

Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

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Order of Worship

November 29, 2026 10 am First Sunday of Advent: "HOPE"

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Savior of the Nations, Come" by Johann Sebastian Bach / Robert Phillips, organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***INTROIT** "The Glory of the Lord Shall Be Revealed" by Hal H. Hopson / Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

***OPENING HYMN: #211** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," 9th century Latin text (vss. 1-4) **/ All** / Led by Jennifer Walker, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Verse 2

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go. ***Refrain***

Verse 3
O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*
Verse 4
O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,
an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall;
all peoples on thy mercy call. *Refrain*

***INTRODUCTION TO ADVENT** / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE** / The Chandler Family
(The Chandler Family) The prophets promised a light would shine in the darkness. We live in a world of waiting, longing for God's justice and healing.
(People) We light this first candle as a sign of our hope.
(The Chandler Family) Come, Lord Jesus, and fill our hearts with hope!
(All) Amen!
(The first candle is lit.)

***ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN: #202** "People, Look East" by Eleanor Farjeon (Verse 1 only) **/ All**
People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (1 Corinthians 1)
(Pastor) Grace and peace to you from Christ Jesus, who is our redeemer and hope. Let's share this grace and peace with one another. Peace be with you!
(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER
- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Isaiah 64, Mark 13)
Creator God, create us anew this Advent season. Mold us more firmly into your image. Wake us to recognize your voice and listen deeply for your guidance. Show us the signs that lead us closer to you and help us bring your love to everyone we meet. In Advent hope, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

***GOSPEL READINGS** / Richard Rajaratnam, Liturgist
Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSVue)
The Birth of Jesus the Messiah
**18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. 19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. 20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."
22 All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
23 "Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"
which means, "God is with us." 24 When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife 25 but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.**

Luke 1:26-38 (NRSVue)
The Birth of Jesus Foretold
**26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,
27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."
29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.
31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.
32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.**

[36] And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. [37] For nothing will be impossible with God."
[38] Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.
(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!
(All) Glory to you, O Christ! Amen!

ANTHEM: "Come, Messiah, Come" by Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo / Aldersgate Chorale; Jeff Benedict, saxophone

SERMON: "SHOWING UP AS HOPE" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #214** "Savior of the Nations, Come" by Martin Luther / **All**

Verse 1
Savior of the nations, come;
Virgin's Son, here make thy home!
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.

Verse 2
Not by human flesh and blood;
by the Spirit of our God
was the Word of God made flesh,
woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Verse 3
Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child
of the Virgin undefiled!
Human and divine in one,
eager now his race to run!

Verse 4
God the Father is his source,
back to God he runs his course;
down to death and hell descends,
God's high throne he reascends.

Verse 5
Now thy manger's halo bright
hallows night with newborn light;
let no night this light subdue,
let our faith shine ever new.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (1 Corinthians 1) / Liturgist
(Liturgist) We are not lacking any spiritual gift, for God's abundant love supplies everything we need. As we wait for God this Advent season, let us bring the gifts of our lives: our money, our time, and our skills. God has given abundantly to us. Let us respond faithfully with gifts of joy.
(All) Amen!
(Liturgist) I invite the ushers to receive our offerings.

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

***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.

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Isaiah 64, 1 Corinthians 1) / Led by Liturgist
Generous and loving God, you give us everything we need. Surrounded and supported by your love, there is nothing we lack. As we bring our offerings to you, may they support your work of peace and justice, and bring hope to the world. As we bring our very selves to you, mold and shape us as you will, then send us forth to serve. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #196** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" by Charles Wesley / **All**
<u>Verse 1</u>
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.
<u>Verse 2</u>
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** (Mark 13)
(Pastor) Keep awake; hope is coming to us.
(Congregation) We await God's salvation.
(P) Keep alert; Christ is coming soon.
(C) We await God's blessings.
(P) Be ready; Christ is among us now.
(All) We go with God's blessing. Amen!

