



First Sunday of Advent Worship

November 27, 2022, 10 a.m.

(In-Person, Online, & PhoneLiveStreaming)

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

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ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP IN-PERSON OR ONLINE AT 10:00 a.m.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES / Sarah Overton-Fraser and Lucinda Edmunds, Acolytes

PRELUDE: “Savior of the Nations, Come” by Johann Sebastian Bach / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Jeremiah 33, Psalm 25) / Josephine Essien, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Today is First Sunday of Advent – the Sunday of HOPE! Please join me in the Call to Worship. Our promised salvation is at hand.

(People) A righteous branch has sprung forth, bringing hope to our world.

(L) Our eyes have beheld the goodness and mercy of the Lord.

(P) A Son has been given to us, bringing justice and virtue to our land.

(L) Our hearts have felt the stirrings of God’s Presence.

(P) The Spirit of truth is here to heal us, teaching transgressors God’s ways.

(L) Let us worship the God of our salvation.

(P) We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.

(L) May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

(All) O come, O come, Emmanuel.

***LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE / Liturgist**

***ADVENT CANDLE SONG / "Christ, Be Our Light!" by Bernadette Farrell**

VERSE - The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg, accompanied by The Allegro Ringers and Robert Phillips.

***CHORUS / Congregation sings with Aldersgate Chorale**

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.

WELCOME / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Adapted from Romans 15)

(Pastor) Welcome one another, as Christ has welcomed you. Greet one another with signs of peace, as Christ has welcomed you with the peace that passes all understanding. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON): UM Hymnal #201, "Advent" / Pastor J. T. Kim
Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Danish) / The Aldersgate Chorale

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Pastor J. T. Kim

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 15:4-13 (NRSV) / Liturgist

The God of Hope

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Liturgist) This is the word of God for the people of God.

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "How Shall We Know Him?" by Terry Kirkland and Gilbert M. Martin

SERMON: "THE FOUNDATION OF YOUR HOPE" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #213** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" by Georg Weissel / Led by Jennifer Walker / All

Verse 1

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!

Verse 3

Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal.

Verse 4

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Adapted from Psalm 25) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) Those who keep God's covenant and decrees walk in the paths of steadfast love and faithfulness. It is right to share our blessings in a world where justice for many is still but a dream, and mercy is but a hope seen from afar. With thankful hearts, let us joyfully share our gifts in gratitude to our God.

(All) Amen!

OFFERTORY: "Two Chorale Fughettas for Advent" by Johann Sebastian Bach

***DOXOLOGY: #95** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" by Thomas Ken
/ 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.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** / Liturgist / All

How can we thank you enough, Blessed One, for all you have given us? May we increase and enrich in love, even as you increase and enrich the gifts we bring before you this day. Send them forth into your world, as signs of the bounty of Christ coming into the world. In your precious name, we pray. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Co-Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #196** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" by Charles Wesley / All

Verse 1

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Verse 2

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Adapted from Isa 2, Rom 13)

(Pastor) Go forth in faith during this season of Advent and put on the armor of Christ's light.

(Congregation) **As the days grow short and the sun's light wanes, we will shine for all the world to see.**

(P) Go forth in love during this time of waiting and embrace the peace that passes all understanding.

(C) **As disciples of the Prince of Peace, we will beat our swords into ploughshares and our spears into pruning hooks.**

(P) Go with God.

(All) Amen!

POSTLUDE: "Two Chorale Preludes for Advent" by Johann Sebastian Bach

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD



Harriet Wilkin family, Debby Yokum Harris,
Jim and Genette Sizer, Barbara Jo Wilson,
Benjamin Manacop, Moonin Manacop, Derrick Austin,
Myra Williams family, Donald Greywood, Mike Conlin,
Linda Rydzik, Jonathon Williams family,
Mack and Elizabeth Davis, Peggy Stepe,
David and Loretta Cudney,
Family of William "Bill" Wolter,
Brad Austin, Isaac Ruiz, Thurmond

You are invited to submit names requesting prayers. We will list them, and they will remain for 3 months.

To add names or remove names, please contact our church office. 951-683-7831



We thank all who are faithfully serving in worship today!

Organist: Robert Phillips

Acolytes: Sarah Overton-Fraser and Lucinda Edmunds

Liturgist: Josephine Essien

Hymn Leader: Jennifer Walker

Choir Director: Yvonne Flagg

Anthem: The Aldersgate Chorale

Children's Moment: Pastor J. T. Kim

Laity Blessings: Kris Lovekin, Co-Lay Leader

Online Greeter: Mary Herrmann

Altar Décor: The Décor Team

Head Usher: Matt Gorder

Media/Livestream Team: Don Knowles,

Dan, Carmen, and Gayla Lonsbery

Also, thank you to the Hanging of the Greens Crew!!!

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 27

Wesley UMC/FUMCOR "Giving Tree" in Narthex - 9 a.m.

Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall) - 9:30 a.m.

Worship - First Sunday of Advent / HOPE (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.

Church School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.

Christmas Brunch (Fellowship Hall) - 11 a.m.

All-Church Conference (Zoom) - 4 p.m.

Monday, November 28

Preschool visiting Sanctuary - 9 a.m.

Tuesday, November 29

Preschool visiting Sanctuary - 9 a.m.

Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 p.m.

UWiF Citrus Circle (Zoom) - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30

U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Wednesday Nights (Youth Room) - 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study/Advent Study (Zoom) - 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 1

Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal (Music Room) – 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 4

Wesley UMC/FUMCOR “Giving Tree” in Narthex – 9 a.m.

Children’s Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall) – 9:30 a.m.

Worship – Second Sunday of Advent / PEACE (Sanctuary) – 10 a.m.

Church School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 a.m.

Alternative Gift Fair (Patio) – 11 a.m.

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