

RIVERSIDE CHURCH



The Holy Family
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**CHRIST-CENTERED
MULTI-CULTURAL, ECUMENICAL, INCLUSIVE**

7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 20, 2020

Advent

10:00 AM

Call to Worship

Luke 1:46b-55

*"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.*

*His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."*

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

The Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle – The Candle of Love

The Peace of Christ

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

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

26. In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,
27. to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.
28. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."
29. But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.
30. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.
31. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.
32. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.
33. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."
34. Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"
35. The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.
36. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.

37. For nothing will be impossible with God."

38. Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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.*

Homily

Finding God's Favor

Rev. Nicolas Mumejian

CHRISTMAS AT RIVERSIDE THE RIVERSIDE CHOIR



Tidings of Joy
We Wait for Thee
What Child is This? – *Solo, Kevin Howard*



Isaiah 9:6 – *Jonathan Holley*

Breath of Heaven
Thank You – *Terryn Nelson, solo*
Silent Night

Luke 2:15-19 – *Jonathan Holley*



Change – *Solo, Vivian Taylor*
This Christmas – *Solo, Jonathan Holley*



Matthew 2:1-12 – *Jonathan Holley*

Child of the Promise

Benediction

Go Now in Peace

Riverside Choir

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/>. Please join us!

Bible study and Safe Space chat are on break until January.

Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent!

Today, Sunday December 20th – The Riverside Choir presents its annual choral Christmas program, online pandemic edition.

This Thursday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, 7 PM – we will have a live service of lessons and carols via Zoom. Please see the website for details.

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to Lynda Gyles and Lydia Young in the passing of their sister, Lil.

Pray For: Lynda Gyles and family; 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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