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

In Our Hearts and Prayers

Daryl Salmon, Rose (daughter of Milli), Chuck Campbell, Frank Baeza, Vanessa Quintana, Susan Vollucci, Terry Geiger, Charles McFall Thompson, Crystal Foote, Rev. Bev Devine, Myla Holmes, James Herron, Isaiah Whisner, Cynthia Diaz, Jaque Vaca, Linda Rydzik, Christina Maddox's nephew Charlie, John McDonald, Julian Cardenas, Vivian Lowe, Neko Williams, David Cardenas, Patrick Russell, Ruth Martinez, Don Larsen, Susan Reardon, Rollin Edmunds, Gary Spencer, Dean Michalka, Eric Russler, Tom Kennedy, Christina Graves, Bob Bahnsen, Virginia Bahnsen, Regan Pope, Eduardo Reyes, Tina Dungan, Lupe Vela, Ronnie Tovar, Roger Murray, Lolita Manacop, Sharon Henry, Jun Valino, Jon Dugan, Marie Madden, Gitanjali Spencer, George Callow, Norma Nelson, Ed Lamers, Mack Davis, Pat Beals, Michael Thompson, Marge Wolter, Melissa Williams, Mary Herrmann, Jim Ashworth, Mary Boon, Melva Cooke, Michelle Arguelles, John and Susan Logger, Bill and Helen Nuchols, Robert and Benita Roberts, Scott and DeAnn McWilliams, the family of Grace Reyes, the family of Michael Thompson, our families, neighbors, country, and world

Blue Christmas Services Led by Rev. Bev Devine

Tuesday, December 8, 2026 Noon and 7 pm

Our Blue Christmas Services are offered especially for those hurting during the holidays. The reasons for coming are many. Some come because they are mourning the death of a loved one. Some are far from home. Some suffer from illness, addiction, or estrangement. Some are lonely, struggling financially, or in conflict with another. Some hurt because of the great pain, need, and violence in our nation and world.

We gather, in the midst of suffering, to remember God is good. God is strong. God is near. We are not alone, and we have every reason to hold on to hope. Welcome to this sacred space and time where we seek peace, comfort, and hope, in silence, prayer, scriptures, and hymns. We seek God's presence and we seek Jesus…the Light in the darkness.



Dedications are being taken now for the poinsettias to grace our sanctuary this Christmas season.

To order a poinsettia, you may email the church office: secretary@firstchurchriverside.org
Please provide the information by December 7 and pay by December 14.
OR…

You may complete this form found in the Narthex or Church Office and return it to the church office (10 am-2 pm).

Cost of a poinsettia plant is $20.00.
-Checks should be made out to First United Methodist Church (or FUMCOR) and marked "Poinsettia."

Please provide the information regarding:

Dedicated by:_____

In Honor of:_____

In Memory of:_____

Donors may pick up their plants after the Christmas Eve worship services.

This Week

Sunday, November 29

-Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) - 8:30 am
-Worship: First Sunday of Advent (HOPE); **SERMON: "SHOWING UP AS HOPE"** / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - 10 am
-Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
-Christmas Brunch hosted by Faith and Fellowship – Everyone is invited and welcome! It's free! (Fellowship Hall) – 11:15 am
-Worm Harvest Event (Patio) – 1 pm

Tuesday, December 1

-Allegro Ringers rehearsal (MPR) – 7 pm

Wednesday, December 2
-UWF "Walk About" (off campus) – 8:30 am
-UWF Executive Board Meeting (Zoom) -1 pm
-Pastor Kim's Advent Bible Study (Zoom) – 7 pm

Thursday, December 3
-Bible Study w/Richard Rajaratnam (Chandler Lounge) - 9:30 am

Friday, December 4
-Men's Prayer Breakfast (MPR) – 7 am

Sunday, December 6
-Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) - 8:30 am
-Chapel Prayer (Chapel) – 9:15 am
-Worship: Communion Sunday; Second Sunday of Advent (PEACE); **SERMON: "TRUE PEACE IS A PERSON"**/ The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - 10 am
-Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
-Alternative Gift Fair (Fellowship Hall and Patio) – 11 am to 3 pm

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