

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

- First time guest
- Returning guest
- Member
- Interested in membership or Baptism

### New Contact Information:

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Opportunities to serve

#### Random acts of kindness:

- Donate items to Chaddock's Santa Express. (see their 2022 Wish List at the back of the sanctuary)
- Pray for the people, leadership, and ministry of Two Rivers Church.
- Pray for peace in the world.

#### Two Rivers Outreach Ministry opportunities:

- Donate new or used household items to Operation Safety Net.
- Provide blankets, hats and cheap cotton gloves to Operation Safety Net.
- Donate non-perishable food and hygiene products for our Little Free Pantry.

#### 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.
- Tech Support -Video recording, editing, sound board and /or slides. Get behind the scenes and help create a meaningful worship experience for those in the sanctuary and those watching from home.

## November 27, 2022 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 placed in the collection bowl at the front of the sanctuary 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.

**Adult Sunday School—10:45 am in the Asbury Parlor**  
**Kids Sunday School—10:45 am starts in Epworth Hall**  
**Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Class**

**Discipleship Schedule** Monday Bible Study meets in-person every week in Epworth Hall at noon. Wednesday Prayer & Devotion Time also continues to meet 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 dial 312-626-6799. Once connected, dial the Meeting ID # 961 006 728, and you will join in the conversation.

**Poinsettia Orders** All orders are due today.

**Advent Devotional** *From Generation to Generation: An Advent devotional* by A Sanctified Art is available at the back of the sanctuary or by request. Pastor Robb will be using this devotional to guide us through this special time of Advent.

**UM Student Sunday** Today is United Methodist Student Day. It calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. Gifts on United Methodist Student Day support U.M. scholarships and the U.M. Student Loan Fund. United Methodist Student Day offering envelopes are available in today's bulletin for anyone wishing to donate. Thank you in advance for your gifts.

**Caring Tree** Two Rivers Church has again adopted families from Family Resources to help make their Christmas a little more bright. If you would like to purchase gifts for a family, one member of a family, or simply make a donation to the cause to help buy gift cards, please take a candy cane from the caring tree and fill out the back tag with your information and leave it in the basket. The suggested amount to spend per person is \$75-\$100. Gifts need to be unwrapped with the original tag attached and delivered to the church. no later than Thursday, December 15.

**Holiday Baskets for Seniors** Donations of homemade or purchased treats (peanut butter, nut free) cookies, crackers, gum—anything you want, are still 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 11 when they will be assembled and will be ready for delivery. These baskets are made possible thanks to the gracious people that share their time and efforts to bake, shop, organize and deliver them. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer on this project please contact the church office at 309/788-9384.

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



Donation QR Code

November 27, 2022  
1st Sunday of Advent



### Matthew 1:1-17 (CEB)

A record of the ancestors of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham:  
Abraham was the father of Isaac.  
Isaac was the father of Jacob.  
Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers.  
Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah,  
whose mother was Tamar.  
Perez was the father of Hezron.  
Hezron was the father of Aram.  
Aram was the father of Amminadab.  
Amminadab was the father of Nahshon.  
Nahshon was the father of Salmon.  
Salmon was the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab.  
Boaz was the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth.  
Obed was the father of Jesse.  
Jesse was the father of David the king.  
David was the father of Solomon,  
whose mother had been the wife of Uriah.  
Solomon was the father of Rehoboam.  
Rehoboam was the father of Abijah.  
Abijah was the father of Asaph.  
Asaph was the father of Jehoshaphat.  
Jehoshaphat was the father of Joram.  
Joram was the father of Uzziah.  
Uzziah was the father of Jotham.  
Jotham was the father of Ahaz.  
Ahaz was the father of Hezekiah.  
Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh.  
Manasseh was the father of Amos.  
Amos was the father of Josiah.  
Josiah was the father of Jechoniah and his brothers.  
This was at the time of the exile to Babylon.  
After the exile to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel.  
Shealtiel was the father of Zerubbabel.  
Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud.  
Abiud was the father of Eliakim.  
Eliakim was the father of Azor.  
Azor was the father of Zadok.  
Zadok was the father of Achim.  
Achim was the father of Eliud.  
Eliud was the father of Eleazar.  
Eleazar was the father of Matthan.  
Matthan was the father of Jacob.  
Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary—of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Christ.  
So there were fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen generations from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen generations from the exile to Babylon to the Christ.

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Here I am to Worship" - Tim Hughes

GREETING

LIGHTING THE HOPE CANDLE - The Cooley Family

\*OPENING HYMN #202 "People Look East"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION - Luke Cooley

\*CONFESSION - Simon Cooley

One God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

**All But we say, "Our lives are too messy."**

One You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

**All But we say, "It's too risky to hope."**

One You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."

**All But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."**

One God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

**All Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.**

One Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

**All There's room for every story. Amen.**

\*FORGIVENESS - Oliver Cooley

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHORAL OFFERING "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent" (Howorth)  
Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

HANGING THE CHRISMON Five lotas - Bennett Cooley

ADVENT POEM "Room" by Sarah Speed - Meghan Cooley

ADVENT REFRAIN #196 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" vs 1

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION - Charles Cooley

**All:** Holy God, whether it's through angels or music, friendships or sermons, study or nature—when you speak, we long to hear it. In a world as chaotic and broken as ours, we could use your words of hope and healing. With gratitude we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:1-17 (Jesus' Genealogy)

SERMON "There's Room For Every Story" - Rev. Robb McCoy

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who promised to Abraham, who wrestled with Jacob, who walked with Ruth, who spoke with Moses, who grieved with Bathsheba, who danced with David, who dreamed with Joseph, and who hoped like Mary.

We believe in a God who has been loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us from generation to generation.

And we believe that same God is here with us now, saying, "Come on in; there's room for you here." Amen.

RESPONSE HYMN (lyrics on screen) "Through the Ages"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

*All are invited to come forward with their offering and their prayer for the First Sunday of Advent. Names written in the gray box will be read during the prayer. Prayers written in the white box will not be read today, but will be shared with our prayer chain and be a part of our Wednesday online prayer service.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*DOXOLOGY

\*BENEDICTION - Luke Cooley

\*CLOSING HYMN #206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" vs 1, 3

\*DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "The King Shall Come" - Trevor Thomson

\* 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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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

First Sunday of Advent

Write down the name of one person from your family history who shaped your life, and for whom you now give thanks.

## PRAYERS TO SHARE

This prayer will be shared with our e-mail Prayer Chain and in our Wednesday Facebook Live prayer group. Personal details will not be shared on Wednesday.