

Upcoming at Riverside

Sun	12/4	9:00 am	Sunday School - all ages
		10:00 am	Worship - Sanctuary
		11:00 am	Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
		11:00 am	Communications - Knox Hall
Mon	12/5	7:00 pm	NA Meeting - Fellowship Hall
Tues	12/6	6:00 pm	First Tuesday Dinner - Fellowship Hall
Wed	12/7	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study - Zoom
		9:30 am	Stitchin' Sisters - Calvin
		10:00 am	Prayer Circle - Knox Hall
		10:00 am	Care and Support - Knox Hall
		7:00 pm	Women's Study - Parlor
Thurs	12/8	6:00 pm	Bell Rehearsal - Sanctuary
		7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Sun	12/11	9:00 am	Sunday School - all ages
		10:00 am	Worship - Sanctuary
		11:00 am	Christmas Cookie Sunday - Fellowship Hall
		3:30 pm	Dr. Boushell Christmas Concert - Sanctuary
Mon	12/12	7:00 pm	NA Meeting - Fellowship Hall
Tues	12/13	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting - Knox Hall

Welcome

On behalf of Riverside Presbyterian, it is my pleasure to welcome you to worship this morning.

The opportunity to worship together as the Family is one of God's great gifts.

It is my hope that this time and place will be a grounding place for us all,
one that enables us to live as freely and fully as God intends.

Blessings on each and every one of your heads, Pastor Chris

Stewardship

To support the ministry of Riverside Presbyterian Church, contributions may be sent to the church office or you may pledge electronically at www.riversidepresbyterianchurch.org

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December 4, 2022

2nd Sunday in Advent



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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9am to 2 pm

December 4, 2022 ~ 10am Worship

Welcome and News of the Kingdom

Prelude

Lighting of Advent Candle

***Stirring of the Spirit**

*Raise a Hallelujah
King of My Heart*

The Johnson Family

Psalm 66 Praise Band

Prayer of Confession, the Lord's Prayer and Silent Confession

God of the future, you are coming to bring all nations under your rule. We realize you must first begin with us, with we who have not embraced your rule; who live casual lives; who refuse your justice and your peace. In mercy, forgive us. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our shortcomings and the wisdom to welcome your way that who we are and what we do might further your Kingdom. In Jesus' Name we pray as we've been taught ...

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

Children and Fusion Youth

***Hymn of Preparation #107**

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Offering

Give Me Faith

Doxology

***Please stand if able**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Special Music

Come to the Light
Riverside Chancel Choir

Prayer of the People and for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon

Following John's Model

Rev. Dr. Chris Carson

Sacrament of Communion

Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Sharing of the Elements
Communion Special Music *Come as You Are*

***Hymn of Service #93** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** *I Will Follow*

Next Steps

Wondering what your Next Steps with Riverside might be? The Session would love to explore this with you! We meet the 1st Sunday of every month, at 9:00 am in the Judea Room in the Knox (office) building. All questions and people are welcome! See Pastor Chris for more info.

Church Website

Riverside has a new website, www.riversidepresbyterianchurch.org! Check it out!
Share it with others! It gives great insight into who we are as a church family!
It is a living site — exciting updates will be coming!

Flowers

The flowers this morning are given by Marty, Susan, Audrey, Chelsea and Zack
In honor of Harry and Betty Peterson.



Worship Notes, December 4, 2022
Welcome to worship! We are excited you are here!
As you attend worship today, use this sheet to help
you stay engaged and learn.

Today's passage comes from Matthew 3:1-12

3 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, **2** "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." **3** This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.' " **4** Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. **5** Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, **6** and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. **7** But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? **8** Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, **9** and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. **10** Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. **11** "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **12** His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Underline what you like in today's passage.

Circle what is confusing in the passage. Later today, ask someone to explain it to you.

Put a **box** around the main part. Tell another what you think is special about it.

If you were speaking about today's passage, what would you say?

What did you learn about God today?

What nice thing did you do for another today? What did you do? Why did you do it?

What word did you hear over and over today? What does it mean?

What was your favorite song today? Why?

What's something you can do to make a difference today?

The Children's Hunger Project



- Dec 4** ~ **Chef Boyardee** "pop-a-top" pasta dishes
~ **Juice boxes** - all boxes must be 6.75 oz and 100% juice, sugar-free
- Dec 11** ~ **fruit cups and applesauce cups** - all cups must be 4 oz and sugar-free
- Dec 18** ~ prepackaged **Goldfish** crackers - packages must be cheddar (.75 oz) or pretzel flavored (1 oz)
~ prepackaged **graham crackers** - graham crackers must be made of whole grain; packages must be 1oz (Teddy Grahams are okay)
- Jan 1** ~ **Horizon Organic Chocolate Milk** boxes - must be brand specific; each box must be 8 oz
~ prepackaged **sunflower kernels** - packages must be 1.2 oz



Extra Items:

- Craisins** (1 oz box or 1.16 oz bag)
ZeeZee Bars (whole grain & nut free)

Riverside is partnering with The Children's Hunger Project by hosting a drive that will feed children at Cape View Elementary in Cape Canaveral, Roosevelt Elementary in Cocoa Beach and Lewis Carroll Elementary in Merritt Island. The items we are collecting are specific, so read the list carefully. Bring your donations on Sunday and add them to those already up front or have them shipped to the church.