ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 4, 2026

9:30 & 11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

PRELUDE *Gesu Babino* arr. Smith and Snyder
Kathy Wallace, Piano, Janis Barnett, Flute

† HYMN NO. 245 *The First Noel* THE FIRST NOEL

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.

We do not have Children's Church on the 1st Sunday of the month.

HYMN NO. 250 *Once In Royal David's City* IRBY

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed;
Mary, loving mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (9:30) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00Rev. Seth Moon

PASTORAL PRAYER (9:30) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) Rev. Seth Moon

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *We Three Kings* arr. Craig Courtney

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!

(Please remain standing for the scripture)

† SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:26-28 NIV Rev. Tony Johnson

26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."
27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

DEVOTION Rev. Tony Johnson

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: Now let us confess our sin in a moment of silence.

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 (9:30) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) Rev. Seth Moon

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

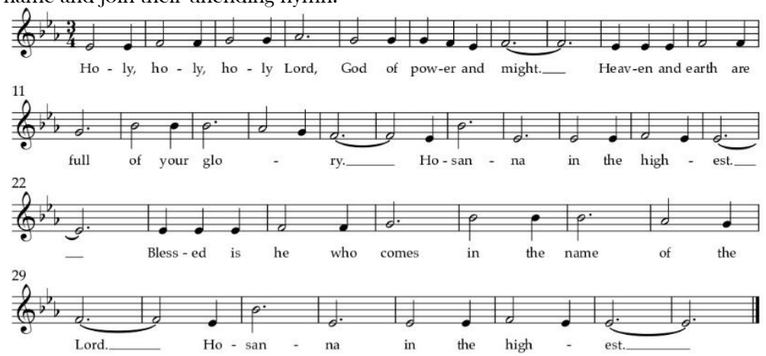
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty creator of heaven and earth, by your appointment the seasons come and go. You bring forth bread from the earth and create the fruit of the vine.

You formed us in your image and made us stewards of your world. Earth has yielded its treasure, and from your hand we have received blessing on blessing.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor.

When hungry and tempted, he refused to make bread for himself that he might be the bread of life for others.

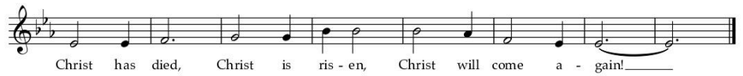
When the multitudes were hungry, he fed them. He broke bread with the outcast but drove the greedy from the temple.

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.

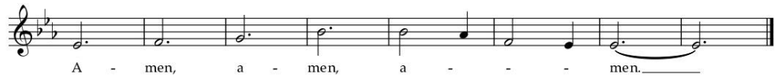
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"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.

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. 254** *We Three Kings* KINGS OF ORIENT

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**

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

† **POSTLUDE** *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. Anna Laura Page

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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
Janis Barnett, Flute

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Acolytes & Crucifers
Lane & Rebecca Kaufhold Joseph Kaufhold

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DONUT SPONSORS

This week's Lickin' Good Donuts are given anonymously for the Joy of Christ.

BACKPACK MINISTRY TODAY

The Backpack Ministry needs help packing 400 bags of food for food insecure children, today at 3:00PM in room 27.

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.

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.

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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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