



Second Sunday of Advent Worship

WITH HOLY COMMUNION

December 4, 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 / Lilly and Julia Zeeb / Acolytes

PRELUDE: “Lord Christ, Thou Art the Heavenly Light” by Johann Sebastian Bach / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Isaiah 9:6-7) / Ruth Walker, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Today is Second Sunday of Advent – the Sunday of PEACE! For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;
(Congregation) and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

(L) His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

(C) He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore.

(L) The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

(C) We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace.

(L) May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

(All) O come, O come, Emmanuel!

***LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE / Liturgist**

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

***VERSE 2** 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 darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered to - day.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the chorus: 'Christ, be our light! Shine in our'. The second staff continues: 'hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.'. The third staff contains the second line: 'Christ, be our light! Shine in your'. The fourth staff concludes: 'Church gath - ered to - day.' with a long horizontal line following the period.

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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(Pastor) Even as we pray for the peace of the world, let us bring peace to one another, as we share the peace of Christ this day. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE: #481 "The Peace Prayer of Saint Francis" /

All / Led by Pastor J. T. Kim

(Pastor) Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

(Congregation) where there is hatred, let me sow love;

(P) where there is injury, pardon;

(C) where there is doubt, faith;

(P) where there is despair, hope;

(C) where there is darkness, light;

(P) and where there is sadness, joy.

(C) O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

(P) to be consoled as to console,

(C) to be understood, as to understand,

(P) to be loved, as to love.

(C) For it is in giving that we receive,

(P) it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

(All) and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen!

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Danish)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Lucinda Edmunds

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 2:13-22 (NRSV) / Liturgist

Christ Is Our Peace

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "Every Valley" from "The Winter Rose" by Joseph M. Martin / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

SERMON: "Finding Your Inner Peace" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #218** "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" by Edmund H. Sears (Verses 1, 3, & 4)

Verse 1

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Verse 3

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!

Verse 4

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

(Liturgist) We are faithful peacemakers commissioned by Jesus. With mercy and love, let us offer ourselves and our gifts.

(All) Amen!

(Liturgist) I invite the ushers to collect our offerings.

OFFERTORY: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" by Lani Smith

***DOXOLOGY: #95** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" by Thomas Ken
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 (Unison) / All / Liturgist**

(All) Immanuel, God with us, in gratitude for the mercy you showed our ancestors in faith, and in thanksgiving for your holy covenant with all your people, we offer you these gifts and offerings. Amen.

ADVENT HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(Pastor) Come to the table of God's grace! You who have been fed with the bread of tears, find here the bread of life. You who have drunk the sorrows of life, find here the living water, springing forth with eternal grace. You who need to see God, find here the very presence of Christ, his life and love, ready to nourish us all.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(All) Ever-present God, remind us this day that you are always with us. Strengthen us as we worship together, that we may pay attention to the signs of your presence all around us. When our feet wander, guide us back to your path. When our attention drifts and we lose our way, teach us the way we should go. If we squander the time you have given us, help us prioritize you and your teachings. Remember us according to your faithful love. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

PARDON

(Pastor) Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

(C) In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

(All) Glory to God! Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Pastor) Christ be with you.

(C) And also with you.

(P) Lift up your hearts.

(C) We lift them up to God.

(P) Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

(All) It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Pastor) It is a right, good, and joyful thing always and everywhere to give our thanks to you, who sent the prophet Malachi to announce your coming reign, the priest Zechariah to remind us of your tender mercy, and John the Baptist to proclaim your coming among us in Jesus. You promise to give light to all who are in despair, and to guide our feet on the way of peace.

And so, with your creatures on earth and all the heavenly chorus, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**(All Sing) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(Pastor) Holy are you, and holy is your child, Jesus Christ, whose birth in our hearts we prepare with hope and anticipation, and for whose life, passion, death, and resurrection we give thanks beyond measure.

On the night in which he gave himself up, Jesus took bread, broke it, saying: "Take, eat, all of you. This is my body, broken for you. Whenever you eat it, do so in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, saying: "This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for the healing of the world. Whenever you drink it, do so in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(All Sing) Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

COMMUNION PRAYER

(Pastor) Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ to a world that sits too often in gloom and fear. Creator of all, Light of the world, Spirit of truth, you are the one God to whom we offer our praise and our thanks.

(All Sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Pastor) And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

(All) 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(Pastor) The loving presence of Christ, shining in your life.

(All) Amen!

(Pastor) Please take your Bread and Cup now here in the sanctuary and at your home if you are partaking in this communion via online or telephone!

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" by Philip Moore

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(All) Thank you, God, for renewing us at your table by the presence of our Christ. Thank you for your eternal love, the Bread of Life, that sustains all creation. May you continue to love us in our faithful acts and by that love discourage us from our unfaithful acts, that we might rejoice as your servants and witnesses to the world. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #240 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"**

Verse 1

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Verse 2

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Verse 3

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Fanfare on 'Hark! the Herald Angels Sing'" by Alec Wyton

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD



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 here, and they will remain for 3 months. To add names or remove names, please contact our church office at 951-683-7831.



We thank all who are faithfully serving in worship today:

Organist: Robert Phillips

Acolytes: Lilly and Julia Zeeb

Liturgist: Ruth Walker

Hymn Leader: Phil Bremenstuhl

Children's Moment: Lucinda Edmunds

Laity Blessings: Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader

Head Usher: Matt Gorder

Altar Décor: The Décor Team

Online Greeter: Mary Herrmann

Communion Coordinator: Lee Ann Salmon

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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. - 3 p.m.

Monday, December 5

- Trustees Committee Mtg. (Zoom) - 7 p.m.
- Worship Committee Mtg. (Zoom) - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6

- Blue Christmas Worship Services (Sanctuary) - 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7

- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth (Youth Room) - 5:30 p.m.
- Bible Study / Advent Study (Zoom) - 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

- Aldersgate Chorale (Music Room) - 7 p.m.

Friday, December 9

- Poinsettia Dedications Due (Office) - 2 p.m.

Saturday, December 10

- Family Funday/Santa's Workshop (Fellowship Hall) - 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 11

- Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall) - 9:30 a.m.
- Worship - Third Sunday of Advent / JOY (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.
- Church School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- United Methodist Men's Lunch w/speaker Robert Phillips (Fellowship Hall) - 11:30 a.m.

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