

Riverside Presbyterian Church

December 19, 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Please silence your cell phones.

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Mendelssohn/Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) (Psalm 80:1a,2b-3)

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who leads Joseph like a flock.

Stir up your might and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be restored and saved!

INTROIT

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH John Haugland and Connie Kelly

We light the candle of love.

We walk in the light of the Lord.

* HYMN 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring the world under your rule. We admit that we truly have not expected much to change, and we live doing what is right in our own eyes. Forgive us for ignoring your priorities. Forgive us for our casual lives. Forgive us for our parts in exploiting others, abusing the earth, and refusing your justice and peace....(Silence is kept). All this we ask in Jesus, our Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON & THE PEACE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* HYMN 581

Glory Be to the Father

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

MINI MESSAGE

Children are invited to stay in worship; activity bags are available.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own voice. Show us what is best. Receiving your truth in faith and love, grant us the grace to be what is best, and to do what is best, always living for your glory;
In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Luke 1:38-55

NT p. 57

ANTHEM

Coventry Carol

15thc/Shaw

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

NT p.198

MESSAGE

"Gentleness"

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

* HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE OFFERING

THE DOXOLOGY HYMN 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
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.

*PRAYERS OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 114

Away in a Manger

BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE *Make of My Heart a Stable*

This week we sing "LOVE"

See next page

POSTLUDE

An Angelic Celebration

arr. Raney

Make of My Heart a Stable

This week we sing "LOVE"

Musical score for the hymn "Make of My Heart a Stable". The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system starts at measure 8 and includes a triplet of eighth notes. The second system starts at measure 14 and ends with a double bar line. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: C, C (with a triplet), Am, F2, C, Dm in the first system; Em, Am7, F2, G, C in the second system. The lyrics are written below the notes.

8 C C 3 Am F2 C Dm
Make of my heart a sta-ble, a house for the Ho-ly, a warm and stur-dy
Make of my life a sta-ble, a house for the Ho-ly, a warm and stur-dy
Make of our church a sta-ble, a house for the Ho-ly, a warm and stur-dy

14 Em Am7 F2 G C
place for hope/peace/joy/love to live and grow.
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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Advent Wreath Lighters: Connie Kelly and John Haugland

Liturgist: Susan Lynch

Ushers: Connie Kelly and John Haugland

Thank you to Mary Ann Sadilek for joining today's Ministry of Music.

Flowers today are given in memory of our beloved mothers, Sibby and Dee from the Sloane/Kazarian family.

Worship Notes

Prelude: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*; Mendelssohn/Raney ©Hope Publishing

Anthem: *Coventry Carol*; 15thc/Shaw

Postlude: *An Angelic Celebration*; arr. Raney © Hope Publishing

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DECEMBER 19, 2021

Called Congregational Meeting

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING — There will be a Called Congregational Meeting Sunday,

December 19 following Worship for the purpose of electing church officers.

Elders: Class of 2024: Mary Beth Wynn, Carrie Staubus, Susan Lynch

Deacons: Class of 2024: Wendy Seifert, Jim Marciniak, Steve Marcus; Class of 2023: Nancy Dvorak (unexpired term of Jeanine Buttimer) Replacement needed for Susan Lynch; Class of 2022: Thom DeVries (unexpired term of Claire Gangware), Steven Teune (unexpired term of Sylvia Schade)

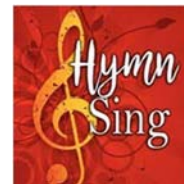
Trustees: Class of 2024: Will Vogel, Lynda Nadkarni, John McGlennon; Class of 2023: Replacement needed for Frank Gangware

Nominating Committee Members-at-Large: Mary Ann Sadilek, Susan Zander, Deb Jansky



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP — We will have a Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols featuring the acaBELLa Ringers and Chancel Choir at 4 pm.

HYMN SING DECEMBER 26— Reverend Dean would like to hear from you. Please email, text or call her with your favorite hymn or suggestion: pastor@rpcusa.org or 443-359-9553



REMOTE WORSHIP—Just as the supply chain has affected everything from cleaning products to Christmas gifts, so too, we're awaiting some technology to make live-stream a reality. In the meantime, Sara Vacek is recording and uploading worship to YouTube. Typically you

will find it by 11:30 am on our channel which is a link on the website.

**FROM OUR TREASURER —
IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.....**

It's December, so it's time to talk about the "state of the union" – that is the 2021 budget and 2022 pledging.



2021

You will soon be receiving an update of your offerings through the end of November. Included in the update will be some suggestions for how you can help us balance the 2021 budget.

2022

Pledge cards are available in the sanctuary and the office for 2022. In making your pledge, we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing the amount by some fraction of the gifts you made to the Capital Campaign over the last 3 years. This is a relatively painless way of assuring the sustainability of our church missions and ministries as we face the challenges of the current and post-COVID era.

