

December 23, 2018

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

10:00 am

*Welcome! We're glad you're here.*

*Please sign in using the attendance books along the center aisles.*

PRELUDE: *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"* David Lines, Organist  
(Set by Keith Chapman)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Acolytes

Enter with the symbol of the Light of Christ

MOMENTS OF WELCOME:

Loretta Cudney, Lay Leader

Greeting

Guests

Registration

Announcements

Peace

\* TRINITY BELLS (Stand as you are able)

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT ("LOVE")

BY JEFF ASHWORTH AND FAMILY

(WHILE THE FAMILY IS LIGHTING THE CANDLES)

WORDS OF LOVE (ADAPTED FROM 1 JOHN 4:9, 11-12) / Sigmar Hofmann, Liturgist  
(Leader) "God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him... Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us." We light this candle as a symbol of God's LOVE through Christ Jesus. May the loving presence of your Son Jesus, O God, make us rejoice in our hope, peace, joy, and love.

**(All) O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

\*ADVENT CANDLE SONG

## Advent Candle Song

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1. Light one can - dle: Christ is com - ing,  
2. Light two can - dles: Christ is com - ing,  
3. Light three can - dles: Christ is com - ing,  
4. Light four can - dles: Christ is com - ing,

Christ, the Hope of the world. Light one can - dle:  
Christ, the Peace of the world. Light two can - dles:  
Christ, the Joy of the world. Light three can - dles:  
Christ, the Love of the world. Light four can - dles:

Christ is com - ing, Christ is com - ing soon!  
Christ is com - ing, Christ is com - ing soon!  
Christ is com - ing, Christ is com - ing soon!  
Christ is com - ing, Christ is com - ing soon!

WORDS and MUSIC: Sally Ahner

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\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sigmar Hofmann, Liturgist

(Adapted from Luke 1)

(Liturgist) Can you feel something powerful at work in the world?

**(People) We can catch glimpses here and there.**

(Liturgist) We need to look beyond the hustle and bustle of Christmas to see what's coming:

**(People) Faithful women giving birth to freedom; a babe who will transform the world. The birth quakes are almost here. We can feel it.**

(Liturgist) Come, let us prepare ourselves in this time of worship, that we may be ready when our world is turned upside down.

**(All) Amen!**

\* OPENING HYMN #234 *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*  
(Verses 1, 2, & 3 only)

**All**

BEGINNING BELLS

*“O Come, Little Children”*  
(Arranged by James D. Kimball)

Gayla Lonsbery,  
Director

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

The children will remain in the worship service December 23 and 30.  
Church School will resume January 6.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE *“Give Ear to Our Prayer, O God”* Aldersgate Chorale  
by Hal H. Hopson

THE ALLEGRO RINGERS *“Do You Hear What I Hear?”* Gayla Lonsbery,  
(By Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne; Director  
Arr. by Bill Ingram; Introduction by Lee Ann Salmon)

\* GOSPEL READING

**John 1:1-14**

Sigmar Hofmann,

[The Word Became Flesh]

Liturgist

(The New Testament, page 86 NRSV)

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ!

**All: Glory to you, O Christ! Amen.**

ANTHEM

*"The Time is Near"*

Aldersgate Chorale

(Arr. by Tom Fettke) Yvonne Flagg, Director

SERMON

**"A PERFECT CHRISTMAS"**

Rev. J. T. Kim,

Sr. Pastor

\* HYMN OF DEDICATION #2095 *"Star Child"*

**All**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

(Pastor) Our offerings this morning will enable this church to be faithful to the call of transformation and to the vision of love and peace. Through these offerings, we can be beacons of light when the world grows dark. We can reach out, offering a place to make sense of what is happening in the world. We can participate in the power of love—the only power that can transform the world.

**(All) Amen!**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*"Joy to the World"*

David Lines,

(Set by Robert Edwin Smith)

Organist

\* DOXOLOGY

All

**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.**

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. J. T. Kim

\* SENDING HYMN #220 *“Angels From the Realms of Glory”*

All

\* BENEDICTION

Rev. J. T. Kim

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE *“Go Your Way Rejoicing”* Aldersgate Chorale  
(By Hal H. Hopson)

POSTLUDE

*“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”*  
(Set by Paul Manz)

