



**All who are able, please stand*

Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude

Words of Welcome

This is the day that our God has made...

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Call to Worship & Advent Candle Lighting We light God's candle of hope

*Opening Song

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

#160 vs 1 & 2

Sharing God's Peace

Preparing our Hearts

Reading

“Drawing Near: A Blessing to Begin Advent”

Jan Richardson



Choral Anthem

A Chorus of Generosity

Adam & Joy Brake

A Time of Offering & Announcements

In response to the crisis created by the loss of SNAP benefits, we are taking a special Pockets of Plenty offering every Sunday in November to support food banks in the Gorge. Thank you for your generous giving.



God is good . . . *all the time*. . .
and all the time . . . *God is good!*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below,

Praise God for all that love has done,

Creator, Christ and Spirit one. Amen.

Children's Time

Star Child, earth Child, go-between of God.

Love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lightning rod:

This year, this year let the day arrive when

Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Bible Bits & Scripture

Isaiah 2: 1-5 Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon

“Stay Woke”



Silent Reflection

Song of Response *2x Tom Fettke*

You are the Light we see.

You are the truth we know.

You are the Life we live. You are the Hope.

You are the Joy. You are the Song we sing.

A Time of Prayer

God In Your Grace . . . *Hear Our Prayers*

*The Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven,

hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come,

Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our

trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against

us. Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil, for Yours is the kingdom,

the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Closing Song

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

#160 vs 3 & 4

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” *Godspell*

Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Katie Cook Youth Program Coordinator & Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider
Diana Beterbide | Piano, Organ & Chancel Choir Director
Bill Light, Sharon Scott & Donna McCoy | Diaconate
The Lytle Family | Lighting of the Advent Candles
Joy & Adam Brake | Readers
Jenn Anderson | Audio-Visual & Sound System
Elaine Johnson, Joy & Adam Brake | Hospitality

Welcome to Riverside Community Church
United Church of Christ

GUESTS We are blessed to worship with you today.
Thank you for the gift of your presence. We invite you to fill out
a “welcome card” and place it in the offering plate or give it to
Pastor Vicky after the service.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

Today

Children - Please join Katie Cook for Sunday School after
Children's Time. Birth-Age 4 – Nursery care available in the Fireside
Room from 10:15 AM – 12:00 PM.
All are invited after worship for a time of coffee, & snacks in the
Riverview Room.

Monday

Public hearing on Marriott development 5:30 PM at city hall.
Contact gary@garyrains.com for more information.

Wednesday

Bible Study at Parkhurst 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Meditation 3:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM
OWL at 6:45 PM

Friday

Those of all ages are invited to an interfaith gathering for peace
with justice in Palestine. 4:30–5:00 PM at 2nd and State streets.

Next Sunday

All are invited to join in the “Greening of the Church” after worship.

“A CHORUS OF GENEROSITY”

Please return your pledge card by December 7.
Thank you for your generous giving!

“SEEKING THE HEART OF CHRISTIANITY”

Advent series 9:15-10:15 AM in the Ruth Wells Room.
December 7, 14 & 21. All are welcome.

POINSETTIAS

Honor or remember a loved one with a poinsettia. \$20 each.
Sign up in the Riverview Room or contact the Riverside office.

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WHO WE ARE

We are a vibrant, Spirit-filled community following the ways of
Jesus-loving our neighbors, seeking justice, and sharing God's
extravagant welcome.

OPEN AND AFFIRMING

We fully embrace LGBTQ+ individuals in all aspects of church life
and ministry.

IMMIGRANT WELCOMING

We stand in solidarity with our immigrant siblings, documented and
undocumented.

CARING FOR CREATION

We divest from fossil fuels, invest in renewable energy, and strive to
reduce our environmental impact.

MINISTRIES & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Youth Ministry - Sunday School, teen GROUPS, and Our Whole Lives
(OWL), a comprehensive human sexuality program. Contact: Katie
Cook 541-980-0505 or katie@riversideucc.com

JUSTICE & WITNESS

Engaging in advocacy & service
Contact: Jeannie Chance 541-806-6648 stjechance@gmail.com

“CHEERS” CARE TEAM

Providing meals and support during times of transition
and challenge.
Contact: Pastor Vicky 541-386-1412 pastor@riversideucc.com

CONNECT & GROW

Men's Discussion Group
Monthly Book Group
Adult Education Classes
Bible Study & Reflection

STAY CONNECTED

Weekly Newsletter, The Current
Sign up at kathy@hungerchronicles.com
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“Light One Candle” Rebecca Cohen

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT