

## WE DEPART

\* HYMN

*While We Are Waiting, Come*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

arr. Held

\* You are invited to stand if able.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

## 92 While We Are Waiting, Come

1 While we are wait - ing, come;  
2 With power and glo - ry, come;  
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.  
with power and glo - ry, come.  
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

## Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

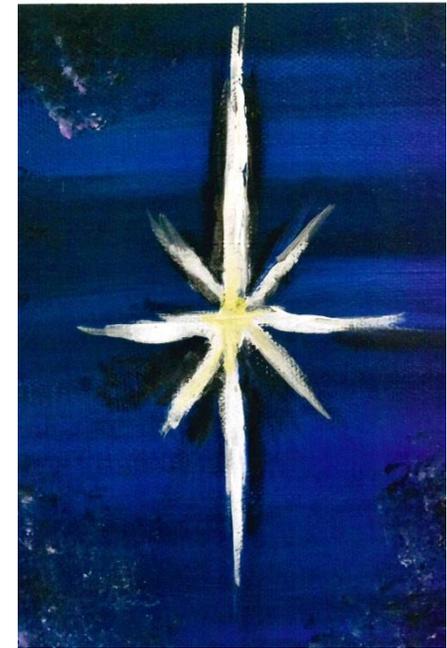
December 2, 2018  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Ask an usher for audio hearing units.

Please silence your cell phones.

Childcare is available for children 1st  
grade and younger in the upstairs  
childcare room.

Sermons available at  
<https://vimeo.com/riversidepresbyterian>



PRELUDE

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

arr. Manz

WELCOME & SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

## WE GATHER

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN 9 verse 1

The Wynn Jackson Family  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Now, in this holy season of Advent, we wait.

**For the faithful God is coming to us.**

Now, in this season of waiting, we listen.

**For the faithful Word speaks of good news to us.**

Now, in the waiting and listening, we watch.

**For the faithful Spirit is moving among us.**

\* HYMN 2

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

## WE RESPOND

\* INVITATION TO PRAYER

\* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

**God of Amazing Surprises, we are rushing headlong into this season of buying, giving, greed, and struggle. We want to think of the holiday as delightful, but we have a tendency to make it a time of the highest stress. We over-schedule our time, overdraw our resources, ignore those moments in which we could just relax and have quiet time with our families and with you. We blame it on everything else but our own decision making. We speak of obligations, of the need to be constantly busy, of the pressure to purchase things to make people happy. The reality is that your love should be our foundation, the base from which we celebrate. Our watchfulness is not necessarily about what is to happen, but rather should be on the ways in which we order our lives, ways that block out your love and your healing power. Forgive us for our stubborn insistence on maintaining schedule rather than focusing on your love. Heal us. Strengthen us and make us watchful over our faith in you.** (Silent prayers)

\* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

\* HYMN 602 vs. 1

*Song of Zechariah*

**Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;  
who visits and redeems us, who grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;  
God shall fulfill that promise and bring the people peace.**

## WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

\* PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
1 John 1:1-5

MEDITATION

\* HYMN 28

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS & PRESENT OUR PLEDGES

ANTHEM *There Shall a Star from Jacob Shine* arr. Patterson

\* HYMN 23 Refrain

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is open to all and will be served in the pews. As you receive the elements please hold them, so we may all commune together. The crackers are gluten free.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

Now, in this holy season of Advent, God comes to be with you.

**God comes to be with you as well.**

As we begin our journey to Bethlehem,  
let us open our hearts to God.

**For God will fill them with strength and courage for the journey.**

Let us join our voices in singing praise to God.

**We will lift glad songs of joy to the One who is coming to us.**

When you were (*prayer continues*) we sing your praises this day:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God who comes to us.**

**All creation gives thanks to you, always.**

**Glory to you in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who gathers us to you.**

**Glory to you in the highest!**

In your holiness, (*prayer continues*)

**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