David Lines,  
Organist

\* DENOTES STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

*In Our Prayers:*

*In convalescent care*, Kirk Ferguson,  
Bertha Harris, Rev. Bob Mayou

*For health and support*, Carole Arnold,  
Lynn Ashworth, Mary Boon, Scott Bunyar, Danielle Casem,  
Phyllis Chandler, Noriekim Chavez, Cheryl, Tim Clark, Elizabeth Davis,  
Denetria, Helen Dennington, Jim & DeDe Earhart, Terry Edlin,  
Walt Einhorn, Aaron Gerstner, Kimberly Goforth,  
Rhonda Irving, Josh, Barbara Kent, Judy Lamers, Gerry Marr,  
Laurel McDonald, Don Nauss, Jessica Oaks, Kay Otto, Ashish Peters,  
Barbara Pope, Jason Pritchard, Melissa Qualtieri, Chandra Roberts,  
Laura Robinson, Madison Salvador, Shukla Sen,  
Bob Schiffer / Lisa Thomas, Micheline Scoggins, Mark Spangler,  
Claudia Velazquez, Paul Ward, Sherry Weide, Velma Wellborn,  
Lynette Williams, Myra Williams, Gerry Wright, Anita Yunes

## Offering Envelopes in the Narthex

Please come by the Narthex to retrieve your offering envelopes for 2019.  
Thank you.

*Note: Some numbers may have changed.*

## Children's Chimes Starting in January

On January 6 at 9:30 am, the Children's Chimes choir will start again. We will be meeting in Mary's Kitchen for the first couple of Sundays.

If your child is age 6 through 6th grade and wants to join, please send an e-mail to [belldirector@firstchurchriverside.org](mailto:belldirector@firstchurchriverside.org) OR contact me on Sundays. —*Gayla Lonsbery, Bell Director*

## Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School on Sunday mornings will not meet on the 23rd or 30th of December.

We will reconvene on January 6.

**The ministers of First United Methodist Church of Riverside are its members.** Assisting them are Bishop Grant J. Hagiya; District Superintendent Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon, and the church staff: Sr. Pastor, Rev. J. T. Kim; Rev. Roy Riggs, Retired Minister; Office Manager, Becky Ruiz; Secretary, Stephanie Chandler; Director of Children's & Women's Ministries, Barbara Jo Wilson; Aldersgate Director, Yvonne Flagg; Organist, David Lines; Bell Choirs Director, Gayla Lonsbery; Youth/Young Adult Director, Steve Grimes; Lay Leader, Loretta Cudney; Preschool Director, Karen Wilson.



**January 2019**      *No Handcrafters*

- 9 Executive Committee  
(Mary's Kitchen) 9:00 AM
- 14 Almond/Wesleyan Circle  
Potluck, Mary's Kitchen  
12:00 Noon
- 16 **Unit Meeting**, (Koinonia)  
10:00 AM, Coffee,  
Program: **Pledge and  
Remembrance Service**  
TBA: East District Officers  
Training
- 22 Citrus Circle  
(Adult Lounge)  
7:00 PM  
Leader: Lynn Ashworth

30 Handcrafters Bazaar  
Idea Day  
(Asbury) 10:00 AM

**HANDCRAFTERS  
KEEP WATCH!**

As the gift giving unfolds be vigilant to spot items that might be a project for next year. Idea Day will be January 30, 10:00 am in the Asbury Room. Search your craft books to get ideas.

**You can purchase with purpose this holiday season**

Buy your holiday gift and supplies at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) and Amazon donates

You shop. Amazon donates.  
[amazon smile](https://www.amazon.com/smile)





## THANK YOU!

Church & Society / Missions thanks everyone for their generous donations of food items collected during the months of November and December. The Salvation Army was very appreciative.

Our donated food will help to support food programs providing assistance to those in need here in Riverside; including serving hot meals to the homeless, sack lunches to the family homeless shelter and monthly food boxes to families in need.

## "Apples to Apples" Night

On Saturday, January 12, at 6:30 pm, the AGAPE group will be meeting in the Adult Lounge for a game of "Apples to Apples." Please bring a snack (appetizer or dessert) to share with the group.

If you would like to be added to the distribution list for this group, please contact the church office.

## "Our Town" at Poly High School

Please mark your calendars to see our **Ian George** in the following performances of "Our Town" at Poly High School:

Thursday, January 10, 7:00 pm

Friday, January 11 at 3:30 pm

Friday January 11 at 7:30 pm

Saturday, January 12 at 2:00 pm

Saturday, January 12 at 7:00 pm

Ian will be in all performances.

## YOUTH CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 23

9:15 am—Youth Sunday School in the Youth Center.

11:00 am—Pies for sale on patio.

No evening meeting.

### Sunday, December 30

9:15 am—Youth Sunday School in the Youth Center.

5:00 pm—Youth and Young Adult Holiday Party  
to 7:00 pm.

### Sunday, January 6

9:15 am—Youth Sunday School in the Youth Center.

5:00 pm—Youth and Young Adult meet in the Youth  
Center.



