



*Saint John the Baptist – Lippo Memmi, ca 1325  
National Gallery of Art.*

Advent - November 30, 2025

Our one law is love of God and love of neighbor.  
Justice matters. Christ is the center.  
All identities are celebrated.

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\*You may rise in body or spirit

Gathering Song

Call to Worship & Candle Lighting

Praise & Worship\*

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 or email  
"hello" to [info@riversidedc.org](mailto:info@riversidedc.org).*

Passing of the Peace\*

Peace Like A River

*I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.*

Offering

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Doxology & Prayer of Thanksgiving\*

My Tribute

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

Musical Selection

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:1-12 (NT 2)

Sermon

Catching Fire

Rev. Mia M. McClain

Song\*

Prayers of the People

Prayer that Jesus Taught *(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\*

Sending Song\*

Amen

*Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

## Gathering Song

### Come Thou Fount

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

### Candle Lighting

O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

## Praise and Worship

### What Child Is This

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping? This,  
this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!.

## Song

### People Get Ready

#### **Refrain**

People get ready, there's a train a-coming  
You don't need no baggage;  
you just get on board  
All you need is faith  
to hear the diesels humming  
Don't need no ticket;  
you just thank the Lord

People get ready, there's a train to Jordan  
Picking up passengers from coast to coast  
Faith is the key.  
Open the doors and board them.  
There's hope for all among those loved the  
most

There ain't no room  
for the hopeless sinner  
Who would hurt all mankind  
just to save his own  
Have pity on those  
whose chances grow thinner  
So there's no hiding place  
Against the kingdom's throne

#### **Refrain**

# Advent & Christmas AT RIVERSIDE

<b>Nov.</b> <b>30</b>	10:00 am   Advent Week 1 & Jazz Sunday 11:15 am   Advent Decorating Party
<b>Dec.</b> <b>7</b>	10:00 am   Advent Week 2 & Deacons Ordination
<b>Dec.</b> <b>14</b>	10:00 am   Advent Week 3 & Christmas by the River Choir Concert 11:30 am   Protein Pantry
<b>Dec.</b> <b>21</b>	10:00 am   Advent Week 4
<b>Dec.</b> <b>24</b>	4:00 pm   Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
<b>Dec.</b> <b>28</b>	10:00 am   Join us for the final Worship Service of 2025


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Pray for: Our community and our world.

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