



First United Methodist Church of Riverside (<https://firstchurchriverside.org>)

December 13, 2020: Third Sunday of Advent (JOY)

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE (Livestream): 10:00 AM

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *"Lord Christ, Thou Art the Heavenly Light"* (by Johann Sebastian Bach) /
Robert Phillips, Organist

TRINITY BELLS / Robert Phillips, Organist

ADVENT LITURGY VIDEO / Leslie Tomlinson

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent – the Sunday of JOY!

Isaiah 35:10

(Leslie) And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

they shall obtain joy and gladness,

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence,
O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

(All) O come, O come, Emmanuel.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE (JOY) (While Singing the Advent Candle
Song) / Rev. J. T. Kim

ADVENT CANDLE SONG: *"Christ, Be Our Light!"* / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg with Bell
Ringers Carmen Lonsbery and Gayla Lonsbery; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

Christ, be our light! Shine in our
 hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.
 Christ, be our light! Shine in your
 Church gath - ered to - day.

CALL TO WORSHIP (VIDEO) (*Adapted from John 1, Ps 126*) / Richard Rajaratnam, Co-Liturgist

(Liturgist) Come! Rejoice in our God. Let us give thanks, whatever life brings.

(All) May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

(L) Let us prepare our hearts and our world for the Prince of Peace, who is coming.

(All) May all who weep come home with shouts of joy.

(L) Prepare the way of the Lord, and make straight the path for God's arrival.

(All) In prayer, song, and service, let us prepare for the birth of love. Amen!

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

- Sharing of Joys & Concerns
- Pastoral Prayer
- The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen."

CHILDREN'S TIME (VIDEO) / Tina Rajaratnam

GOSPEL READING (VIDEO) / Tina Rajaratnam, Co-Liturgist
 [Luke 2:8-14, NRSV]

Good News of Great Joy

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

[John 16:20-22, NRSV]

Sorrow Will Turn Into Joy

²⁰Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. ²²So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

(All) Glory to You, O Christ! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "*Once in Royal David's City*" (by LaSalle Spier); (Video) / Robert Phillips, Organ Solo

SERMON: "THE SOURCE OF YOUR JOY" / Rev. J. T. Kim

HYMN OF DEDICATION: #234 "*O Come, All Ye Faithful*" (Verses 1-3 only) (by John F. Wade; trans. by Frederick Oakeley) / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg, Robert Phillips, Organist)

Verse 1

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels;

Chorus

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Verse 2

True God of True God,
Light from Light Eternal,
Lo, He shuns not the virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

Verse 3

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens
Of heaven above!

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (VIDEO) / Richard Rajaratnam

(Liturgist) Dear Church Family and Friends: I invite you to give your tithes and offerings generously to support our church's missions and ministries. You can give online 24/7 through our church's website: www.firstchurchriverside.org/giving/ You can simply mail your offering to the church address. Or you can also drop off your offering envelope into the church office mail slot. You may also consider setting up automatic draft through your bank. Thank you for being faithful to God through our Church!

(All) Amen!

DOXOLOGY #95 / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg, Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

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 (VIDEO) (UNISON) / All (Led by Richard Rajaratnam)

Generous God, your love renews us and restores our strength.

With gratitude and joy, we offer you a portion of what you have given to us.

Receive our gifts, our prayers, and our service, that your church may become a source of hope for the world. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: #246 "Joy to the World" (by Isaac Watts, arr. by G. F. Handel) / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

Verse 1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Verse 2

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
Rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 3

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

BENEDICTION / Rev. J. T. Kim

POSTLUDE: *"Toccata on 'Adeste Fideles'"* (by David H. Hegarty) /
Robert Phillips, Organist

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by Pat Williams*

*In Honor of our Family and Friends, who are so important to us,
and in Memory of our Loved Ones who have gone before us
by Loretta and Dave Cudney*

*In Memory of Dr. Edwin A. Roberts
by Bob, Benita and Joan Roberts*

*In Honor of Steven Beals, Kristin Beals,
Josie, Melissa and Jonathon Williams
and in Memory of Steve, Denny and Doug Beals,
and Don and Margaret Henderson
by Pat Beals*

*In Honor of Katrina, Patrick, Shawna
and their families,
and in Memory of my mother Gerry Marr
and daddy, Clint Marr
by Cindy Marr*

*In Memory of Loved Ones
by James and Genette Sizer*

*In Memory of Mary Nelson
by Bob Nelson*

*In Memory of Bert Rakow
by Norma Nelson*

*In Honor of Alice Wymer
and in Memory of our Parents
by Ron and Dianne Purkey*

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

*In Memory of our Parents
Sylvia and Jim Alfred
With love, by Anne Alfred*

*In Memory of our son David
By Bill and Lynn Ashworth*