ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 9, 2025

9:30 & 11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *A Bach Pastorale* arr. Barbara B Kinyon

Riverchase Chancel Ringers, Jessica Kaufhold, Director

† **HYMN NO. 384** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed Rev. Nancy Harper

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.

ANTHEM *O Worship the King* arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

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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.

ANTHEM *Precious Lord* arr. Arnold Sevier

Chamber Choir

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *The Armor of God* John Ness Beck

Please Sing as Led:

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

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. John Ray

SERMON From A Mess to a Message Rev. John Ray
Scripture: Gen 45:1-28
Pew Bible: NT 52

† **HYMN NO. 715** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* Darwall's 148th

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. John Ray

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

† **POSTLUDE** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* arr. Michael Burkhardt

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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
Chamber Choir
Jessica Kaufhold, Director of Handbells
Riverchase Chancel Ringers
Adam Bearden, Trumpet
Mark Kanuss, Trumpet
Drennan Holiday, Trombone
Chris Healy, Trombone
Sam Herman, Timpani

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of the men and women of the military given by Grady and Phyllis Stone
In memory of Ruth and A. T. Ellis given by John and Marian Dennis

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good Donuts are in honor of Glenn Antee,
given by your Ages & Stages Sunday School Class

SYMPATHY

To Laura and David Cunningham on the death of Laura's mother, Phoebe Brunson DeVaughn.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to new grandparents, Lea Ann & Allon Chadwick on the birth of their grandson, Miller Allon Cooper
Congratulations to new grandparents Debra & Lee Taylor on the birth of their grandson, Edward Samuel Zanaty IV

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a Board of Stewards meeting and Charge Conference on November 11, 2025 at 6:00PM in the office Upper Room

BACKPACK MINISTRY THANK YOU

The Leaders of the Backpack Ministry would like to thank everyone that came out to support this wonderful ministry last Sunday. They had over 40 volunteers packing 570 bags that go to local area schools.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

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

Women on a Mission Pecan Sale

As we prepare our hearts and homes for the holiday season, it's time for our Annual Pecan Sale at Riverchase United Methodist Church!

Delicious, fresh pecans will be available for purchase—perfect for baking, gifting, or snacking. This sale includes Mammoth pecans, praline pecans, chocolate peanuts, English walnuts, chocolate amaretto pecans, and roasted cashews. All products are $12 a pound. Order today and pick up 11/16 and 11/23. Proceeds will support church ministries and missions. For more information or assistance contact Cathy Henry at cathybh8@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

RIVERCHASE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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