

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

December 26, 2021 ~ 1st Sunday of Christmas

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

\* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



### WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE     *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*             arr. Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 148:1-7)

L: All of you angels, and all who serve him above, come and offer praise. Sun and moon, and all of you bright stars, come and offer praise.

**P: Shout praises to the LORD! Shout the LORD's praises in the highest heavens.**

L: Highest heavens, water above the highest heavens, come and offer praise.

**P: Shout praises to the LORD! Shout the LORD's praises in the highest heavens.**

L: Let all things praise the name of the LORD, because they were created at his command. He made them to last forever!

**P: Shout praises to the LORD! Shout the LORD's praises in the highest heavens.**

L: All creatures on earth, you obey his commands, so come praise the LORD!

**P: Praise the Lord of all the Universe!**

\*HYMN #15 "*All Creatures of Our God and King*"

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and Eternal One, you call us to proclaim good news. Yet we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to reconciliation, but it is easier to live in separation. You call us to work for everyone's benefit, but we want just a little more, a little better, or the best for ourselves. You call us to oppose pretense, injustice, and violence, and we sit idly by, endangering and ending lives near and far. Forgive us, Lord. In your will, bind us together in courage, self-awareness, virtue and strength so that the poor, weak, tired, and overburdened may rest from us. Lead us into your justice and peace (*Silence is kept*). All this we ask in Jesus, our Christ. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON & THE PEACE

\*The GLORIA PATRI (# 581)

**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 UNDERSTANDING (unison)

**Gracious One, guide us by your Word and Spirit so that by your light we may see light, and in that light find truth, Grant that the truth leads us to perfect freedom, and in your will discover your peace. In Christ we pray, amen.**

FIRST LESSON                      Colossians 3: 1-4; 12-17                      NT p. 201

ANTHEM                              *Carol of the Children*                              Rutter

SECOND LESSON                      Luke 2:41-52                              NT p. 59

MEDITATION                              "Everything!"

## OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

\*HYMN # 113 *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

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                              *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

THE DOXOLOGY    "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"                      #606

**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 #119 "*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*"

\*BENEDICTION

\*THE CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE

O Jesus, I Have Promised (vs. 1)    See next page

POSTLUDE    *Plusieurs Noëls en Tambourin*    Beauvarlet-Charpentier

### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

***Usher:*** Jon Jansky

***Liturgist:*** Lynda Nadkarni

***Fellowship*** is hosted by Lynda Nadkarni and Sandra Kappmeyer.

### **WORSHIP NOTES**

Prelude: *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*; arr. Manz ©Morningstar

Postlude: *Plusieurs Noëls en Tambourin*; Beauvarlet-Charpentier © public domain

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## O Jesus, I Have Promised

1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
 2. O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,  
 3. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;  
 4. O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my Friend;  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear;  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will,

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,  
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
 my foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.  
 but Je - sus, draw thou near - er, and shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.



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**DECEMBER 26, 2021**



**FAITH FORMATION**— We have a schedule for children and youth through the summer posted on the website and on the bulletin board above the bench by the office.

January's dates are the 9<sup>th</sup> for K-5 kids at 11am where we will meet in the gym for fun and games; 23<sup>rd</sup> in the afternoon for Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group where we will go to Pinstripes or a movie tbd; and 30<sup>th</sup> for everyone from 10-noon for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service project.

**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.



**MISSION TRIP** —The mission trip to New Orleans through RHINO (Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans - [www.rhinonola.org](http://www.rhinonola.org)) has once again been postponed due to the virus surge.

Virginia Yang  
Donna Ulrich  
Joyce Van Cura  
Jack Smith  
Monica Wood



**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS**—During this time of year, 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** is on break until January 16.

**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.



**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.

**THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** is one of four church-wide special offerings of the PC (USA). It supports current and former church workers, their families, and offers education and leadership development at Presbyterian-related racial-ethnic colleges and other schools. Please give generously, or as you are able.



### 2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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

### Mission Statement

We gather as a church to:  
Celebrate God's presence,  
Nurture the Spiritual Life,  
Carry the light of Christ into the world,  
Serve God by serving others.

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