



Richmond First United Methodist Church

...growing disciples who make a difference

December 24, 2023

Welcome!

Are you visiting with us? Whether in-person or on Facebook Live, we welcome you to our worship services! We would love to get to know you and find out how we can best serve you.

Connect

To get connected, talk to any ministry leader or call the church office at 859-623-3580. You may also fill out a physical connect card or online at richmondfumc.org/connect.

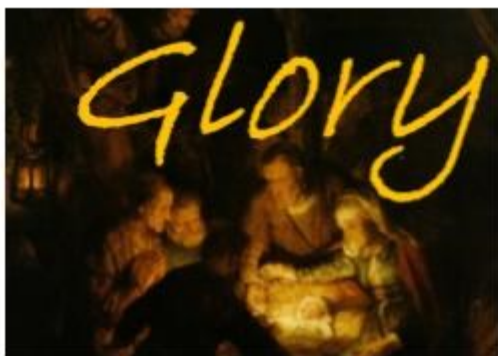
Worship

Current Series: Prologue: The Advent of Time

We are most familiar with the Christmas story as it is told in Luke's gospel; the angels, the shepherds, a baby in a manger. We are also familiar with the nativity story from Matthew, including Joseph's dream, The Evil King Herod, and the Magi. Seldom do we think of the first chapter of John as a Christmas story at all. In fact, though, this chapter also details God's coming to earth in human form

Today: John 1:14-18

John (along with other gospel writers) uses the word "glory" as he describes Christ entering the world. In Biblical thought, this term is a highly elevated way to talk about God's presence. The gospels, however, also include very humble language around the very same event.



Hymns in Today's Service
Sing We Now of Christmas (#237)
Angels We Have Heard On High (#238)
In the Bleak Midwinter (#221)

HOW CAN WE HELP?

Assisted-listening devices are available. Ask a greeter!



Childcare: Birth to 3 years of age
 Opens 15 minutes before service

Children's Discipleship: 4yr to 5th grade
 Departs from the Sanctuary when announced during our service.

This Week: December 24 - 30

Sunday: CHRISTMAS EVE

10:00 - Traditional Worship Service
 11:00 - Thrive Contemporary Service
 12:00 - Fellowship Meal - Gym
 5:00pm - **Candlelight Service**
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Monday: CHRISTMAS DAY

CLOSED -25 Dec-1 Jan'24-Office & MMC Rec Ctr

Wednesday:

12:00 - Pickleball

Thursday:

7:00 - 9:00 pm - Basketball Shoot Around

Friday:

9:00 - 12:00 Pickleball



Our Mission

After His resurrection, Jesus gave his disciples this mission:
 "...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
 (Mt 28:19-20)

Our purpose is to **"grow disciples who make a difference."**

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Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

To have your concern or celebration added to this list, contact the church office. **Requests will remain for 3 weeks.**

Prayer Concerns

- Scott Deyo
- Tristan (Yehor Vitel's brother-in-law)
- Dee Vitatoe (friend of Lauren & Savannah Thompson)
- Judy Calitri (her sister, Becky Conley, is in palliative care)
- Anonymous request (Brooke & family)
- Judy Adkins (brother, Glen, illness)

Our Military

- Army: Sam Lisle, Special Ops
William McCoy
Jason Glen, Hawaii
Tyler Anderson, Colorado Springs
- Marines: John R. Glenn, Quantico
- Air Force: Traver Harvey, Fairbanks, Alaska
- National Guard: Tom Petit



FUMC Budgeted Giving for 2023

\$706,600

Giving Needed thru 12/17/23

\$693,011.97

Giving Received thru 12/17/23

\$696,924.87

*Thank you for your continued faithfulness
in giving to FUMC!*

You may give to the ministries of the church at
<https://pushpay.com/g/richmondfumc>

Sharing Ministry

**NOVEMBER
Served 14 Families
\$639.39**

2 Books & 2 Stuffed Animals

**WINTER BLITZ
January 12-13, 2024**



**For more info see:
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