

Welcome to **River Community Church**

Sunday Morning Worship

Order of Worship

December 3rd at 10:30am

Rev. JM Owens III - Pastor | Rev. Steve Rhodes - Pastor Emeritus
Kevin Raske - Music Director

Prelude

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Papa, Boswell

Welcome & Announcements

God Calls Us to Himself

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 7:14, 1 Timothy 3:16

Leader: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

All: **Proclaim it among the nations: "Great indeed we confess is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory."**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Neale (1851); Arr. Ivey

*Praising God Who Is with Us

We Bring Ourselves to God

*Is He Worthy

Peterson

Confessing Our Sins Together

Rev. 5:9–10; Rom. 3:23; Hab. 3:2

Leader: Lord Jesus, we come confessing. You are the Lion of Judah, the Root of David, the glorious conqueror, and the fulfillment of every promise.

All: **But because of our sin we have fallen short of your glory, and your presence is threatening to us.**

Leader: But we fear and weep no more, because you, O Lamb of God, have ransomed for yourself a people for your own possession from every tribe and language and people and nation.

All: **Therefore, you alone are worthy to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!**

Leader: You are worthy of all worship!

*Please Stand

All: **In wrath, remember mercy, O Lord!**

Leader: Grant us grace and forgive us, we pray. Hear us, Lord.

Confessing Our Sins in Prayer *concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

God Reassures Us

Psalm 32:3–5

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledge my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*God Be Merciful to Me

Redhead; Music by Miner (1997)

We Give Thanks to God

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Children ages 3-5 may be taken to the nursery during the offering.

O Come All You Unfaithful

Kauflin, Clow

*Doxology

Ken (1709)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God Speaks to Us

The Word of God Read

Genesis 3:8–19

The Word of God Proclaimed

Rev. JM Owens III

"Curses!"

Genesis: Origins of a Christian Worldview

Responding to God's Word in Prayer

God Feeds Us

Invitation & Exhortation

Prayer of Consecration

The Bread & the Cup

Prayer of Dedication

God Blesses Us

*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Papa, Boswell, Kr. Getty

*Benediction

*Respond with Song All Creatures of Our God & King (Refrain) St. Francis (1225)

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Weekly Announcements

December 3rd – 10th, 2023

New Sermon Series Next Week

Pastor Steve will begin preaching on John 1.

At Pastor Trey's invitation, Pastor Steve will be preaching the Christmas season for us this year, beginning next week. The theme of the series will be "Jesus Is...", looking at Jesus through the first chapter of John's Gospel. Join us as we rediscover the divine mystery of Christ's incarnation.

Christmas at River

Join us on Christmas Eve!

This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday! As a result, we will be having our Christmas Eve service *and* our annual bonfire on Sunday evening, December 24th. Our Christmas Eve service will begin early: at 5:00pm. The bonfire and meal will begin shortly thereafter (around 6:30). Please invite your family and friends to join us for both!

We would like the men of the church to execute this year's bonfire, and there will be plenty to do: including setting up the tents and tables, preparing food, overseeing the bonfire, and cleaning up afterwards. If you are willing and able, please speak to Trey ASAP!

Year-End Giving

Help us finish the year strong!

At the beginning of the year, your Session encouraged the congregation to pray about your giving and service to the church and to ask God to bless River with financial provision. As a result of our prayers, you have increased your giving, and we have seen God provide for our church in some amazing ways this year! However, giving has been inconsistent the past few months. We would love to finish 2023 in a strong financial position, and so we encourage the congregation to complete their giving commitments for this year, make up any missed months of tithing, and make any special year-end contributions prior to December 26th.

Youth Christmas Party

December 10th at 5:30pm

All students in grades 6–12 are invited to the Darbonne's on December 10th for a Christmas Party and gift exchange. Please purchase and wrap a gift of \$20 or less. The party will begin at 5:30pm and last until 7:30pm. Parents are welcome to stay, but need not purchase a gift.

Make sure to grab a prayer request/connection card to let us know you're here and how we can be praying for you!

For giving options, please visit rivercommunity.org/give



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