

ORDER OF SERVICE

"The terrible thing about the quest for truth is that you find it."
-- Remy de Gourmont, French poet

PRELUDE ***What Child is This?*** -- Trad. English Melody, Mac Huff, arr.

INTROIT ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*** -- 13th century hymn

CHALICE LIGHTING Number 458 (Henry Guinn, chalice lighter)

* HYMN Number 296 (standing) ***O Ye Who Taste That Love Is Sweet***

* RESPONSIVE READING Number 442 (standing) ***We Bid You Welcome***

* SONG OF EXALTATION (standing) Genevan Psalter, 1551

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing ye to God with cheerful voice;
Come serve with mirth, God's praise forth tell.
Join ye together and rejoice. Amen.**

OBJECT LESSON FOR CHILDREN (As the children gather the Choir and River Ringers sing *The Welcome Song*, and upon leaving *Go Now in Peace*.)

* INTERLUDE ***Christmas Time is Here*** -- Lee Mendelson / Vince Guaraldi

THE RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS [see insert]

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

MOMENTS OF SILENCE (A time for contemplation and prayer.)

ANTHEM ***The Gift of Love*** -- Hal H. Hopson

OFFERTORY ***O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*** -- J. Barnby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN 348 (standing) ***Guide My Feet***

SERMON ***GPS for Unitarians***
The Reverend Burton D. Carley

CHORAL RESPONSE ***Love and Joy*** --Traditional

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ***Christmas is Coming*** -- Vince Guaraldi

* Persons arriving late may be seated at these times.

Large Print or Braille Hymnals, and Assisted Hearing Devices may be requested from the ushers.

Web Site: Check out our web site at www.churchoftheriver.org. You will find relevant information about our church, including a calendar and the weekly newsletter.

To receive the newsletter and/or have a nametag, please visit the welcoming table at the back of the church to sign our guest register.

A Crying Room is available in the Beacon Room (library) of the Channing Wing. You can hear the service while rocking the little one.

The Care Coordinator for November is Marti Holladay at 725-4103.

SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS: The Quest Group meets in the Beacon Room at 9:30 a.m. to ponder "The Bible - Down and Dirty". The Questions of Faith group meets next week at 10 a.m. in the Potter Wing to discuss *The Evolution of God* by Robert Wright. For information contact Carol Straughn at 387-4850. All welcome!

What are you called to do? Four opportunities: (1) Soup Kitchen (Dan Bing at 763-2384); (2) COR meals-on-wheels (Jeane Umbreit at 374-9114); (3) Shady Grove Elementary School (Juliet Wischmeyer at 219-5817); (4) Hospitality Hub (Ellen Klyce at 323-0123).

SERMONS AVAILABLE: CD's for \$5 or on loan from the library. Print copies on the Welcome Table. PODCASTS on the website by Tuesday.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER ROOM FOR THE NEW MEMBER RECEPTION AND FOR THE BETSY JEWELRY TRUNK SHOW.

HOSPITALITY HUB GOODIE BAGS By Wed., Dec. 16th; deliver to 146 Jefferson (9 to 3, M to F) fruit, small packages of snacks, cereal or power bars, socks, gently used or new wallets. Help the homeless have a holiday gift. For information call Beatrice at 522-1808.

The Alliance meets Tues. at 10:30 a.m. in the Ms. River Rm. for the annual Holiday Potluck and carol singing. Shakespeare Readers meet at the main library at 2 p.m. on Wed.; and the Choir practices in the sanctuary on Wed. at 7:30 p.m.

Next Sunday is the 12 Days of Christmas sing-a-long with props, featuring the Shady Grove Chorus in the Mississippi River Room after the worship service.