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RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WELCOME

Advent Worship
December 9, 2018
10:00AM WORSHIP

TO RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TIME OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O Blessed Emmanuel* J.S. Bach

YOUTH CHOIR *Light One Candle*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE The Hitch Family

YOUTH CHOIR AND CONGREGATION *Light One Candle* verse on screens

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 29:1-2, 10-11 Elder Mick Ray

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.
The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!
Come, let us worship the Lord!

*Please stand in body and/or in spirit

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE will be held Monday at 6pm.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held on Sunday, December 16 during worship service. Please remember that the dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 15th at 9am– noon.

POINSETTIAS Do you want to honor or remember a loved one and help make our sanctuary beautiful at the same time? Simply fill out the envelope found in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate or turn it in to the office. Orders for poinsettias must be turned in by December 14. The deacons thank you for helping us decorate the sanctuary in celebration of Jesus' birth.

2019 FLOWER CHART The new sanctuary flower chart for 2019 is up in the hallway in the Narthex. If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday service, please sign up. We appreciate those of you who provide the flowers that beautify our sanctuary for our Sunday services.

CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERING during this Advent season, we celebrate leadership, past, present, and future through support of the Christmas Joy Offering. We do so because church leaders greatly impact our lives of faith, walking with us down the path to be more like Jesus. For those supported through the Christmas Joy Offering, this help is truly a gift from above. May our gifts, and the leaders who receive them, point us always to the truth of the one whose birth we celebrate, Jesus Christ—the TRULY PERFECT GIFT. We will be collecting this offering Today, 12/2 and next Sunday, 12/9.

RIVERSIDE'S ADULT MINISTRIES PROGRAM is partnering with Freedom 7 Community Center (Freedom 7 CC) to join in activities at their Center. The Center offers a wide variety of educational programs, game days, holiday events, exercise, and health/nutrition seminars. Freedom 7 CC is located at the Cocoa Beach Country Club on Tom Warriner Blvd. off Minuteman Causeway. You are invited to participate in two Center activities in early December: ***Dec 6 Thursday: Educational Seminar: How to avoid Probate in the state of Florida. State laws are forever changing...learn the latest. Attorney Ruth Rhodes will speak at 11am, light refreshments served. Please RSVP to 321-783-9505. ****December 10th Monday: Old Fashioned Holiday Party with games from our youth 11am-2pm. Play games that were popular in your youth (jacks, dominoes, holiday bingo, scrabble etc.). Bring your friends, neighbors, and a nostalgic dish or favorite cookie/dessert to share.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

Sun. 12/9 9:00 AM Sunday School
 All Adults – Knox Parlor (Knox Hall)
 K-3rd Grade – Pfeiffer Room (Fellowship Hall)
 4th – 8th Grade – Galilee Room (Knox Hall)
 10:00 AM Worship —Sanctuary
 11:00 AM Children’s Choir—Calvin Hall

Mon. 12/10 1:00 PM Bible Study— Knox Parlor
 7:00 PM NA Meeting—Fellowship Hall
 7:00 PM Lectionary on Tap— Florida Beer Co.

Tue. 12/11 9:30 AM **NO** Senior Fitness Class—Fellowship Hall

Wed. 12/12 7:30 AM Men’s Bible Study—Knox Parlor
 10:00AM Prayer Circle—Knox Parlor
 12:00 PM Lectionary on Lait—Juice and Java
 7:00 PM Women’s Bible Study—Knox Parlor

Thurs. 12/13 9:30 AM Senior Fitness—Fellowship Hall
 6:00PM Bell Rehearsal — Calvin Hall
 7:00 PM Choir—Calvin Hall

Fri. 12/14 7:00 PM NA Meeting—Fellowship Hall

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UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS for December 2018 are available for pickup. There are also extra copies available. If you would like to reserve a copy, please contact Sonja Buckley at (321)452-8569.

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO SING in the choir or ring hand-bells? Can’t read music? No big deal! Come join the fun on Thursday evenings in Calvin Hall starting at 6PM- all are welcome.

