

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH: What does it mean to be the church? What are its marks and attributes? What is its mission? How does it relate to the state and broader culture? Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am for this class, co-taught by pastors and elders.

THROUGH THE BIBLE CLASS: Please join us as we ponder God's Word together and journey through Habakkuk, Ezekiel, and Daniel. Co-taught by Dennis Booker, Mark Brink, Jim Gibson, & Phil Hoekstra. We meet in Rms. 116-117 at 9:30am.

RIVEROAKS COLLEGE&CAREER CLASS: Romans is Paul's pinnacle letter to the church, and it's all about the gospel and its life-changing implications. Join us in the Parlor at 9:30am. Co-taught by Josh Brink, Daniel Gillespie, Pete Hansen, Morgan Murphy, & Drew Turberville.

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WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday School - 9:30am
Morning Worship - 10:45pm
Evening Worship (1st and 3rd Sundays) - 6:00pm
Community Groups (2nd & 4th Sunday evenings) - times vary



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THE LORD'S DAY

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022

10:45AM

TO GLORIFY GOD AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus!
Thank you for joining us today; may the Lord richly bless you.
† Stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” arr. Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

*Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!*

Medieval Latin carol,
"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"
Translated by John Mason Neale, 1853

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† CALL TO WORSHIP from Philipians 2:5-8; Psalm 66:1,2

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
**Being born in the likeness of men, being found in human form, he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;
Give to him glorious praise!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome to Riveroaks! We are delighted you have joined us for worship this morning. We would love to get to know you and serve you anyway we can. Please consider filling out a visitor's card and putting it in the offering plate or scanning the QR code to access our online visitor form. *“For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake”* (2 Corinthians 4:5).

The Riveroaks Weekly email is published each Thursday. To sign up, contact office@riveroakspca.org.

The Humility of Christmas: In order for Christmas to be all that it can be, we need to understand our place in the story and the purpose of this season. Please join us tonight at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall as Pastor Drew looks at Mary's Song in Luke 1.

Children's Christmas Program: Please join us on Wednesday, December 7, as our children (preschool- 6th grade) sing about the birth of Jesus. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:30pm. The program begins at 6:30pm in the Sactuary followed by a dessert reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Adult 30/50 Group Christmas Social: All adults in the newly formed 30/50 Group (older than College & Career but younger than the Gathering (empty nesters) Group) are invited to a Christmas social at the Arant's home (11221 Glen Birnham, Eads) on Friday, December 9 at 6:30pm. Last names A-S please bring heavy appetizers; T-Z desserts. Please RSVP to Anna Murphy (901-833-2757) with what you would like to bring.

ROCC Christmas Party: College and Career are invited to a Christmas party at the Lee's home (1822 Stillwind Rd., Collierville) on Saturday, December 10, 7:00pm. All are asked to bring a \$5-10 white elephant gift.

A Service of Lessons and Carols: Please join as the Adult, Youth and Children's Choirs present a Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 11, 6:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Christmas Food Box Packing: The Neighborhood Christian Center (NCC) has an upcoming ministry opportunity on Thursday, Decemember 15, that involves packing boxes of food to be distributed by the NCC at Christmas time. Please contact Joe Maliskas (901-574-1256) no later than TODAY if you would like to volunteer. Joe is looking for 25-30 folks. Kids age 12+ would be good candidates to help at this event.

Christmas Eve Worship Service: Please join us for a Christmas Eve Service at 5:00pm on Saturday, December 24. *"For 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"* (the Prophet Isaiah, 8th century BC).

Riveroaks Holiday Schedule: We will not have Sunday School classes on Sunday December 25, but Christmas worship is still scheduled for the normal time, 10:45AM. Both Sunday School and worship will be held at the normal times on Sunday, January 1.

The Gathering New Years Eve Social: All empty nesters and above, please mark your calendars for a New Year's Eve social to be held on Saturday, Dec. 31, 5:00- 9:00pm at the Linn's house (9001 Grove Forest Cove, Germantown). More details to follow.

For more announcements, please see The Riveroaks Weekly.

SERMON NOTES

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XI. God With Us In Times Of Trouble
Pastor Tommy Lee

The Child of God Speaking To God

Psalm 91 Speaking To The Child Of God

God Himself Speaking To His Child

† HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”
(see insert)

† PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

READING OF THE WORD

Isaiah 11:1-10
Logan Waters

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin....Amen!*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 7:14; 53:4-5

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.... Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

† **SONG OF FAITH, No. 162**

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

Elder Morgan Murphy

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

arr. Rutter/The Adult Choir

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here:
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**O come, thou Key of David come, and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

SERMON TEXT

Psalm 91

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

Pastor Tommy Lee

SERMON SERIES: SEEKING THE FACE OF GOD

XI. God With Us In Times Of Trouble

† **PSALM OF RESPONSE**

“Psalm 91 to the tune of HYFRYDOL
(Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus)”
(see insert)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

“Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor”

† **WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

The Nicene Creed*, No. 846

† **BENEDICTION**

from Philippians 1:9-11

May your love abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,
so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day
of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ,
to the glory and praise of God. .

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in G Minor”

J.S. Bach/Guest Organist, Alyssa Bengston

* The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.