# This Week at FUMCOR

## Sunday, December 23

- 8:45 am Allegro Ringers / Beginning Bells—Sanctuary  
No Adult Sunday School  
—Resumes January 6
- 9:15 am Youth Sunday School  
—Youth Center
- 10:00 am Worship / Bells
- 11:00 am Youth Pies for Sale—Patio
- 11:15 am Evangelism / Welcoming  
—Adult Lounge

## Monday, December 24

### Church Office Closed

- 6:15 pm Aldersgate Chorale  
—Music Room
- 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Family  
Candlelight Service  
—Sanctuary
- 10:00 pm Allegro Ringers—Sanctuary
- 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Communion  
Service—Sanctuary

## Tuesday, December 25

**Merry Christmas!**  
**Church Campus Closed**

## Sunday, December 30

- No Adult Sunday School  
—Resumes January 6
- 9:15 am Youth Sunday School  
—Youth Center
- 10:00 am Worship
- 5:00 pm Youth and Young Adult  
Holiday Party  
—Youth Center

### Pies for Sale

Take home an apple pie for your holiday festivities. Our Youth have apple pies for sale today on the patio after worship. All proceeds go toward helping the youth. \$12 each.



# *Christmas Poinsettias 2018*



*In Memory of Dr. Edwin A. Roberts  
by Dr. Joan E. Roberts Cooper*

*In Honor of Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Kim  
by Rev. Roy and Dr. Cheryl Riggs*

*In Honor of Gerry Marr, Children Katrina and John Zeeb,  
Patrick and Renee Bong, Shawna and Troy Reupert,  
Granddaughters Lillian, Teagan, Julia, Cora, and Quinn.*

*In Memory of Clinton Marr and Keith King  
by Cindy Marr*

*In Honor of the Lovekin Family and the Othon Family  
by Pat Williams*

*In Honor of Pastor Rev. J. T. and KwangJin Kim.  
In Memory of Dave's parents Roy and Orene Cudney and  
Velma and Bill McCord, and Loretta's parents Rev. Glenn and  
Dorothy Claycamp, and Loretta's sisters Shirley Molechek and  
Verla Hill  
by Loretta and Dave Cudney*

*In Memory of Cliff Berger  
by Margaret Berger*

*In Memory of Gary Wuchenich  
by Matt and Emily Setlik*

*In Honor of our sons Jeff, Jim, and Bob  
and in Memory of Dave Ashworth  
by Lynn and Bill Ashworth*

*In Honor of Gerry Marr, Cindy Marr, Barbara and Bob Zeeb.  
In Memory of Edra Thorton and Clinton Marr  
by Katrina, John, Lillian and Julia Zeeb*

*In Memory of Maude Ward, Helen Fraser, Albert Fraser,  
Charles Overton, and June Ward-Overton  
by David Fraser and Sarah Overton-Fraser*

*In Honor of our Men and Women who serve our country  
and in Memory of our Parents and our Siblings  
by Barbara Jo and Jim Wilson*

*In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Roberts and Family  
and in Memory of loved ones  
by Mr. and Mrs. James Sizer*

*In Honor of Shut-ins  
by Hilda DeSilva*

*In Honor of All Family and Friends  
and in Memory of Berkley Kaufhold  
by Paula Kaufhold*

*In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Waite, parents,  
grandparents, and great grandparents and Dorothy Hammonds,  
sister and aunt  
by the Waite and Garcia Families*

*In Memory of Eula Robison  
by Pam Conlin*

*In Honor of Our Families  
by Susan and John Logger*

*In Memory of Juliet's parents Primitivo Velasco  
and Rosita Velasco  
by Romeo and Juliet Lardizabal*

*In Memory of my mother, Jean A. Mooney  
by Cindy Qualtieri*

*In Memory of my brother Howard L. Kauffman  
by Ralph Kauffman*

*In Memory of Fred and Ruth Ferguson, my parents  
by CDR John Kirk Ferguson, USN (Retired)*

*In Memory of Walter and Lovella Gay, Judy White,  
and Dr. Greg Bales  
by Marcia and Jonathan Bales  
In Honor of my sister  
and in Memory of my parents and grandparents  
by Linda Rydzik*

*In Memory of Bert Rakow  
by Norma Rakow Nelson*

*In Memory of Mary Nelson  
by Bob Nelson*

*In Memory of Don and Margaret Henderson and  
Denny and Doug Beals  
by Pat and Kristin Beals, Melissa, Josie, Jonathon Williams  
and the Dusty Beals family*

*In loving Memory of my parents and grandparents  
by Susan Nauss Exon*

Thank you all for your dedications. Please take  
your poinsettias home after the Christmas Eve 7:00 pm  
Family Candlelight Service.