ORDER OF WORSHIP

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 24, 2024

9:45 & 11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Don Phillips

***HYMN NO. 102** *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET

WELCOME 9:45 Rev. Tony Johnson
11:00 Daniel deShazo

MEET & GREET

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Nancy Harper

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY PRAYER 9:45 Rev. Tony Johnson
11:00 Rev. Nancy Harper

OFFERTORY *Morning Has Broken* arr. Diane Bish

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY** OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERMON Don't Worry Be Grateful Rev. John Ray
Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34
Pew Bible: NT 7

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON Rev. John Ray

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

People: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Rev. Nancy Harper

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through the prophets.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and juice.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

***HYMN NO. 89** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***NEW MEMBERS (9:45)** Jody Weston, Marilyn Kastory, Suzanne Challiss

***BENEDICTION** Rev. John Ray

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

***POSTLUDE** *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Paul Manz

*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

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Acolytes & Crucifers
9:45 Noah Hutchison Clark French
11:00 Noah Hutchison Judy Hershey

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of Kay and Buck Clark, given by Gay Blalock
In Memory of Pete Bullock, given by
Barbara, Brian, Douglas & Sheila, and families.

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good donuts are sponsored by the Batten Family

BOARD OF STEWARDS

There will be a Board of Stewards Charge Conference meeting on December 10 at 6:00PM in the Upper Room.

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.
If you're looking for a new church to call home, we encourage you to be our guest for several weeks before deciding, so you get a good feel for who we are and what we're about.
We hope you enjoy your experience today at Riverchase UMC where we exist to Share the Joy of Christ.

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
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
www.riverchaseumc.org/news/

November 24 - 3pm Handel's Messiah
December 1 - 9:45 and 11am Traditional Services Hanging of the Greens
December 1 - 5pm Campfire Christmas sponsored by Modern Worship
December 5- 6 pm Jeff State Singers Winter Concert
December 5 - 7pm Embellishments Handbell Choir
December 8 – 9:45 and 11am Traditional Services Christmas Music Celebration
December 2 - 4:30pm Children's Ministry – Christmas ADVENTure
December 9 - 5pm Berry Middle School Christmas Choir Concert
December 11 - 6pm Riverchase Christmas Dinner
December 13 - 5:30 to 9pm Parents Night Out
December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
Traditional Worship
3pm – Family Friendly with Children Leading
5pm – Traditional Candlelight Service
7pm - Traditional Candlelight Service
11pm – Traditional Candlelight Service
Modern
5pm - Modern Candlelight Service

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

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Engage is a safe and secure on-line giving portal that integrates with our church management system. 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

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