

TRADITIONAL SERVICE
OF WORSHIP
Epiphany Sunday
Covenant Renewal Service in the Wesleyan Tradition

January 1, 202310:30 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC
God So Loved - We The Kingdom

OPENING SONG/HYMNNo. 77
O Lord My God! When I in Awesome Wonder

WELCOME CALL TO WORSHIP
(please respond by reading the bold text)
A new day has dawned, a new year has begun.
O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.
The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.
O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.
We enter this new year with hope and excitement.
O Lord, remind us that You lead us.
Turn our hearts to You and Your people.
Guide our lives that we might follow and worship You.
Amen.

SONG/HYMNNo. 117
O God Our Help In Ages Past

KIDS MESSAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Worshippers are asked to sign the connect cards located in the pews.)

SCRIPTURE READING: A LITANY OF NEWNESS
Psalm 96, Isaiah 42:9, 43:18-19, 2 Corinth. 5:17, Revelation 21:5, Psalm 98
LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR AN UNKNOWN FUTURE (by Thomas Merton)

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS:
As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY MUSIC
New Day- Daniel Gokey

*DOXOLOGY:No. 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON:Deuteronomy 26:16-19
LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

TIME OF COVENANT WITH GOD:
based on John Wesley’s directions from 1781

I. Introduction & Invitation: “Call to Adventure with Christ”

II. Prayer
Covenant God who searches hearts,
I am no longer my own, but yours.
I put myself fully into your hands:
put me to doing, put me to suffering,
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,
let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and with a willing heart
give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

III. Advice on living into God’s covenant:

- Set apart some time (more than once) to be alone with God.
- Be in a spirit of Holy awe and reverence.
- Claim God’s covenant and promises.
- Resolve to be faithful.
- Be prepared to renew it again in the future.

IV. The Covenant:

Let us bring our lives before God.
Righteous God, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, see me as I
bring myself before you. Forgive my unfaithfulness (in what I have
done and left undone), for you have promised mercy if I turn to you
with my whole heart.

God requires that we shall put away all our idols.
Here and now, from the bottom of my heart, I renounce all my idols.
I covenant with you that no known sin shall be allowed in my life.
Against your will, I have turned my love toward the world. In your
power I will watch all temptations that will lead me away from you.
For my own righteousness is riddled with sin, unable to stand
before you.

Through Christ, God has offered to be your God again if you would
let him.
Before all heaven and earth, I acknowledge you as my Lord and God.
I take you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for my portion, and vow to
give my life and heart and hands to serve you in holiness and
righteousness all the days of my life.

God has given us the Lord Jesus Christ as the way and means of
coming to God.
Jesus Christ, I accept you as the new and living Way. I join myself in a
covenant with you—even though I come to you hungry, sinful,
vulnerable and unworthy to even wash the feet of your servants.
I do here, with all my power, accept you as my Lord and Savior.
I renounce my own worthiness, and vow that you are the Lord, my
righteousness. I renounce my own wisdom, and take you for my guide.
I renounce my own will, and take your will as my law.

Christ has told you that you must suffer with him.
I do here covenant with you, O Christ, to take my lot with you as it
may fall. Through your grace I promise that neither life nor death
shall part me from you.

God has given holy laws as the rule of your life.
All your laws are holy, just, and good. I take them as the rule for my
words, thoughts, and actions, promising that I will strive to order my
whole life according to your direction, and not allow myself to neglect
anything I know to be my duty.

HOLY COMMUNIONNo. 12

CLOSING PRAYER:
O God, you know and see the promises made today. If any falsehood
should be in it, guide me and help me to set it right. And now, O
glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine,
and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on
earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN/SONG OF DEDICATION:No. 388
O Come and Dwell in Me

*THE BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

Worship Attendance - December 24-25, 2022

Contemporary Christmas Eve Service	132
Traditional Christmas Eve Service	183
Christmas Day	42

Serving in Worship Today

Tech Team: Britt Scott
Greeter: Tim Ware

What's Happening This Week?

TODAY:

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

The church office will be closed tomorrow, January 2nd and reopen Tuesday at 9 a.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Yoga: Wednesday at 3 p.m. & Friday at 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Night Ministry: Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
First Friday Friends: Friday at 11:00 a.m.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

Meals Served Last Week: 109

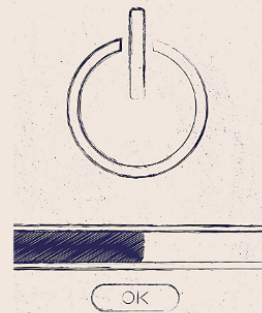
2023
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Refresh.
Renew.
Restart.
Reconnect.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
they are a new creation.
The old has passed away;
behold, the new has come."
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

First Friday Friends

Fellowship, Food & Fun
Friday, Jan. 6th at 11 a.m.
Please RSVP: (904) 355-5491



coming in January 2023...
Restart:

A SPIRITUAL RESET
FOR A NEW YEAR
REFRESH. REBOOT. RECONNECT.



ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH, WE WILL RETURN
TO OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE
AS WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST.

9AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
10AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP



Pancake Breakfast

HOSTED BY UNITED METHODIST MEN
SUNDAY, JAN 29TH - FELLOWSHIP HALL
BETWEEN SERVICES
NO CHARGE

Uncomfortable talking
about race?
Let's talk about it.

Join us for an evening of deep
discussion and personal connection
centered around the topic of race
that is accessible to everyone.

RACE
CARDS

JOIN US

Community + Conversation

Tuesday, January 31st at 6:30 p.m.

Riverside Presbyterian Church

849 Park Street - Bittinger Hall

Offerings can be placed in the
sanctuary offering plates, mailed to
the church (819 Park St. Jacksonville,
FL 32204) or given online using
"MyWell" (code to the right):
www.mywell.org/give/rpumc



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Sunday, 1 January

Happy New Year

We start the year by dedicating our
hearts and lives (we dedicate this year)
to the God who guides us
and makes all things new.



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