

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



**Please pray for:** Tanya Bethel and her mother Ruby McCrary

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

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Multi-cultural, Ecumenical, Inclusive

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

# Riverside Baptist Church

## The Worship of God

December 17, 2023

ADVENT III: JOY

10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Simone & Zora Ruskamp

*O come, O Crown of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind.  
Bid all our sad divisions cease and be yourself our model of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

Bidding Prayer

\*Song 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

*I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.*

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

To God Be the Glory

*To God be the glory, to God be the glory, To God be the glory for the things God has done.*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Christmas at Riverside - The Riverside Choir



Tidings of Joy!  
Almost There  
Breath of Heaven



A Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Deacon LeRoy Potts

My Favorite Things – Solo, Kevin Levi  
This Child of Light  
You Are the Living Word - Solo, Jonathan J Holley

A Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4

Rachelle Nelson

A Blessed Messiah  
Someday at Christmas  
Joy- Solo, Rashida Olley

A Reading

Luke 1:46-55

Rev. Mia M. McClain

Pastoral Reflection

Re-Membering God: Joy

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Child of the Promise  
Jesus Will - Solo, Terryn Nelson

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song

Hallelujah Chorus

Riverside Choir

\* for those who are able, please stand

