

At Riverside Baptist Church, our one law is love of God and neighbor. In this diverse community, we celebrate all identities, orientations, gender equality, and racial diversity. We draw the circle of God's love large here. Whoever you are and wherever you are on the journey, you are included.

# RIVERSIDE CHURCH



**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS  
@RIVERSIDE BAPTIST DC**

<b>NOV 26</b>	WORSHIP 10A DECORATION PARTY 11A
<b>DEC 3</b>	WORSHIP 10A COFFEE & COOKIES 11A KIDS WREATH-MAKING 11A
<b>DEC 10</b>	WORSHIP 10A PANTRY HOUR 11:30A
<b>DEC 17</b>	CHRISTMAS CONCERT 10A RECEPTION 11:30A
<b>DEC 24</b>	CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE SERVICE 10A

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### Please pray for:

Edward Harris's sister, Denise Harris.

If you'd like to submit a joy or concern, you may contact your deacon, the church administrator, or Rev. Mia



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Masks continue to be available in the atrium and the narthex.*

# Riverside Baptist Church

## The Worship of God

November 26, 2023

10:00 A.M.

### Prelude

Opening Song - see the song sheet insert

### Call to Worship and Invocation

\*Songs of Praise - see the song sheet insert

### Welcome

*Visitors - We are so excited that you are joining us, in-person and online! If this is your first time, please fill out a welcome card in the pew. We'd love to get to know you better.*

### \*The Peace of Christ

### Sweet Sweet Spirit

*There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place, and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord.  
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know that it's the presence of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love.  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.*

*Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place*

### Invitation to Offering

There are 3 ways to give:

1. Text "Give" to 202.5194330
2. Go to [RiversideDC.com/giving](https://RiversideDC.com/giving)
3. Offer Cash/check in-person or by mail

Thank you for your generosity.

### Offertory

### \*Response

### For the Beauty of the Earth

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies;  
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.*

### \*Prayer of Thanks

### Reading

### Musical Selection

### Sermon Lesson

Matthew 27: 11-14, 27-37 (NT 24)

### Sermon

Anchored in Love, Life, & Christ  
Grief & Gratitude

Minister Jonathan J. Holley

### Invitation to Community

*At this time, anyone who is interested in prayer, inquiring about baptism, or becoming a member of this community may come up to the front. You may also find a deacon immediately after worship by the communion table.*

### Hymn - see the song sheet insert

### Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

*Please join in the prayer using the language you prefer*

*Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy/your name  
Thy/Your kin-dom 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/yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen*

### \* Benediction

### \*Closing Song

### Go Now in Peace

*Go now in peace: never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others, so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen, amen, amen.*

\* for those who are able, please stand