

NAME: _____

- First time guest
- Returning guest
- Looking for a church home
- Member
- Interested in membership or Baptism

New Contact Information:

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

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 Safety Net

Worship team opportunities to serve:

- Greeter— Greet people at the West parking lot.
- Usher—Greet people as they come into the service. Help with offering and Communion.
- Video—Get behind the camera to make a video recording of the sermon.
- Editor—Take the footage of the worship series and edit into a video to be posted on youtube.
- Sound—Help with the sound board, making sure mic levels are correct during worship.
- Slides—Help switch the slides during the service.

**December 26, 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 today.

Sunday School Classes—

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.

Un-Decorating the Church We will “Un-Decorate the Church” on Sunday afternoon, January 2, after the service. We need several workers to get finished quickly. If you will be available to help on the 2nd, please let Mark Swessinger or the office know.

Contribution statements 2021 Contribution statements will be available on Sunday, January 9 . You may pick up your statement from the table located in the back of the sanctuary. Any statements not picked up by January 23 will be mailed.

Network: Two Rivers Sanctuary
Password: TwoRivers2013
www.TwoRiversUMC.org



Donation QR Code

December 26, 2021
First Sunday of Christmas



BREAKING NEWS

WPPT News
Christmas Broadcast
“All the news that's fit to puppet”

Written by Robb McCoy

Voice Actors

- Dr. Luke A. PosselCharles Cooley
- Matthew T. Collector Elizabeth McCoy
- Camila Camelo.....Lucy McCoy
- Sam Shepherd..... Oliver Cooley
- Sheep.....Liam Muir
- Stars Reporters.....Simon Cooley and Seth Humphrey
- Eliza and Lilly Hannah
- King Herod..... Bennett Cooley
- Balthasar..... Jude Muir
- Not an Inn Keeper Lilah Durbin

Prelude "I Saw Three Ships" - arr. Jarrod Radnich

Greeting

Call to Worship

One: Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people.

All: To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

*Hymn #220 UMH (v. 1-2) "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

*Prayer of Confession

All: O God of Christmas, you became flesh and descended into the world to redeem all people. We confess that we have not lived as redeemed people, but as frightened people. We have not loved our neighbor as ourself, and struggle even with loving ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that your love precedes all things, even our own actions. Help us see ourselves and each other as you see us—as wonderful gifts to the world, made in love and in the image of God.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: The Word became flesh and made its home among us. In the name of Eternal Christ of love and grace, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, born once and coming again, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Spirit Hymn #221 (v. 1) "In the Bleak Midwinter"

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 "He is Born" - arr. Page

Tamara Baugh, soprano and Olinda Gunther, mezzo soprano

"Puppet News Christmas Broadcast"

by Robb McCoy

Presented by Two Rivers Kids and Youth

Hymn #246 (v. 1 and 4)

"Joy to the World"

Presentation of Bibles to the Children

One: God speaks to us through the Bible. Take this Bible, for in it you will find the Word of God. Within these pages are all things necessary for salvation. It is many things. Above all, it is the love story about God and God's people. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us we belong to God, and that we belong to one another for we are the People of God.

Recipients: We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Thank you.

All: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us all as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship.

Offering Reflection and Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Good Christian Friends rejoice. Celebrate the love and joy that was born into the world at Christmas.

All: We rejoice in the coming of our Savior. We rejoice in the hope of the world. We rejoice in the Prince of Peace. We rejoice in God's grace the precedes all things. We rejoice in the grace that restores our relationship to God and the world. We rejoice in the grace that sustains us and strengthens us in times of trial.

(Pause for Silent Reflection on the Gifts of God)

One: We rejoice with heart and soul, and voice. Amen.

*Hymn #224 (v. 3)

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

*Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

* You are invited to stand as you are able.
FWS - The Faith We Sing (black hymnal)
UMH - United Methodist Hymnal (red hymnal)
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PRAYER MINISTRY

NAME: _____

Who would you like to see this prayer?

- Pastor Only.** 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 first name only during our Wednesday online prayer service.

Please be in prayer for:

Please pray for this:

- For this week only.
- Until _____
- This is an ongoing need.

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

Email: _____