ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 28, 2025

1st Sunday After Christmas

9:30 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *Go, Tell it On the Mountains* arr. Dale Wood

† **HYMN NO. 246** *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

† **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

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Tony Johnson

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

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. 224 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO
(Please Remain Seated)

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
News, news!
Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today,
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice,
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
News, news!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save,
Christ was born to save!

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. John Ray

OFFERTORY *The Work of Christmas* Dan Forrest

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

† **DOXOLOGY** VENI EMMANUEL

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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SERMON It is Just the Beginning Rev. Reid Turner
Scripture: Matthew 2:13-23
Pew Bible: NT 2

† **HYMN NO. 251** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* ON THE MOUNTAIN

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. Reid Turner

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

† **POSTLUDE** *Joy to the World* arr. Cheban

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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

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Pete Bullock given by Babara, Brian, Douglas, Sheila and families

DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good Donuts are from a gracious member who would like to remain anonymous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

OFFICE HOURS

The church office will close at noon on December 31 and will be closed on January 1, in observance of New Year's.

NEW BIBLE STUDIES STARTING ON JANUARY 14TH

Leader	Book	Time
Nancy Harper	I Wish Jesus Hadn't Said That	Wed 9:30AM
John Ray	The Letter to the Hebrews	Wed 9:30AM
Joel Roberts	Walk On Water (January 7th)	Wed 9:30AM
Jeff Wallace	Various Studies	Wed 5:55PM
Nancy Harper	I Wish Jesus Hadn't Said That	Wed 6:00PM
Jeff Rogers	Context	Wed 6:00PM
Reid Turner/Greg Tremblay	Contagious Faith	Wed 6:00PM
Caroline Hilliard	Movement/Yoga	Wed 6:00PM
Noel Johnson	Unplugged	Wed 6:00PM
Natalie French/Tara Glass	Getting it Right: Parenting Series	Wed 6:00PM

Registration opens January 1, 2026 on our website:www.riverchaseumc.org

NEW TRADITIONAL SERMON SERIES STARTING JANUARY 25

Secrets to a New Life
Becoming a little better in 26'

Week 1 - New Beginning
Week 2 - New Habits
Week 3 - New Journey

SAVE THE DATES:

Men's Breakfast- January 18
Starting Point 101- January 28
Women's Retreat- Feb 6-8
RSM Discovery Weekend- Feb 20-22

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

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.

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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.

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

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

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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