



*\*for those able, please stand*

**Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles**

**Centering Silence & Prayer**

**Prelude**

“Love Came Down at Christmas” *Arr. Price*

**Words of Welcome & Introduction to Songs of Christmas**

This is the day that our God has made...  
*let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

**\*Opening Song**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” *#198*

**\*Sharing God’s Peace**

**Preparing our Hearts**

**Choral Anthem**

“Cover him, Joseph” *by Martin*

**Reading**

“Christmas Poem”  
*Howard Thurman*

**Songs of Christmas**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *#154 vs 1 & 2*  
*Reflection by Ann Harris*



**Reading**

“It is Not Over” *Ann Weems*

**A Time of Offering & Announcements**

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

**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**

John 1:1-5

**Songs of Christmas**

“Silent Night”

*Reflection by Keith Harding*

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*#154 vs 3 & 4*  
*Reflection by Barb Dworschak*

**Selections from the Congregation**



**A Time of Prayer**

All who desire are welcome to come forward and light a candle  
symbolizing a prayer of grief, gladness, concern and/or a hope for  
the New Year.

**\*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** *(See Insert)*

“The Christmas Song” *Wells & Torme*  
*Reflection by Paul Hinschberger*

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

“Mary, Did You Know?” *arr. Rouse*  
*Reflection by Diana Beterbide*

Kim Vogel, Worship Leader  
Diana Beterbide | Piano, Organ & Chancel Choir Director  
Alison Betzing & Adam Miers | Greeters  
Barbara Grant | Reader  
Sonsirea Orion | Audio Visual & Sound System  
Tertia King & Ann Harris | 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 later in the service.

### CHILDREN AT RIVERSIDE

Children - Please join Christy King 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 & connection in the Riverview Room.

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Thank you to all who purchased poinsettias to adorn the church this Christmas season. You are welcome to take them home today.

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Pastor Vicky will be away Dec. 26 – January 1. For urgent requests, please contact Kathryn at 541.386.1412 | [office@riversideucc.com](mailto:office@riversideucc.com).

### SATURDAY

Men's Group meets at 9 AM in the Riverview Room.

Contact Doug Roof for more information: [dwroof17@gmail.com](mailto:dwroof17@gmail.com).

### NEXT SUNDAY

Epiphany Celebration. Holy Communion. Pastor Vicky preaching. Music with Lydia Warren & Riverside Friends.

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Music & Arts Board meets in the Ruth Wells Room after worship.

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### A CHORUS OF GENEROSITY

Thank you to the 61 members and friends of Riverside who have made a financial commitment for 2026. It's not too late to join the chorus of support! Please submit your pledge by Dec. 31. Questions? [office@riversideucc.com](mailto:office@riversideucc.com)

### MLK DAY CELEBRATION: HOPE IS IN OUR HANDS

Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>: Panel discussion at 3 PM | Music Celebration at 5 PM | Community Dinner at 6:30 PM

## WELCOME TO RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

*UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST*

### 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](mailto:KATIE@RIVERSIDEUCC.COM)

### JUSTICE & WITNESS

ENGAGING IN ADVOCACY & SERVICE

CONTACT: JEANNIE CHANCE 541-806-6648 [STJECHANCE@GMAIL.COM](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:KATHY@HUNGERCHRONICLES.COM)

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*“Oh Boy Christmas Carols” David Hindes*

## RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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*Songs of Christmas*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025**