All People, That on Earth Do Dwell”*

*BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATION’S RESPONSE

O Jesus, I Have Promised (vs. 1) See next page

POSTLUDE *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* arr. Held

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Usher:

Liturgist: Lynda Nadkarni

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Fellowship is hosted by Lynda Nadkarni.

WORSHIP NOTES

Prelude: *Hark the Glad Sound I*; arr. Bouman ©Concordia

Anthem: *Once in Royal David’s City*; Beck

Postlude: *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*; arr. Held © Concordia

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O Jesus, I Have Promised

1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2. O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,
 3. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;
 4. O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my Friend;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear;
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will,

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 my foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.
 but Je - sus, draw thou near - er, and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.



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FAITH FORMATION— We have a schedule for children and youth through the summer posted on the website and on the bulletin board above the bench by the office.

January's dates are the 9th for K-5 kids at 11am where we will meet in the gym for fun and games; 23rd in the afternoon for Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group where we will go to Pinstripes or a movie tbd; and 30th for everyone from 10-noon for the 5th Sunday service project.

REMOTE WORSHIP—Just as the supply chain has affected everything from cleaning products to Christmas gifts, so too, we're awaiting some technology to make live-stream a reality. In the meantime, Sara Vacek is recording and uploading worship to YouTube. Typically you will find it by 11:30 am on our channel which is a link on the website.



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

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

2021

You should have received an update of your offerings through the end of November. Included in the update were 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.



MISSION TRIP —The mission trip to New Orleans through RHINO (Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans - www.rhinonola.org) has once again been postponed due to the virus surge.

Donna Ulrich
Joyce Van Cura
Jack Smith
Monica Wood



LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS—During this time of year, 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 is on break until January 16.

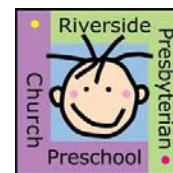
NEED A RIDE/GIVE A RIDE—We're putting together a list of those who might like transportation to worship and those who might provide it. If you are either, please call or email the office.



FIFTH SUNDAY—Our first fifth Sunday is January 31st. We're partnering with our brothers and sisters in Christ from Ascension Lutheran in Riverside and Compassion UMC in Brookfield. It

will be nice to have more hands of likeminded people joining in God's work. Details soon!

PRESCHOOL NEWS—We are welcoming seven new students over the course of January bringing the total enrolled to 22. January's themes include The Mitten, polar animals and snow. It would be great if we had some snow to work with!



LOOSE COIN OFFERING—Today we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund. In lieu of loose coins, indicate Presbytery Hunger Fund in the memo line of a check or online.

2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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

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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