ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 16, 2025

9:30 & 11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *In Endless Song* arr. Randall D. Standridge
Riverchase Instrumental Ensemble

† **HYMN NO. 127** *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDA

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed Rev. John Ray

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.

WELCOME Rev. Tony Johnson

MEET & GREET Rev. Tony Johnson

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

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 (9:30) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) Rev. Nancy Harper

PASTORAL PRAYER (9:30) 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. 526 *What a Friend We Have In Jesus* CONVERSE
(Please Remain Seated)

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *Kyrie* Vierne

Translation:
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Tony Johnson

SERMON Game Changers Rev. Tony Johnson
Scripture: Luke 21:5-19
Pew Bible: NT 103

† **HYMN NO. 451** *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

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**

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

† **POSTLUDE** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* arr. L. Lee Scott

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† Congregation stands, **Bold** congregation read aloud, ***Bold Italic*** congregation sings.

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Musicians
Daniel deShazo, Minister of Music and Worship Arts
Walt Rogers, Organ
Kathy Wallace, Piano
Sanctuary Choir
Riverchase Instrumental Ensemble

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Acolytes and Crucifer
Lane & Rebecca Kaufhold

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of our children Kelley and Rob Parker and Jarrod Hoyle and grandson Rhys Parker, given by Ken and Jan Hoyle

In loving memory of Anita and Bob Winston, given by daughter Diane Winston Daffron and family

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good Donuts are sponsored by
David & Sharon Hazouri

ADVENT DECORATING

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Our beautiful sanctuary always looks amazing for the Christmas season, but it doesn't happen on its own.

We need people to help decorate our Sanctuary and campus for the Advent/Christmas season. Decorating will be on Saturday, November 22nd, and will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please meet in the Welcome Center.

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

NOVEMBER 30 SAVE THE DATES

There will be one Traditional Service at 9:30AM. No 11:00AM Traditional Service. No change for the Modern service at 11:00AM

Hanging of the Greens Service, November 30th 6:00 P.M.

Our annual Hanging of the Greens service will be November 30th at 6:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary. You are invited to join us as we complete the decorating of our beautiful Sanctuary for the Advent season. The service will include readings about the decorations and their meaning for the season, as well as music from our Sanctuary Choir, Handbells, and Orchestra. There will also be a time in the service for everyone to come forward and participate in decorating our Chrismon trees!

BACKPACK MINISTRY

During the month of November, we are holding a food drive for this ministry. We are collecting **Chef Boyardee Beef Ravioli**, **Kraft Macaroni and Cheese (boxes)**, and **Marie Callender's Chicken Soup**. Please bring all donations either to the Welcome Center or the Church office from November 1- November 30. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation toward gift cards for fast-food restaurants for high-school-age students with food insecurities, please go to the website or bring a check to the office. The Backpack Leaders will purchase the designated gift cards. Please put in the memo section for Gift Cards for High School Students.

Angel Tree

Help a child in need experience the joy of Christmas this year. Support our Angel Tree mission by signing up to support an Angel.

- Angel Tree will be online and in-person.
- Online: You will sign up with your request for an angel, and the angel will be emailed back. Available as of 11/3.
- In-person dates: (table set up in the Welcome Center) 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30.

All returning packages must be returned no later than December 3rd to be counted and disseminated to the agencies. Packages can be returned just inside the narthex on Sunday mornings and main office during the week. every Sunday in November or online. RUMC continues to support many missions during the Christmas season. Any Questions: Contact Amy Luther at 205.369.9753 or amyluther254@gmail.com

Riverchase Women's Poinsettia Sale

It's that time of year again! Riverchase Women will be selling beautiful red Poinsettias starting Sunday, November 2nd through November 24th.

Each poinsettia comes in a 6 ½-inch pot and is available for $20 each.

All proceeds will go to support Riverchase Women events, helping build community and fellowship among the women of Riverchase United Methodist Church.

Pick up for Poinsettia's will be December 4-7th in the Welcome Center.

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 9:30 AM - 12:15 PM.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Sunday at 9:30AM, 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

9:20-9:30 AM - Drop off in Sunday School Classroom
9:35 AM - All classes gather in the Children's Worship Center for Large Group
10:00 AM - All classes return to their classrooms for Small Group
10:30 AM - Pick up in Sunday School Classroom

WAYS TO GIVE

Automatic Bank Draft:
Set up a monthly recurring ACH gift with the church office or use services provided by your bank for automated giving.

Online Giving:
Use our website riverchaseumc.org/give to set up a one-time or recurring payment from your bank account, credit card or debit card.

Cash or Check:
You may place your cash or check in the offering plates as they are passed or mail to the church office.

Engage | PayPal | Venmo

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Our mission is to make disciples by Sharing the Joy of Christ!

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