

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

*As we gather together for worship, please pause for a moment to become aware of God's presence.
Quiet your mind, listen to the music, and prepare to worship God.*

Lighting of the Altar Candles

LJ Straw and Paige Newcomb, Acolytes

Voluntaries

People, Look East
From *Set on "Veni Emmanuel"*
1. Recitative 2. Canon 3. Duo 4. Drone

Robert Edward Smith
Edward Landin Senn

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

*Processional Hymn 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

1. 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.
2. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.
3. O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

*Call to Worship

Sandy Rooney

People of Advent, let us make room for the coming of Christ.

Brief Silence

Where crooked roads and fraudulent practices need straightening,

Prepare the Way for the Lord!

Where people walk in darkness and begin to despair,

Prepare the Way for the Lord!

Where busy lives need to be slowed down and centered,

Prepare the Way for the Lord !

Where minds are full of presents and parties and last minute errands,

Prepare the Way for the Lord!

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—Andreas Wagner

Welcome, Invocation, and Our 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

** Please stand, if you are able.*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Cathy Whitty and Mary Beth Scherer

The Advent wreath is a circle of evergreen, a sign of everlasting life and a symbol of God's never-ending love. Its four candles, encircling the Christ Candle, represent Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. We light the first candle as a sign of hope.

As a people of hope, let us bear witness to the hope that is eternal through Christ our Lord. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

*Antiphon for Advent

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

TIF IN VELDELE

Text: Wayne Wold

Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.

He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the pro - mise.

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New Testament Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Karen Collier

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

Text: Psalm 122:6-7

Music: Herbert Howells

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Pastoral Prayer

Sandy Rooney

*Hymn of Devotion 450

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

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| <p>1. O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.</p> | <p>2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.</p> |
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*Offertory Sentences

Sandy Rooney

Anthem at Offertory

Advent Message

Martin How

Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, Amen come Lord Jesus.
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, Amen come Lord Jesus.
O come quickly, come Lord Jesus, O come quickly, come Lord come,
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, Amen come Lord Jesus.

The voice of Him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord,
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus come,
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus come,
Yea come quickly, yea come quickly, yea come quickly, come Lord come,
Amen, come Lord come.

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Children in grades 1-3 may meet Mrs. Sandy Rooney
at the front of the Sanctuary, on the pulpit side, to continue worship in the Chapel.*

Sermon

Waiting for Light, Waiting With Hope

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Time of Reflection and Response

*Take a moment to consider how the Spirit is leading you to respond to worship and the Word proclaimed this day.
If you desire to follow Christ as a disciple, or if you desire to become a member of River Road Church,
you are invited to come forward to the chancel steps at this time, and our pastor will meet you.*

*Recessional Hymn

The Days Are Surely Coming

AURELIA

The days are surely coming, says God to all the earth,
when you will see my promise: salvation come to birth.
My righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land
and you will be delivered by my almighty hand.

The days are surely coming, says Christ, the promised one,
when you will read my warning in moon and stars and sun.
Though earth and heaven tremble, stand up and do not fear,
for I am your redeemer, and I am drawing near.

The days are surely coming when we will know at last
the fullness of God's presence, God's promise, come to pass.
Then righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land
and we will be delivered by God's almighty hand.

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Postlude on "O Day of Peace"

Charles Callahan

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by James Gray in honor of his granddad, Art Bruinooge, as he battles cancer.

We are grateful for your continued generosity to God through our church ministry. You may give securely online at rcb.org/give-online or by mailing a check. Thank you for your faithfulness.

We extend Christian sympathy to family and friends of Eunice Wolford upon her death on November 12, 2021.

A Church Business Meeting, to include discussion and a vote upon the Nominating Committee report and a recommendation from the Board of Administration, will be **held Sunday, December 5, 2021, immediately following worship in the sanctuary and via the Zoom videoconference platform**. The report and details for joining the meeting will be emailed to church members this week. If you do not receive your notice, please email or call the church office at info@rrcb.org or 804-288-1131 by Friday, December 3. If you have any questions ahead of the meeting, please email them to info@rrcb.org. The Zoom waiting room will open shortly after worship concludes to allow access to the meeting, with the business meeting beginning at noon. Please remember that we need a quorum of 100 to be able to conduct the meeting.

Altar flowers will be available for pick up after worship. For those attending in-person worship, bouquets will be ready for pick up at 12:30PM in the sacristy. Any remaining arrangements will be outside at the Lower Commons entrance.

A Porcelain Nativity Set is being featured in the History Cabinet in the Lower Commons during the Advent and Christmas seasons. The set was a gift to River Road Church by Frances Still, aunt of one of our church members, Joyce Gibson. You are invited to visit this display which was made in the Franklin Mint.

Sunday School Classes are meeting. To find the details of when and where your class is meeting, please contact your class leader or teacher. If you are interested in joining a Sunday School class, please contact a member of our pastoral staff, Rev. Anna Perry Miller (adults), Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram (youth), or Mrs. Sandy Rooney (children).

For more information about the events listed on the calendar and more, please read the *e-Spire* (emailed on Tuesdays), or visit rrcb.org/connect. **Details regarding our Advent and Christmas offerings**, including daily devotions, can be found at rrcb.org/advent.

Sun, Nov 28	Worship , 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live Christmas Store Drop Off , 12:00 p.m., LC 106 ADVENTure Fair , 3:00 p.m., North Parking Lot Christmas Season Study , 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary Chancel Bell Rehearsal , 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Mon, Nov 29	Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts , 9:30 a.m., LC 102 (Zoom option available) Yoga , 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Wed, Dec 1	Men's Group: The Huddle , 8:00 a.m., Reception Room Chancel Choir Rehearsal , 7:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room Mid-Week Children and Families Check-in , 6:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Thu, Dec 2	FIXERS , 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary Chancel Choir Rehearsal , 7:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Fri, Dec 3	Family Christmas Lights Scavenger Hunt , 5:00 p.m., Offsite
Sat, Dec 4	Toddler/Preschool Fun Morning , 10:30 a.m., Playground Chancel Choir Rehearsal , 1:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room

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