

Welcome to
Riverside
Presbyterian Church

January 1, 20223
1st Sunday of Christmas

Please silence your cell phones.

Childcare is available for children 1st
grade and younger after the Mini
Message.

*Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



All are invited to share gifts in the offering plates located at the end of the aisles before worship. The plates will be brought forward prior to the Doxology.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE *Vom Himmel hoch da Komm' ich her* Pachelbel

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 148)

Leader: Sun and moon and all of you bright stars!

People: Praise God!

Leader: All of you who are his messengers and comprise his heavenly forces!!

People: Praise God!

Leader: Highest heaven and you waters that are above the sky!

People: Praise God!

Leader: Let all of these praise the Lord's name because God gave the command and they were created!

People: God set them in place always and forever. God made a law that will not be broken. ALL: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

(Thomas Merton, *Thoughts in Solitude*)

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

(Silence is kept.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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.

MINI MESSAGE

Children first grade and younger may go to childcare. Please see the Greeter.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Open our hearts, Oh God, to this your Word. May we hear with joy what you would have us hear this day and may the music of your grace build our whole lives long that we may sing your praise with our whole being.

FIRST READING Isaiah 63:7-9 OT p. 693

SECOND READING Matthew 2:13-23 NT p. 2

SERMON "It's Time To Get Up!"

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN # 123 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Confession of 1967 – Inclusive Version*)

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

ANTHEM *Lullaby* Beck

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise God, praise Christ, praise Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERINGS

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We join together to praise you and give you thanks, saying:

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.

We begin this New Year praying the prayer that Jesus grew up to teach us:

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.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #124

Still, Still, Still

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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WORSHIP NOTES

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Liturgy written by Kyle Walker for Presbyterian Outlook.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeter: Elizabeth Musick

Liturgist: Alice McLean

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Flowers today are given by Mary Rob Clarke with wishes for many blessings in 2023 to everyone.

Fellowship today is hosted by Lynda Nadkarni

Trustees of the Month: Lynda Nadkarni and Henry Vogel

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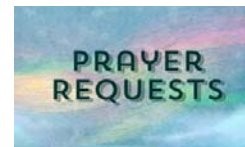
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JANUARY 1, 2023

2023 PLEDGE DRIVE UNDERWAY— if you have not done so, please consider making a pledge for the 2023 general budget. Your gifts are critical to sustain the faithful mission and ministry of our congregation. Our message to you is "**Pray daily for energy, enthusiasm, and love.**" You can pledge either on our website (look for our new pledge card online) or asking the office for a pledge card. Glory to God, who can do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us. (Ephesians 3:20)

HOLY COW! Thank you for your participation in the Holy Cow survey. The survey is now closed. We will report results at a later date.

Kathy Wynn, mother of Mary Beth Wynn
Lloyd Bradbury
John Lynch
Jack Smith
Monica and James Wood
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick
Edward Hand, brother-in law of Elizabeth Musick



POINSETTIAS AVAILABLE — Six big and beautiful poinsettia plants are looking for a home in exchange for a donation to RPC.

CONFIRMATION CLASS—Confirmation Class will kick off on Sunday, January 22 at 11:00 am. Confirmands and a parent are required to attend. The confirmation class is for all youth who are freshman or older. Please see Lynda or Doug for more information.



IT'S TACO TIME

FIFTH SUNDAY—JANUARY 29 —10am brief worship followed by preparation for the taco dinner in the evening.

4-7pm Taco Dinner to support Riverside Area Refugee Resettlement. Ticket information and ways to volunteer coming soon!

ANNUAL REPORT REMINDER — All annual reports were due Wednesday, December 21. If you did not hand your report in, please do so as soon as possible. Contact the office if you have any questions or need detailed instructions.



SUNDAYS WITH TED—12/25 to 1/15/23 — No TED Talks while Doug is away.



LOOSE COIN OFFERING—Today we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund. In lieu of loose coins, indicate Presbytery Hunger Fund in the memo line of a check or online.

EXCERPTS FROM PNC'S REPORT TO SESSION

The PNC has adopted a policy that all communications to bodies outside the Committee, including the Session and the congregation, require advance approval of written copy by a vote of the PNC. This report received PNC approval in accordance with the policy. This policy is not intended to limit communications to the PNC, which will be received and given respectful consideration as part of the Committee's discernment work.

At the PNC's regular meeting on December 5, 2022, we voted to submit our completed Ministry Information Form (MIF) to Session for review, along with a request to consider approving the MIF at the December 20, 2022 Session meeting. The PNC asks for Session assistance in facilitating prompt review and approval by the Presbytery.

The PNC would welcome **written** communication from anyone wishing to provide input or ask questions and address them to Jim Marciniak jimmarciniak@att.net

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.



GIVE THE GIFT OF TIME THIS YEAR—Make a commitment to give the Gift of Time to your church family in 2023. Consider gifting a hour a month to serve as a **greeter** or **liturgist**. No previous experience is required. Everyone is welcome to serve, instructions are provided and appreciation will be abundant. You could **donate flowers** for the church service or **host fellowship** after Sunday worship. Stop by the signup board outside of the pastor's office after worship today, sign up and share your gift. You many also call the office during the week and request to be signed up.

THANK YOU —The AlHaffar and Muaro families extend a hearty thank you to all who provided Christmas Cards and gift cards. They carefully opened and read each one, followed by a phrase of thanks in Arabic which they also taught to us. You truly brightened their holidays!

DAILY DEVOTIONALS — Copies of the January-February Upper Room are in the rack outside the office and at the back of the sanctuary.

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Thursday

7:00 am Women's Forum

Sunday

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

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Riverside Presbyterian, IL

Our 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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2022 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

	2022	2023	2024
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