NA	ME:			
	First time guest		Member	
	Returning guest		Interested in	
	Looking for a		membership or	
	church home		Baptism	
	New Contac	t In	formation:	
Pho	ne			
Ema	ail			
Address				
7100				
Opportunities to serve				
Saturday Meal Site opportunities to serve:				
	Hosts: Someone who can greet guests and sit			
	with them during the meal.			
	Clean-up crew. Come around 12:00-1:30pm.			
	Provide grocery bags and/or gloves for Meal			
	Site & Operation Saf	ety N	et	
Wor	ship team opportuni	ties to	o serve:	
	Greeter– Greet people at the West parking lot.			
	Usher—Greet people as they come into the			
	service. Help with of	fering	and Communion.	
	Video—Get behind the camera to make a vide			
	recording of the sern			
	Editor—Take the footage of the worship ser			
_	and edit into a video to be posted on youtube.			
_	Sound—Help with the sound board, making sure mic levels are correct during worship.			
_			during worsnip. des during the ser-	

vice.

# November 21, 2021 Announcements

We are blessed by your presence, and pray that worship is meaningful for you. You are invited to note your attendance and mailing address on the blue attendance tear-off sheet found in each bulletin. This sheet may be left at your seat for the ushers to gather after service. We encourage family participation in worship. We can provide activity bags for children upon request. Please see an usher for more information. Ushers can also provide you with large print bulletins if needed. We extend a special welcome to you and trust you will experience God's presence to-day.

Sunday School Classes—NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY, November 21, 2021

Adult Sunday School Class @ 10:30am— Asbury Parlor and Zoom

Swahili Bible Study Class @10:30am—Swahili Class Room

Children & Youth Sunday School @ 10:30am—Epworth Hall

**Discipleship Schedule** Monday Noon Bible Study meets in-person in Epworth Hall. Wednesday Noon Prayer & Devotion Time continues to meet on Facebook Live and Zoom. Zoom Meeting ID # for both is 961 006 728. All Zoom meetings can also be joined by phone simply by dial 312-626-6799. Once connected, dial the Meeting ID # 961 006 728, and you will join in the conversation.

Hanging of the Greens This morning we will gather in the Sanctuary following the service for our annual "Hanging of the Greens". It will be all hands on deck as we decorate our church for the Advent season. Because of Covid we are limiting the decorations that are put up this year. Any questions regarding the Hanging of the Greens can be directed to Mark Swessinger.

**Adult Sunday School** On Sunday, November 28th the class will begin their Advent study guided by the book, "All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas". All adults are invited to attend.

Little Free Pantry As a Two Rivers' congregational project, our Little Free Pantry is dependent on our individual donations. Providing unscented hand creams or lotions, lip moisturizers, hand sanitizers, tissues, disposable masks, feminine hygiene products, diapers, and nonperishable foods will help keep our Free Little Pantry stocked. Your donated items may be brought to the Church during regular office hours or placed in the labeled box at the back of the sanctuary before services on Sundays.

The Two Rivers Church Office will be closed the week of Thanksgiving starting at Noon on Monday November 22.

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## Isaiah 9:1-7

Nonetheless, those who were in distress won't be exhausted. At an earlier time, God cursed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but later he glorified the way of the sea, the far side of the Jordan, and the Galilee of the nations.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.

You have made the nation great;

you have increased its joy.

They rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest, as those who divide plunder rejoice.

As on the day of Midian, you've shattered the yoke that burdened them,

the staff on their shoulders, and the rod of their oppressor.

Because every boot of the thundering warriors, and every garment rolled in blood will be burned, fuel for the fire.

A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and authority will be on his shoulders.

He will be named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

There will be vast authority and endless peace for David's throne and for his kingdom, establishing and sustaining it with justice and righteousness now and forever.

The zeal of the Lord of heavenly forces will do this.

#### GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "For Unto Us a Child is Born"

- Handel

## Greeting

# \*Call to Worship (adapted from Micah 4:2-4)

One: Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between the nations.

All: They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

\*Opening Hymn #87 UMH

"What Gift Can We Bring" vs. 1, 2 & 3

## \*Prayer of Confession (adapted from Amos 5:10-13)

All: To the one who made the stars and turns deep darkness into morning, and darkens day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the surface of the earth, we ask for forgiveness. We hate the ones who do justice. We abhor the one who speaks the truth. We trample the poor. Our transgressions are great. The righteous are afflicted. The leaders take bribes, and the needy are pushed aside. Hear our cries of confession, O Lord.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: Hear the Lord your God: Seek good and not evil that you may live and the Lord, the God of hosts will be with you.

All: We will hate evil and love good. We are redeemed by the steadfast love of God. Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace

Spirit Hymn #408 UMH

"The Gift of Love" vs. 1

## Pastoral Prayer and 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.

## **Musical Offering**

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" - J. Goss/arr. M.E. Kerrick
Nancy Schwegler, piano

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

# Prayer for Illumination

All: Holy God, open our hearts to the story of your love. Open our minds to new ways of knowing you. Open our doors for all whom you would welcome. Amen.

**Scripture Reading** 

Isaiah 9:1-7(CEB)

Sermon Do Justice: A Child is Born - Rev. Robb McCoy

### **RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

Response Hymn #103 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" vs. 1 & 3

## Offering Reflection and Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: We will thank you God, with our whole heart. We will talk about your wonderful acts. We will celebrate and rejoice in you.

All: Holy and Gracious God, we are thankful for the created world and our place in it. We are thankful for the Son, and the forgiveness and grace he offers. We are thankful for the Spirit, which empowers us to change the world. We are thankful for your Church, and the call you place upon the hearts of all believers. We pause to reflect on how we may respond to your great gifts.

(Pause for Silent Reflection and Gratitude)

One: We will sing praises to your name, Most High. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn #438 UMH

"Forth in Thy Name" v. 1

\*Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

- Miller/Jackson

\* You are invited to stand as you are able. FWS -The Faith We Sing (black hymnal) UMH- United Methodist Hymnal (red hymnal) Words of anthem/hymn reprinted under CCLI License



# PRAYER MINISTRY

NA	ME:			
Wh	o would you like to see this prayer?			
	<b>Pastor Only</b> . Only the pastor will see this prayer. He will most likely see it and be in prayer for it on Monday morning.			
	Prayer Chain. These prayers will be sent to those who have signed up for prayer chain email. They will also be prayed for by name only during our Wednesday online prayer service. Names only will be printed in newsletter if it is an ongoing need.			
Ple	ase be in prayer for:			
Ple	ase pray for this:			
	For this week only.			
	Until			

I am interested in being a part of the Prayer Chain:

☐ This is an ongoing need.