

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 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

Marty Halloran and Ben Blanchard, Acolytes

Voluntaries

Phoenix Processional
Partita on "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Dan Locklair
Max Drischner

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

*Processional Hymn 2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.
2. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Come, Emmanuel! We need you.

Our brokenness needs mending. Our world needs to be made whole.

The ways we live and the things we pursue need reordering.

You are a God who remakes and renews.

Come, Emmanuel! We will joyfully receive you.

We watch for your coming, for the Kingdom breaking in. Come, Emmanuel!

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.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 12:2-6

Emily Tuck

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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

** Please stand, if you are able.*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Steve Lowery and Peggy Pruden

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 this candle as a sign of joy.

As a people of joy, may our lives radiate the joy that Christ gives to us. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

*Antiphon for Advent

Light One Candle

TIF IN VELDELE
Text: Wayne Wold



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

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Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way, for the King of glo - ry.

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New Testament Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7

Emily Tuck

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Anonymous 17th-century

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand.
Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

Recognition and Appreciation of Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze on His Fifth Anniversary as Pastor

Hilton Almond

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

*Hymn of Devotion

Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways

ELLACOMBE

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| <p>1. Down Galilee’s slow roadways
a stranger traveled on
from Nazareth to Jordan
to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters
like soldier, scribe, and slave,
but there within the river
the sign was birth and grave.</p> | <p>2. Arising from the river
he saw the heavens torn;
it seemed the sky so open
revealed the Spirit’s form.
The holy dove descended
amid a glorious voice:
“You are my own beloved,
my child, my heart, my choice.”</p> | <p>3. We too have found a roadway;
it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel
in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water
again a voice is heard.
“You are my own, my chosen,
beloved of your Lord.”</p> |
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*Offertory Sentences

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Anthem at Offertory

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

Hugo Distler

1. Lo, how a rose e'er blooming,
 from tender stem hath sprung.
 Of Jesse's lineage coming,
 as men of old have sung.
 It came, a floweret bright,
 amid the cold of winter,
 when half spent was the night.

2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
 the Rose I had in mind;
 with Mary we behold it,
 the virgin mother kind.
 To show God's love aright,
 she bore to us a Saviour,
 when half spent was the night.

3. O flower, whose fragrance tender
 with sweetness fills the air,
 dispels with glorious splendor
 the darkness everywhere.
 True man, yet very God,
 from sin and death now save us,
 and share our every load.

*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

Rejoice in the Lord ... Always?

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Time of Reflection and Response

*Recessional Hymn 11

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

1. O Lord, how shall I meet you,
 how welcome you aright?
 Your people long to greet you,
 my hope, my heart's delight!
 O kindle, Lord most holy,
 a lamp within my breast,
 to do in spirit lowly
 all that may please you best.

2. Love caused your incarnation;
 love brought you down to me;
 your thirst for my salvation
 procured my liberty.
 O love beyond all telling,
 that led you to embrace
 in love, all loves excelling,
 our lost and fallen race.

3. A glorious crown you give me,
 a treasure safe on high,
 that will not fail nor leave me
 as earthly riches fly.
 My heart shall bloom forever
 for you with praises new,
 and from your name shall never
 withhold the honor due.

*Benediction and Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Voluntary

Sinfonia (from Rejoice in the Lord Always)

Henry Purcell

The Christmas poinsettias are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Douglas Moelchert by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moelchert.

The Christmas wreaths are given to the glory of God and in honor of healthcare workers everywhere by Dr. and Mrs. Hilton R. Almond.

We welcome new member Colin Bailey who joined our church family on December 5, 2021. We look forward to ministering alongside you!

We extend Christian sympathy to Sam Phillips and family upon the death of his wife, Eleanor Phillips on October 13, 2021.

We extend Christian sympathy to Danielle and Chris Simone upon the death of her father, Hays Groves, on December 4, 2021 in South Carolina. A service was held on Monday.

We extend Christian sympathy to Rob and Anne James upon the death of his sister, Marion Bryan, in Bedford, VA on December 6, 2021.

We extend Christian sympathy to Paul and Linda Honaker upon the death of her mother, Alma Fernald, in Richmond, VA on December 9, 2021.

Our Advent wreath candle lighters this season are members of our River Road Church Diaconate. We celebrate and give thanks for their ministry among us.

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

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze celebrates his fifth anniversary as a member of our church's pastoral staff. On the First Sunday of Advent in 2016, recognizing his giftedness in capturing a congregation from the pulpit, along with his theological expertise, and ministry and leadership experience, we called him to lead the incredible ministries of River Road Church. Today we give thanks to God and celebrate the ministry of Daniel and Andrea Glaze.

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**, can be found at rrcb.org/advent.

Sun, Dec 12	Worship , 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal , 3:30 p.m., Sanctuary Children's Choirs , 3:45 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room & Main Rehearsal Room Board of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation , 4:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Children's Activity: Missions and More , 4:15 p.m., UC 232 River Road Camerata , 4:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room Christmas Season Study , 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room Youth Choir , 5:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room Youth Snack Supper , 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall Youth Group , 6:15 p.m., Youth Area Service of Lessons and Carols , 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Mon, Dec 13	Joyful Hearts Brunch , 10:00 a.m., Home of Martha Day Dumas Yoga , 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room Finance Committee , 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Wed, Dec 15	Men's Group: The Huddle , 8:00 a.m., Reception Room Starlight Service , 12:00 p.m., Chapel Building and Property Council , 4:30 p.m., Assembly Room (Zoom option available) Mid-Week Children and Families Check-in , 6:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Chancel Choir Rehearsal , 7:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Thurs, Dec 16	Young Adult Christmas Party , 6:00 p.m., Home of Marnie Fisher-Ingram

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