

Name \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ First time guest
- ☐ Returning guest
- ☐ Interested in baptism or membership
- ☐ Member

### New Contact Information

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Ways to Serve

#### OUTREACH

- ☐ Donate food and/or funds to Two Rivers Meal Site, Operation Safety Net and Little Free Pantry ministries.
- ☐ Volunteer on Saturdays at Meal Site, set up, serving, cleanup, or all of the above.

#### WORSHIP

- ☐ **Liturgist** – Assist Pastor with readings and communion during worship.
- ☐ **Video** - Work the camera in balcony to improve YouTube video
- ☐ **4th Sunday Ushers** —Open the church for Sunday worship and make coffee. Take offerings in bank bag to bank depository.



From the beginning of the Jesus movement, followers of Christ declared that there is no Jew or Greek, no slave or free, nor is there male and female. We, the people of Two Rivers United Methodist Church join in this movement of the Holy Spirit and declare that we celebrate the diversity of our neighborhood and the world.

We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual and affectional orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We believe that the body of Christ is more vital in its ministry when the whole diversity of the human family may enjoy full participation and leadership in the Church.

We welcome all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the Church and society, and acknowledge the pain caused by the history of exclusionary policies of the United Methodist Church. We will continue to work toward a more inclusive Church and invite you to join us in following Jesus Christ on the Way, marked by greater hospitality, kindness, justice, peace, understanding, and mutual respect.

### Announcements for November 23, 2025

**Note: No Sunday School classes today, November 23.**

**Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Classroom**

**Youth/Kids Sunday School - 10:45 am K-5 grade in the Nursery & 6-12 grade in the 3rd Floor Youth Room**

**Adult Sunday School - 10:45 am in Asbury Parlor**

#### Discipleship Schedule

Monday Bible Study meets at noon in Epworth Hall. Wednesday Prayer & Devotion Time meets on Facebook Live and Zoom at noon every week. Zoom Meeting ID # for Wednesday is 961 006 728. The Zoom meeting can also be joined by phone simply by dialing 312-626-6799. Once connected, dial the Meeting ID # 961 006 728, and you will join in the conversation.

**Soup Luncheon After Worship Today** Everyone is invited downstairs to Epworth Hall after worship for an early Soup Lunch to celebrate the start of the holiday season.

**Coat Drive Ministry** Please consider donating your gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, or boots to this worthy and most appreciated ministry. We especially need mittens and gloves in adult sizes and children's coats sizes 5/6 through 10/12. We also accept new items, as well as cash donations and checks made out to Two Rivers UMC; please designate either cash or checks for the COAT MINISTRY.

Guest Wifi



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**Christ the King Sunday, November 23, 2025**

**Prelude “Tomorrow Shall be My Dancing Day” - arr. Marchand  
Brass Quintet**

**THE GREENS**

**Greeting**

**\*Psalm 31:1-8 *sung to the tune of*  
“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” Hymn 196**

**Hanging the Greens**

**Blessing of the Greens**

**God of all Creation, we decorate this holy sanctuary with signs of your everlasting love. We bring in the evergreens as a reminder that your love never dies. Bless these decorations, that they may spark in us a sense of wonderful anticipation what is to come. Bless our Advent preparations as we prepare the way of the Lord. Amen.**

**THE NATIVITY CRECHE**

**Psalm 23**

**Brass Quintet “A La Nanita Nana” - arr. Marchand**

**Setting the Nativity Creche**

**Sermon “Seeing Jesus Through the Psalms”**

Blessing of the Nativity Creche

God of Incarnation, we bless this manger scene, a reminder of the divine mystery of Jesus birth. As we look upon it this Advent season, may the holy family, shepherds, and magi stir in us a sense of compassion and tenderness. Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, and fill more than this display. Fill our hearts with joy and be the desire of every nation.

HYMN 196 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

THE CHRISMONS

Psalm 72

Choir Anthem “Rejoice the Lord is King” - arr. Stan Pethel

Hanging the Chrismons

Blessing the Chrismon Tree

Christ our King, We rejoice that the Lord is King. We worship you and call upon your holy name to be the salvation of the world. Bless this tree adorned with sacred signs of your names. Bless God’s glorious name forever; let his glory fill all the earth. Amen.

THE ADVENT CANDLES

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Psalm 27

HYMN 202 People Look East (v. 1,2, 4)

Setting the Advent Candles

Blessing the Advent Wreath

God of light and love, bless the Advent wreath and its candles. As we move closer to Christmas, may the growing light shine brighter and brighter. As we wait for Jesus, may the light of hope, peace, joy, and love illumine our hearts. Amen.

THE OFFERING

Psalm 122

Invitation to the Offering

Hymn 246 Joy to the World

Bringing the Offering

Blessing the Offering

God of Abundance and Steadfast Love, bless this offering and the hearts of those who have brought it forward. Use it for your glory. Use it and multiply it for the sake of your Kingdom. May we be good stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. And in this season of gift giving, keep us mindful of the source of our gifts. Amen

AN ADVENT PRAYER

Psalm 31:21-24

Prayer for Advent

Merciful God, the Psalms are a poetic gift and source of strength for those who seek justice. You have given us songs to sing while we wait for your Son Jesus Christ. Give us grace to sing them well, and now do more than sing. Help us to love fully so that we may celebrate with pure hearts the coming joy of the nativity. May we wait for your peace with eager anticipation and obedience. We wait for the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God with hope as we proclaim that Christ is already King and our advent is just beginning. Amen.

Blessing the People Gathered

Postlude “Lift Up Your Heads, O Gates” - Handel/arr. S. Decesare  
Brass Quintet and Piano

*\*=please rise if you are able*  
*UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book) FWS = Faith We Sing (black book).*  
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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK  
November 23, 2025

Your Name\_\_\_\_\_

Prayers for our Church and its ministry:  
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Prayers for people I know:  
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☐ I have permission to publish this prayer.  
☐ I do not have permission to publish this prayer.

Prayers for the community/world:  
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Prayers for myself:  
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