

Welcome to Richmond Presbyterian Church

Christmas Day | Tuesday, December 25, 2019

*Richmond Presbyterian Church is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Indigenous people.
The Presbyterian Church in Canada acknowledges the territory's significance for the Indigenous peoples who lived, and continue to live, in this territory.*



GOD GATHERS US

Worship is an act rooted in God's invitation. We acknowledge Christ's presence, our reverence for God's word and our need for reconciliation with God and one another.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

Entry of the Bible

Gathering Song* #159, *Oh come, all ye faithful*

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Christ Candle*

One: In the beginning was the Word.

All: And the Word was with God and the Word was God.

One: In him was light.

All: And the light was the life of all people.

One: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

All: We are easily distracted by darkness and by what we lack.

Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world and let our lives reflect your love and light this night and always.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession *(in unison, seated)*

Holy and loving God, you stir in the night and bring about joy in the morning, you stir in our hearts and bring joy to our lives, you stir in our minds and bring wisdom. You stir in the world and put on flesh and came as the Christ child, born a baby in a cattle stall, so that we might have true, full and everlasting life. Like the shepherds that night long ago, we come this morning to adore you. We come to praise you as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. God of compassion we come also to speak to you about the truth of our lives. God of grace and truth, you give the gift of yourself, but we take no notice as we are caught up in our own gifts given and received. You offer us new life in the baby born in Bethlehem but we make sentimental that birth and we reject new life. Your light comes into the world but we dwell on the darkness, you come to us as a human yet we cannot see you in the human lives around us. Forgive what we have been, help us amend who we are, and direct who we shall be. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Peace of Christ

Hymn* #135, *Christians, awake*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Worship continues as we listen for God's word, in the reading of scripture, through the gift of music and in preaching.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Luke 3:7-18

(Pages 60 in the New Testament of your pew Bible)

Response following the Scripture Reading:

One: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "What did you give for Christmas this year?"

Rev. Victor Kim

Hymn* #168, *See amid the winter's snow*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Worship is participatory. We offer our gifts and ourselves in faithful stewardship, and in grateful thanksgiving pray for the needs of the world.

The Offertory

Offertory Music

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN

GOD SENDS US

Worship continues as we are sent into the world in God's mission, receiving God's blessing to love the world as God loves the world.

Hymn* #133, *Go tell it on the mountain*

Choral Amen*

Postlude

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

*We warmly welcome all this morning to worship.
Be sure to check out our bulletin board outside the sanctuary or our
webpage at www.richpres.com for more information about our worship
services or programs and how we can share in your faith journey.*

Joint Community Worship – A reminder that on December 29th we will be worshipping with five other churches at Bethany Baptist Church located at 22680 Westminster Hwy (in the Hamilton area). Rev. Victor Kim will give the message and our own RPC Choir will be combining with others for the anthem in this beautiful 1000 seat sanctuary. Offering will be collected at the service with donations being separated by church, so remember to bring an offering envelope. Extra envelopes will be available. Loose offering will be donated to the Richmond Food Bank. Childcare for young ones will be available. Service begins at 10:00am.

2020 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up from the table in the church hall. *Questions about envelopes?* Contact Heather.

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are placed
by the Rolick Family wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas.*

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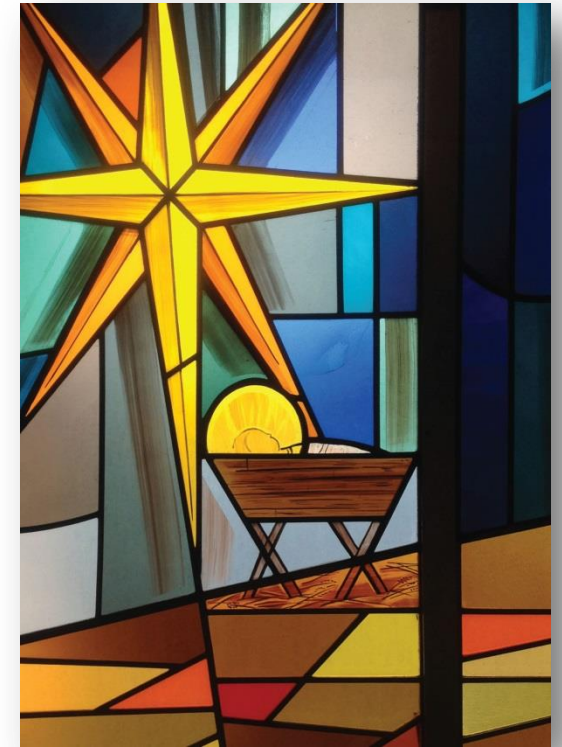
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RICHMOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Deep with God, Wide with the World



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