ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 26, 2023

9:45 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

WELCOME Daniel deShazo

PRELUDE *Thanks Be to Thee* G. F. Handel

***HYMN NO. 698** *God of the Ages* National Hymn

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE Daniel deShazo

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you,
All: And also with you.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you,
All: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Thomas Fettke
Sanctuary Choir

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 Big Picture Thinking Rev. Tony Johnson
Scripture: Matthew 16: 24-28
Pew Bible NT 22

***HYMN NO. 420** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

***POSTLUDE** *Rejoice the Lord Is King* arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Please stand as you are able.

Communion will be served in the prayer chapel after the 9:45 service.

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Daniel deShazo, Director of Music and Worship
Walt Rogers, organ
Kathy Wallace, piano
Sanctuary Choir

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ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

In memory of Stuart Johnson, given by Friends in Christ
In memory of Pete Bullock, given by Barbara and family
In memory of our parents, Agnes Pauline & Thomas Junior Brooks, & Doris Elizabeth & Herbert Neal McGough, given by Marilyn & Tom Brooks

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

WORSHIP TIMES

November 26:
9:45A.M. Traditional, 11:00A.M. Modern

December 3:
Hanging of the Greens, 1st Sunday of Advent
9:45 A.M and 11:00 A.M Traditional, 11:00 A.M. Modern

December 10:
Music Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Advent
9:45 A.M Traditional 11:00 A.M. Combined Traditional and Modern Service

December 17:
3rd Sunday of Advent
9:45 A.M and 11:00 A.M Traditional, 11:00 A.M. Modern

December 24:
4th Sunday of Advent
9:45 A.M Traditional, 11:00 A.M. Modern

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services:
3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 11:00P.M. Traditional, 5:00P.M. Modern

December 31:
9:45 A.M Traditional, 11:00 A.M. Modern

Something New at the 3pm Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion

While all our services will be family friendly...Our 3pm Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion service will be SUPER KID friendly! While it will remain a fun but reverent service, key components will be led by our children. Not a cutesy pageant but a serious service with children reading the Christmas Story. In addition, they will be responsible for other serious key pieces of worship. Our Children's Choir will also be performing during the service.

New Light Options for Kids on Christmas Eve!

As you enter this service, and all other Christmas Eve services, children will have a choice of light. Candle or Glow Stick for Silent Night as we end the service by Candlelight and now Glow Sticks too! This will allow many to participate safely without the fear of lighting someone on fire! :-0 It will be the parent prerogative as to which they should have. No Glow Sticks will be provided for adults!

So, beginning this year all services will be Christmas Eve Candlelight/Glow Stick and Communion Services.

Riverchase Community Music Series

All events are free and open to the public.

Nov 30. Embellishments Handbell Ensemble - 7:00 PM
Dec 3. Hanging of the Greens Service - 9:45 AM & 11:00 AM
Dec 7. Jefferson State Community College Choir - 6:00 PM
Dec 10. Music Ministry Christmas Celebration - 9:45 AM & 11:00 AM

Angel Tree

There are still angels who need sponsors!! Come by the Welcome Center on Sunday and make a selection or drop off a donation and the shopping can be done for you (just earmark for Angel Tree). There are sweet Jamaican angels we support too with contacts in the area. And lastly, thank you to Units of Birmingham for our FREE storage of gifts this year!. For more information or to sign up online visit riverchaseumc.org/event/angel-tree.

Current Usher/Greeter Training – Rescheduled for December 3

There will be an usher/greeter training on December 3, 2023, from 12 PM - 1 PM in the Welcome Center. All current ushers and greeters are expected. Please email Kayla Smith with any questions or concerns.
KaylaS@riverchaseumc.org

Open Pickleball Sessions - Thursdays 4-7 PM

RUMC is now offering open Pickleball Sessions in our gym. These will run weekly on Thursdays from 4:00 - 7:00 PM and will be on a come and go as you please basis. 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 at umaine@bellsouth.net with any questions. See you on the courts!

Jingle Jam - December 3rd

Come see Santa, have Cookies and Cocoa, play in the Snow, and take a Train Ride! 3-5 PM. Cost: Each child brings 1 NEW, Unwrapped Toy, to be donated to Oak Mountain Missions!
www.riverchaseumc.org/event/jingle-jam

Stellar Christmas ADVENTure - December 9th

Join us for a Stellar Christmas Adventure. Saturday, December 9th, 9-11:30 AM.
In the Children's Worship Center. Create Keepsakes of the Adventure
Ages 4K-5th Grade, $10 per Child
www.riverchaseumc.org/event/christmas-adventure

WAYS TO GIVE

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:
riverchaseumc.org/engage OR engage.suran.com/rumcal
YOU CAN GIVE THROUGH ENGAGE WITHOUT CREATING AN ACCOUNT.
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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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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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