ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday After The Epiphany

January 19, 2025

9:45 & 11:00 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

The bells ring three times to represent the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PRELUDE *Beautiful Savior* arr. Michael Burkhardt

***HYMN NO. 103** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

WELCOME Rev. Tony Johnson

MEET & GREET Rev. Tony Johnson

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

ANTHEM *God Is So Good* Douglas E Wagner

Children's Choir, Jessica Kaufhold, Director, Kelly French, Piano

Children's Church (11:00 only): Children ages 3 years old – 1st grade are invited at this time to go with our Children's Ministry leader to Room 160. Please make sure your children are wearing their name tags. We will not have Children's Church on the 1st Sunday of the month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (9:45) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) Rev. Nancy Harper

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Rev. John Ray

Leader: We gather today knowing there are people in our world who are surrounded by violence and conflict on every side.

People: Our work of peace begins with prayer.

Leader: We gather today knowing there are people in our community who feel lost, alone, abandoned, and forgotten.

People: Our work of love begins with prayer.

Leader: We gather today knowing there are people in this place, this neighborhood, this world that we all share who experience overwhelming grief, despair, and sorrow.

People: Our work of hope begins with prayer.

Leader: We gather not to look away from the world but to witness the needs of our neighbors through the lens of God's love.

People: May we be a people who pray and, out of our praying, do the work of bringing peace, love, and hope to all we encounter.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER (9:45) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) Rev. Nancy Harper

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and 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 is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN NO. 365 (vs. 1 & 4) *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* MOODY
(Please remain seated)

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. Jack Schrader

(Please sing as led)

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm,
Through the night lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON 21 Days to a New Mindset.... Rev. Tony Johnson
Through Spiritual Growth
Spiritual Growth Indicators
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Pew Bible: NT 250

***HYMN NO. 474** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* PRECIOUS LORD

During this hymn, we invite you to be in a time of prayer. If so led, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to pray.

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Tony Johnson

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Through the storm, through the night lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

***POSTLUDE** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Dianne Bish

*Please stand as you are able.

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Musicians
Daniel deShazo, Minister of Music and Worship Arts
Walt Rogers, Organ
Kathy Wallace, Piano
Sanctuary Choir
Children's Choir, Jessica Kaufhold, Director
Kelly French, Piano
Handbell Ensemble

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Acolytes & Crucifers
9:45 Hank Kessler & Sam Wheat Cathy Henry
11:00 Clark French

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In gratitude for Karen and John Ray, given anonymously
In acclamation for sharing the Joy of Christ with continuum of care communities by the Good Samaritans

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good donuts are in celebration of the Joy Sunday School Class.

SYMPATHY

To Kent & Debbie Stump on the death of Kent's father Lewis Stump.

BIRTH

Congratulations to Jim & Jan Slack on the birth of their Grandson, Tyson Samuel Slack.

WELCOME

We're so glad that you've chosen Riverchase UMC today where our mission is to Share the Joy of Christ. If you'd like to know more about Riverchase UMC we invite you to visit our website at Riverchaseumc.org or email Ruth Howald at RuthH@riverchaseumc.org. If you'd prefer to talk to someone then feel free to call the church office at 205-987-4030.

Tony

NURSERY

Beginning with our youngest friends, at 6 weeks old, and ending with 2-year olds, we begin laying the foundations of faith with song, dance, bubbles, laughter, and love! Our nursery workers are happy to provide a safe, loving, and secure nursery for your child from 9:45 AM - 12:15 PM.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Sunday at 9:45 AM, children (3K to 5th grade) explore the Bible through interactive lessons, stories, crafts, games, and hands-on learning in Riverchase's Sunday School classes for children. These engaging lessons assist parents in providing a foundation of faith.

Parents must check children in and out of classrooms. Look for our Children's Ministry Assistants on Sunday morning to help you find your child's classroom.

