Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

Words of Welcome

Centering Silence

Prelude

Please stand as you are able

Call to Worship

In God's house,
we are free to wear our hearts on our sleeves.
In God's house,
we may come exactly as we are.
In God's house,
we dare to hope. We dream new dreams.
We cry out. We call upon God.
In God's house,
all are welcome and all are heard.
So come and worship.
God is here. God is listening.
Let us worship our with-us God.

Opening Song

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" *#153*

Please be seated.

Advent Candle Lighting

Prayer

Holy God, we have been known—
to bite our tongues, to work through a broken heart,
to don our favorite rose-colored glasses.
We have been known—to look for the bright side,
to sweep the pain under the rug, to choose ignorance
for the benefit of bliss. We have been known to keep
the hurt in our heart to ourselves. Forgive us for
filtering our honesty. Forgive us for ignoring
the power of lament. Forgive us for not turning to you
first. Remind us that you are a God who listens and
you are a God who restores. With open hearts, we
pray. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Reading

"Mockingbirds"
Sarah A. Speed

Special Music

Time of Opportunity and Offering

God is good…***all the time***
And all the time…***God is good***

Please stand as you are able.

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.

Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

I am a child of God,
nothing can shake my confidence,
I am a child of God, no one can take my inheritance.
Never alone I'll stand,
strengthened by God's own hand,
I am a child, I am a child, a child of God.

Preparing Our Hearts

Scripture

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 and Isaiah 64: 1-9

Sermon

"Cry Out"

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of Response

"Wait for the Lord"
#166

Please be seated

A Time of Prayer

God in your grace…***hear our prayer***

Please stand as you are able.

The Prayer of Jesus

(ecumenical version alt)
Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who
sin against us. Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

Closing Song

"All Earth Is Hopeful" *#163*

Benediction

Music for Going Forth

Rev. Beth Lyon | Interim Pastor
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator – Kristen Daley | Nursery
Lydia Warren | Piano, Organ & Vocals
Karen Roof, Heather Lytle, Elaine Johnson | Greeters
La Juan Jecker | Reader
Mal Brown | Audio Visual & Sound System
Beth Lyon, Karen & Doug Roof, James Holloway | Hospitality
Tim Foley | Financial Secretary

If you are a newcomer to Riverside ~ **WELCOME!**
We invite you to fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate or give it to Pastor Beth after worship.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE:

TODAY
Ages 5+ - Katie Cook for Sunday School after Children's Time.
Birth-Age 4 – Nursery care is available in the Fireside Room from 10:15 AM – 12:00 PM.
All are invited after worship for a time of refreshment and connection in the Riverview Room and the annual "Greening of the Church" - wreath-making and tree decorating!

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MONDAY
Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary | 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study | Parkhurst | 2:00 PM
OWL Teen Sexuality Class | Riverview Room | 6:30 PM
Somos Inmigrante | 12th & May Streets | 4:30 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary | 6:30 PM

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FRIDAY
Advent Concert at Noon:
Riverside Chancel Choir with David Kelly | Pianist & Choir Director
Lydia Warren | Harp & Dawn Rankin | Flute
Community Action for Peace in Gaza | 2nd & State | 4:30-5:00 PM

NEXT SUNDAY
Advent Series: "*Until the Dawn Devotional*"
Ruth Wells Room | 9:15 am
Chancel Choir sings with David Kelly directing.

Children's Advent Christmas Craft Workshop after worship.
Creativity Abounds - All are welcome!

POINSETTIAS
Honor or remember a loved one with the gift of a poinsettia. $20 donation. Please contact the church office 541.386-1412 or office@riversideucc.com by Dec. 3rd.

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.

The UCC is a denomination committed to justice since the abolitionist movement of the 1800s. Learn more: www.ucc.org

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, connection and health challenges
Contact Kathryn: office@riversideucc.com

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

Stay Connected
Weekly Newsletter, *The Current*
Sign up at heather@evolareh.com
Follow Us on Facebook - Riverside Community Church
541.386.1412



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November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent

ADVENT + CHRISTMAS
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