

RIVERSIDE CHURCH



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7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 15, 2020

10:00 AM

Call to Worship

Psalm 123

*To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.*

*Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.
Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.*

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation for Peace

Music

The Peace of Christ

*May God grant us courage to change the things need changing,
the peace to accept the things we cannot change,
and wisdom to know the difference.*

Scripture Lesson 1

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1. Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.
2. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
3. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!
4. But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief;
5. for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.
6. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober;
7. for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.
8. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.
9. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10. who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
11. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Pastoral Prayer

The 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
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.*

Scripture Lesson 2

Matthew 25:14-30

Selected and Read by Deacon Vincent Haskell

14. "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;
15. to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.
16. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.
17. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.
18. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
19. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.
20. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'
21. His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
22. And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'
23. His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
24. Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;
25. so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'
26. But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?
27. Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.
28. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.
29. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.
30. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Sermon

Talent Show

Rev. Nicolas Mumejian

Benediction

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Welcome to Riverside Baptist Church, where our one law is love of God and neighbor. Justice and peace matter to us. So we celebrate racial diversity, gender equality, and inclusion of all no matter their sexual orientation. We draw the circle of God's love large here. You're included. Christ is the center here. No one more and nothing less.

With the continued recommendations from the CDC and local authorities Riverside's building will remain closed until further notice. While the building is closed, we gather online to worship. We will keep you updated through the newsletter and the website on the status of the building. Please do not hesitate to contact our staff should you need anything

Visitors— please go [here](#) to let us know that you were online with us today.

Every Sunday at 11 AM we gather online via Zoom to fellowship and pray. Information is available on the website at <https://riversidedc.org/online-community-services/>. This week we will celebrate virtual communion together at the end of the prayer meeting. Bring the elements to your table so that we can all join together around the Lord's Table. Please join us!

Bible study meets Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, via Zoom. We continue to study the book of Luke.

Advent is coming! The first Sunday of Advent is November 29th. During this time of preparation for Christmas, we will decorate the church, hoping to share some joy with our neighbors. We are also planning to join with our SW church neighbors at Westminster Presbyterian, Christ United Methodist, and Saint Augustine Episcopal to support a neighborhood Toys for Tots distribution. Please see the details for both below.

Saturday, November 28th at 1 PM, we will decorate the church for Advent. Please let the church office know if you are coming, so that we can schedule folks for shifts if we have more interest than capacity! Mask and distancing will be necessary. There will be light refreshments. For more information, please contact Jonathan Holley. Hope to see you here!

Toys for Tots – The SW Community Forum, in cooperation with the SW churches, is organizing a Toys for Tots distribution at Westminster Presbyterian Church on December 12th. We are looking for folks to help unload the truck of toys at Westminster on December 11th, and to assist with hospitality at the distribution of toys at Westminster on December 12th. Times are yet to be determined. We are also looking for donations, especially of gift cards for teenagers. Please have donations of gift cards or cash to the church office by December 7th so that we can ensure they are at Westminster in time for the distribution. Contact the church office for more information, to volunteer, or to donate. Thank you!

Pray For: Mattie Sharpless's mother, Lecola Sharpless; Danielle Ford's aunt, Connie Jasper; Danielle Ford and Laurel Eierman; Derek Ford and his sister, Misha Reed; Annie Abbott; Brenda Rozier Clark and the family of Rev. Paul Clark; Anthony Maimer's sister, Davi Stuhlsatz; Denise Bennett's sister, Dyanne Smith; Tanya Bethel's mother, Ruby McCrary; Pamela Maimer's sister, Monica Thomas and mother, Clara Jefferson; Bob Nelson; Laurel Eierman's mother, Marcia Tringali; Tanya Bethel; Gale Miller's mother, Marian Miller; Karl Maxwell; Edith Booker; Emma Wright's sister Sallie Williams; Lillie Ransom's sister Teriea and her husband, Jerry; Sheba Greene's daughter Donna; Dr. Bledsoe's mother, Peggy Bledsoe

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