Virginia Yang
Donna Ulrich
Joyce Van Cura
Jack Smith
Monica Wood



LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS—With the Christmas and New Year's holidays coming up, it's more important than ever to remember those who rely on our Little Food Pantry for added sustenance. Donations are welcome, especially of canned goods with protein such as canned meats, beans, soup with meat, whole meals (like ravioli). Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.

SUNDAYS WITH TED meets in person in the upstairs RPC parlor and via Zoom starting at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays to view the TED Talk and discuss it, ending by 7:30 p.m. <https://tinyurl.com/sundayswithted> Email Doug Asbury with questions at dougasbury@gmail.com.

*Programs are subject to change.

Dec. 19 —Roman Krznaric - How to start an empathy revolution



November 28 - December 19, 2021

Christmas Joy

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Rev. Stewart Pattison is a recent recipient of a gift from this offering. You can see his testimonial about it on our Facebook page. Your contribution may be made online or with a note on the memo line of your check. Thank you for supporting church workers and future leaders!



MISSION TRIP —A mission trip to New Orleans through RHINO (Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans - www.rhinonola.org) is in the works for January 24-29. They are accepting groups Monday - Friday. We will drive on January 23 and have housing with Mike and Gwen Heine. The trip is not limited to RPC members so please share and invite friends. Email Fred Mitchell at fcmitchell435@aol.com if you have interest. A rough number is needed to continue planning.

NEED A RIDE/GIVE A RIDE—We're putting together a list of those who might like transportation to worship and those who might provide it. If you are either, please call or email the office.

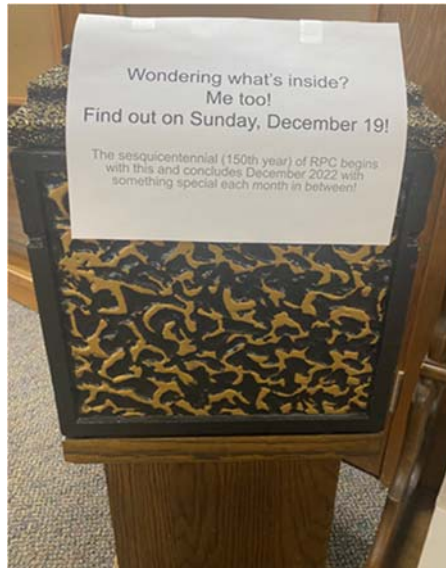
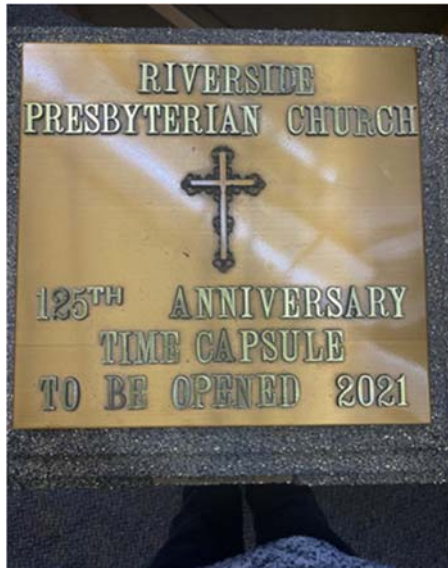


REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT—We're about a month away from moving a family into an apartment. To get our ducks in a row, we need to know who can help before, during and after the move. Please fill out the survey on the Resettlement FaceBook page. Also, feel free to share with friends. Because everything is better with a buddy. Questions? Lynda – missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org – 708-288-0899

CHRISTMAS OFFICE SCHEDULE—Reverend Dean will be out December 27-31. The office will be staffed on an as-needed basis. In an emergency, call or text Reverend Dean 443-359-9553 or contact the office.

RPC 150th ANNIVERSARY & TIME CAPSULE OPENING DECEMBER 19

Have you seen our growing display about that 150th anniversary? Do you have any artifacts to contribute? It's going to be fun to celebrate the history of RPC beginning with the opening of the time capsule from our 125th anniversary. It will be during fellowship on December 19. RPC was founded on December 15, 1872. We are working on an event or activity for each month of our 150th year culminating in December 2022. See Lynda Nadkarni if you have any ideas or want to lend a hand.



2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders	2021	2022	2023
	Gwen Heine	Ben Dickerson	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak
	Allan Halline	Ellen Hamilton	Sandra Kappmeyer
	Matt Lisle	Serina Ranft	Jon Jansky
			Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	Deb Jansky	Susanne Vogel	Bridget Juister
	Wendy Seifert		Susan Lynch
	Joyce Van Cura		
Trustees	Thom DeVries	Paula McCracken	Doug Harvin
	Fred Mitchell	Tom Radigan	Henry Vogel
	Mike Heine	Brad Staubus, President	