

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing

Welcome

Away in a Manger

Prayer of Worship

Joy to the World
I Am Thine, O Lord

Communion

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Prayer of Thanks

It Is Well With My Soul

Isaiah 9:2-6

“The Prince of Peace”

Do You Know My Jesus?

Shepherd's Prayer

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Members can access the member directory and other features on our website and mobile app. Register at rscoc.org or contact June Meredith for assistance.

THE NUMBERS

Sunday 12/17/23

Bible Class: 86
Worship Service: 136
Sunday Evening: 52
Contribution: \$6,377.50

Wednesday 12/20/23: 34

MINISTRY AND ACTIVITIES

Ladies' Bible Class—Ladies' Bible Class will **not** meet again until Tuesday, January 9th.

Men's Coffee—Thursday, December 28, at 9:30 am. Come and have a cup of coffee and a donut, and fellowship together.

Ladies' Tea Fellowship will not meet today (the 24th), nor next Sunday afternoon (the 31st), as we will have a fellowship following the evening service.

If you know of a **need for meals** during the month of December, please contact **Kathy Coleman** at (830) 370-1972.

PANTRY NEEDS—Pancake Mix; Cereal; Baking Mix (Bisquick).

Don't forget: If you know of anyone in need of pantry goods, please give Bruce Williams or June a heads-up!

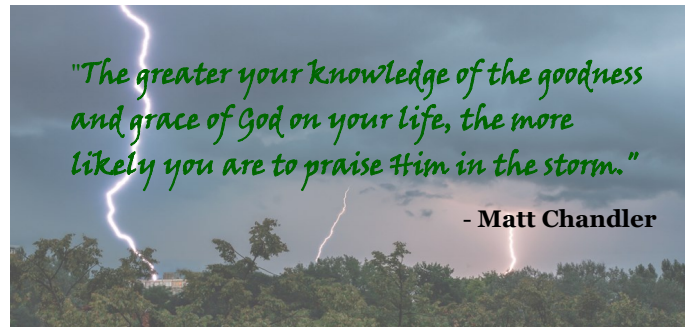


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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

December 24—Jude
December 25—Deuteronomy 32-34
December 26—Esther 6-10
December 27—Psalm 149-150
December 28—Song of Solomon 7-8
December 29—Revelation 18-22
December 30—Acts 27-28

Riverside

CHURCH OF CHRIST

625 Harper Rd. Kerrville, TX 78028 (830) 257-5445

Sunday Bible Study: 9 AM Sunday Worship: 10 AM

Sunday Evening Worship 5 PM Wednesday Bible Study: 7 PM

December 24, 2023

Welcome, Guests!

Welcome to Riverside! Thank you for joining us as our special guest as we worship God together today. Please remain briefly after the service if you are able, so that we can welcome you personally. We gather to praise and worship God through Jesus Christ and to encourage one another. At Riverside, the Bible is our sole standard for worship and the Christian life. We would be happy to answer any questions that you may have about the Riverside church family. Please visit us again whenever you have the opportunity!

Look Up!

In Matthew's account of the birth of Christ, the wise men saw a star. In fact, Matthew records the wise men saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him" (Matthew 2:2). Did you notice? They said, "his star". It is appropriate that a star was involved in the birth of Christ. As the psalmist wrote, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork" (Psalm 19:1). The universe is indeed grand. The vast expanse of it is well beyond our imagination. We cannot comprehend the distances between stars. And the beauty it contains is like nothing we have ever seen. And one may wonder why God created such a thing as the universe. And the answer must be; with the universe, God is giving us a small hint of what He is like.

—Kevin

Minister

Pulpit

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Doyle Brown
Cody Bush
Darrell Fudge
Tommy Hayes
Clint Hyde
John Tittle
Ron Watson

PRAY FOR OTHERS

- ◆ Keep **Ellen Lucas** in your prayers, as she struggles to recover from Covid. She was having problems with her blood pressure, and was taken to the emergency room.
- ◆ Continue to pray for **Cecil Taylor**, as he is recovering from an infection in his leg.
- ◆ **David Hager** is having insulin regulation issues. Please pray that these will stabilize for him.

Let's remember all of the health care workers and public servants and their families at Riverside: **Rona Barrozo, Ashton Bosse, Jolene Fudge, Karen Wootton, Karla Carter, Debra Zink, Natalie Kingston, Stephanie Ahrens, Chad Lovelady** and **Zac, Tyler** and **Mark**

Please pray for our members who are in independent living/nursing/assisted living facilities: Doris Burton, Ann Marshall, Kathy O'Hara, Dennis Odle, Don Taylor, and Barbara Dodd.

Also remember to pray for our members who are fully or partially homebound due to extended illness or disability, and their caregivers as well: Melva Allen, Jo Bennett, Roxana Cobb, Velma Cuellar, Charline Greggerson, Bill Herriman, Connie Lara, Peggye Pullias, Ginny Rudloff, Twila Odle, Janis Banner, Carlla Tittle, and Cecil Taylor.

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. -Hebrews 1:1-3

Sermon Scripture

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

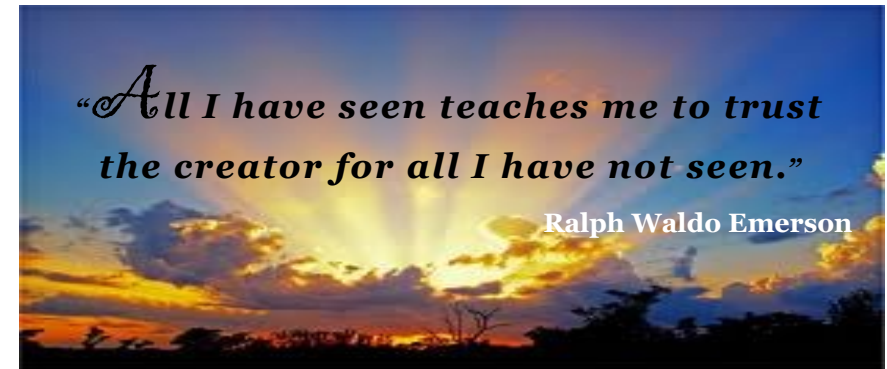
Isaiah 9:2-6 (ESV)

AND KEEP PRAYING

Paula Schrimsher requests prayers for her brother, John Tucker. He has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Dennis Lange's wife, Jacque, had surgery for multiple breaks in her ankle. She is now at River Hills for rehab. Pray that she has a quick recovery.

Susan Kasperek's sister Diane is at home after suffering from pulmonary embolisms in both lungs. Keep her, her mother and Susan in your prayers.



HOLIDAY WORSHIP AND CLASS SCHEDULES

Sunday, December 24th: We will have a combined adult class, followed by our normal AM worship service. There will be no service this evening.

Sunday, December 31st: We will have normal classes, followed by our normal AM worship service (no 5th Sunday potluck lunch). At 5:00 pm Sunday evening (New Year's Eve), we will have a short devo and then the Alexanders and Watsons will provide an "elegant meal" for those attending the service. Please RSVP to the Riverside office or the hosts so we can have a headcount of those attending. Afterwards, we hope to play games and fellowship with each other.



Thank You!

Kathy Coleman would like to thank everyone who helped make the Christmas goodies (pies, cakes, candy, cookies and jellies) for the Starkey teachers and staff. You were able to make their holidays a little brighter!