ANGEL TREE FOR CAPE VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL This year, we are helping families in need at Cape View School by donating gift cards. There are envelopes for this purpose hanging on the Angel Tree in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to participate, please take an envelope, enclose a \$10 or \$20 gift card from Publix, Winn Dixie, Wal-Mart, or Target and seal the envelope. The envelopes will be collected along with our regular offering during worship in December.

To Quote:

You keep us waiting. You, the God of all time, Want us to wait. For the right time in which to discover Who we are, where we are to go, Who will be with us, and what we must do. So thank you ... for the waiting time.

John Bell, quoted in The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers, compiled by Dorothy M. Stewart

HYMN#82 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Congregation

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On this day we confess, God of righteousness, how we have not lived into our calling. When we are offered the opportunity to get between the poor and those who would shove them aside, we too easily step out of the way. When we could stand up for those in need, we prefer to sit on the sidelines. When we are called to be servant leaders, we choose to act as if others should wait on us. Have mercy on us, Lord of peace. As we repent, we would see the kingdom which is in our midst. By your grace, we discover that in your economy of grace, all people matter; by your love, we can bear fruit of compassion and hope; by your peace, we give witness to your justice, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, wraps us in justice. Amen.

A Moment of Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

*SUNG RESPONSE *Gloria Patri*

*SONGS OF PRAISE THE PSALM 66 PRAISE BAND

ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC *Bring Us Hope* Schram
 The Riverside Presbyterian Chancel Choir

*Please stand if you are able.

Lord's Prayer

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE BIBLE Malachi 3:1-4 Ruling Elder Mick Ray
 Luke 3:1-6 Rev. Michael Hafele

SERMON *Gospel & Peace* Rev. Michael Hafele

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN #103 *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* Congregation

*BENEDICTION WITH CHILDREN

*SENDING SONG ??????????????
 Psalm 66 Praise Band

POSTLUDE *The Holly and the Ivy* Rasley

The Lay Leader for worship today is
Mick Ray



*The sanctuary flowers are given by
 Linda Autry
 To Honor Linda's Mother who is 94!*



*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

To Quote:

Joy is the rarest and most infrequent thing in the world. We already have enough fanatical seriousness, enthusiasm, and humorless zeal in the world. But joy? This shows us that the perception of the living God is rare. When we have found God our Savior – or when God has found us – we will rejoice in God.

-Karl Barth

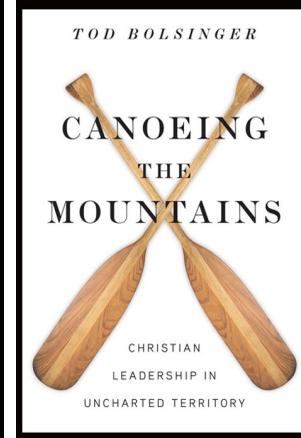
UPCOMING EQUIPPING OPPORTUNITES

Lectionary on Tap w/ Rev. Mike

Classes Meet Weekly:

Mondays 7:00PM at Florida Beer Company in Cape Canaveral

Wednesdays 12noon at Juice and Java in Cocoa Beach



ADVENT SUNDAY "SERIES"

This very timely and relevant class places us right in the midst of the new landscape churches find themselves in. The session of RPC have been engaging this excellent book for months and found it critical to engage the congregation on the same journey to dialogue, equip, and offer insights on the changes facing churches today and how to navigate through this very exciting and challenging period in the life and ministry of churches.

This large group and small group breakout opportunity will allow you to connect directly with the leadership and have productive dialogue utilizing Tod Bolsinger's book "Canoeing the Mountains" as a "road map."

Class starts Today and if you need a book (some find their own) please send a message to the office and one will be procured for you. The cost is \$20 per book. We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall and absolutely everyone is welcome to come!

FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP

Please gather in Fellowship Hall after worship to meet and greet your fellow Brothers and Sisters. Coffee and goodies will be served.

"From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

~Psalm 61:2