Children's Sunday School Schedule
9:35-9:45 AM - Drop off in Sunday School Classroom
9:50 AM - All classes gather in the Children's Worship Center for Large Group
10:10 AM - All classes return to their classrooms for Small Group
10:45 AM - Pick up in Sunday School Classroom

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For all upcoming events please visit our website
www.riverchaseumc.org/news/

Guidebook & Directory Update
We are getting ready to update the Guidebook & Directory for 2025! If you have moved, if you have dropped your landline, if you have a new cell phone number, please call the church office at (205) 987-4030 or email Ruth Howald at ruthh@riverchaseumc.org to let us know.

Riverchase Women's Retreat - February 7th-9th
Join us for fun and fellowship at Women's Retreat 2025. It will be held at Camp Sumatanga and will be an incredible time for Riverchase Women! Check our website for details. Deadline to register is January 20 at midnight.

Tried-N-True Consignment Sale - February 9 - 14th
TNT is the Day School's largest fundraiser. It provides funding for ministries and events at the Church as well as throughout the community. We are in need of volunteers to make the sale a success. Spring 2025 Sale. Save the Date!

Discovery Weekend - February 21st-23rd
Middle Schoolers, save the date! The Greatest Weekend ever is coming soon!

Sponsor Sunday Donuts
We would like to extend an opportunity for you, your class or small group to sponsor donuts on Sunday. You can have them dedicated as well. We will run the sponsorship or dedication in the bulletin. Visit our News & Events page on our website for details.

Pickleball at RUMC
Open Pickleball Sessions – Thursdays 4-7 PM

RUMC offers open Pickleball Sessions in our gym. They run weekly on Thursdays from 4:00 – 7:00 PM and will be on a come and go as you-please basis.

The first two hours are for beginners and the last two for anyone. The more advanced players can start to show up around 4:30 and, providing that there is/are available courts, can start playing then. The early session (beginners) will have priority on the courts until 5:00 if there are more beginners there than there are courts. Beginners may stay past 5:00 and continue to play as well.

No reservations are required and there will be no cost to play. Pickleball is truly a game for all stages and all ages. So, please consider coming to a session and check it out. Equipment will be provided should you need it.

Contact Mark Bourgoin @ umaine@bellsouth.net with any questions. See you on the courts!

For a current list of all prayer concerns visit
www.riverchaseumc.org/prayers/

WAYS TO GIVE

ENGAGE
Engage is a safe and secure on-line giving portal that integrates with our church management system. Payments can be set up as a one-time gift or to recur (weekly, semi-monthly, monthly, quarterly), can be made either from a credit card or a bank account, and can be made "as a guest" without creating an account. You can reach Engage at https://engage.suran.com/rumcal/.

CASH OR CHECK
You can always give to Riverchase by cash or check. We have a time of giving during each service, you can bring your gift to the church office, or you can mail your gift to:

Riverchase UMC
Attn: Mary Anne Levet
1953 Old Montgomery Hwy
Birmingham, AL 35244

YOUR BANK'S ONLINE OPTIONS
Many banks now offer online bill payment services. These can be set up for one-time giving or for regularly scheduled gifts; each system is different but you can use the street address above and/or these email addresses:
maryannel@riverchaseumc.org or finance@riverchaseumc.org. If you'd like to use this option and need more information from us, please contact Mary Anne Levet.

TEXT-TO-GIVE
Our text giving number is (833) 273-1232. Text the word BUDGET and an amount, the word BLDG (for the building fund) and an amount, or the word MISSIONS and an amount to the same number. You can make multiple gifts with a single text by sending, for example, BUDGET 100 BLDG 50 MISSIONS 50 to (833) 273-1232.

ON-LINE GIVING:
We have several options: ENGAGE, PayPal, and Venmo. Scan one of the QR codes below, or use one of these links/websites:
engage.suran.com/rumcal
paypal.me/RiverchaseUMC
Use the PayPal app to send money to @RiverchaseUMC
Use the Venmo app to send money to our Charity account @RiverchaseUMC

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