Name _____

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

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

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Advent Preparations

Our time of preparation for Christmas is here! There are some extra volunteer and growth opportunities.

- ❑ Print me a copy of the daily Advent devotional.
- ❑ Print me a Family Advent Calendar
- ❑ I want to help with Advent banner designs and special decorations.
- ❑ I want to be a part of the Christmas Eve service hospitality team.
- ❑ I will help with "Breakfast Church" on the Sunday after Christmas.

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 22, 2026

Adult Sunday School -10:45 am 1st floor classroom
Swahili Sunday School - 10:45 am Asbury Parlor 2nd Floor
Kids & Youth Choir and Sunday School - 10:30 am 3rd floor classrooms

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.

Hanging of the Greens All are welcome to gather after worship for our annual Hanging of the Greens. This is a joyful chance for our whole church family to work side-by-side as we transform the sanctuary for the Advent season. While the adults are decorating, the kids will have Sunday school and begin preparing for their Christmas program. Once the decorating is complete, everyone is invited downstairs to Epworth Hall for a pot-luck soup lunch.

Holiday Cookie Baskets for our Homebound Members Donations of homemade or purchased treats, (peanut butter, nut free) cookies, crackers, gum, etc. are being collected and may be left in the kitchen of Epworth Hall. Please mark the donations "Holiday Homebound Baskets" and bring them any time up to/before service on Sunday, December 13 when they will be assembled and will be ready for delivery. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer on this project please contact the church office at 309/788-9384.

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TWO RIVERS CHURCH

A RECONCILING UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

November 22, 2026

Christ the King Sunday

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Brothers and sisters, we ask you to respect those who are working with you, leading you, and instructing you. Think of them highly with love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are disorderly. Comfort the discouraged. Help the weak. Be patient with everyone. Make sure no one repays a wrong with a wrong, but always pursue the good for each other and everyone else. Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Don't suppress the Spirit. Don't brush off Spirit-inspired messages, but examine everything carefully and hang on to what is good. Avoid every kind of evil. Now, may the God of peace himself cause you to be completely dedicated to him; and may your spirit, soul, and body be kept intact and blameless at our Lord Jesus Christ's coming. The one who is calling you is faithful and will do this.

Brothers and sisters, pray for us. Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. By the Lord's authority, I order all of you to have this letter read aloud to all the brothers and sisters. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" -arr. Eugenie Rocherolle

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95**
Responsive reading found on page 814 of the Red Hymnal
Sung Response #2:
We are the people, we are the sheep nurtured and led by God's hand.

*** HYMN #327 UMH "Crown Him with Many Crowns" vs. 1, 2, 4**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
All: **Faithful God, you call us to be your people, not as individuals but together. We confess that we are still becoming. Our faith grows tired, our hope wears thin, and our love keeps score. We tear down when you call us to build one another up. We hurry past the weary and stay quiet when courage is needed. We want to be holy without the hard work of belonging to one another. Forgive us. Mend what is broken in us and between us, and make us whole. In this time of silence, hear the prayers we cannot say aloud.**
Pause for silent confession and reflection
One: Hear the Good News: the One who calls us is faithful, and God will finish what God has begun in us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER SONG #451 UMH "Be Thou My Vision" 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.

**=please rise if you are able*
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book) FWS = Faith We Sing (black book).
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PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

ANTHEM "The Journey is our Home" (Allen Pote) – Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
All: **Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen**

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 (CEB)

SERMON ***Becoming a Community that is fit for a King*** **-Rev. Robb McCoy**

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #568 UMH "Christ for the World We Sing" vs. 1, 3, 4

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***OFFERTORY #2223 FWS "They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love"**
All are invited to place your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering basin at the front as we sing

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
One: Gracious God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, our King.
All: **He doesn't rule from a throne of gold or with the force of an army. He is the good shepherd who searches for the lost, feeds the lambs, and makes us to lie down in green pastures.**
One: We thank you for the ever flowing waters of Justice and Compassion
All: **We are planted by the water, bearing the fruit of service, connection, and growth. We give you thanks for every hand that offers food, every voice that lifts up a song, and every heart that makes room for others.**
One: We thank you for promises that were made here today.
All: **Every gift, large or small, was a gift of love. Each was an act of courage and a step toward becoming a community fit for a King .**
One: Come, Lord Jesus
All: **Make us joyful when we give and faithful in keeping our promises. May we imitate our King, who kneels to serve, pours out his life for others, and loves without limit. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.**

***DOXOLOGY #94 UMH**

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE "Aria" - G.F. Handel

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK
November 22, 2026

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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