

A star and ancient galaxies – NASA, Webb telescope

Advent - December 21, 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.*

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. (2X)*

Offering

Riverside Kids

1. Text "Give" to 202.5194330
2. Go to RiversideDC.org/giving
3. Offer Cash/check in-person or by mail

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 1:18-25 (NT 1)

Sermon

What About Joseph?

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*

Let the Church Say Amen

*Let the church say amen! Let the church say amen!
God has spoken, let the church say amen*

Gathering Song

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Candle Lighting

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Praise and Worship

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

Christ rules the world
with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love..

Song

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.

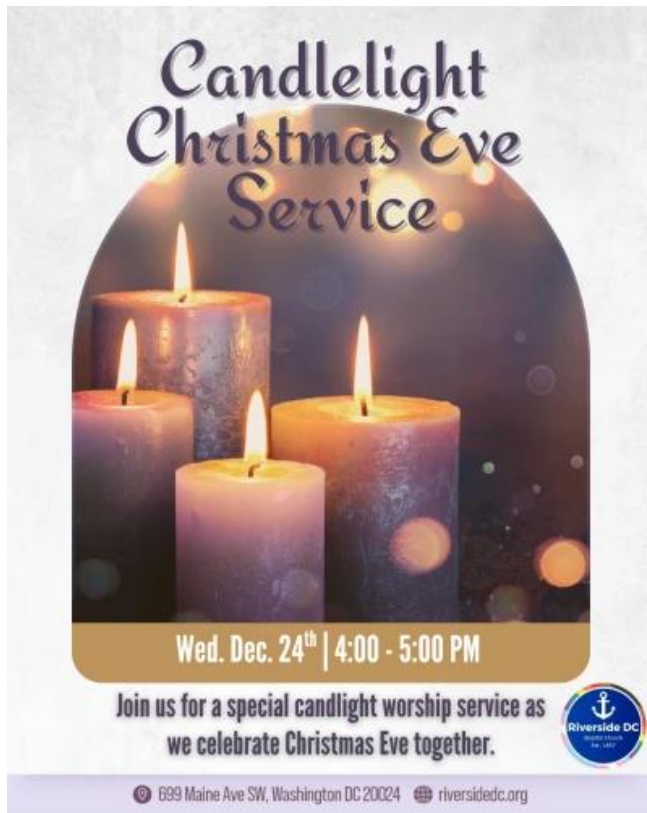
Refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled,
when lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus
that hailed the Savior's birth.

Refrain

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain



Pray for: Jonathan J. Holley; Nathan Kemp, Phyllis Kemp's son; Yvonne Green; Our community and our world.

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