



# RIVEROAKS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*The first week of Advent*  
**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**  
*Services 9am & 10:45am*



*Inviting People into Healing  
Communion with Jesus.*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## EVERYTHING

*Music & Lyrics: Taylor Leonhardt (2017)*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Cheryl Owens*

### John 1:14-18 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

## PRAYER OF PRAISE / THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## O COME O COME EMMANUEL

*Music & Lyrics: J. M. Neale (1851)*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Rev. Jonathan Dorst*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

*Music & Lyrics: CityAlight (2018)*

## HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

*Music & Lyrics: Charles Wesley, (1739)*

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Rev. Ricky Jones*

## OUR RUF, JAMES POST

*Christmas Offering*

## PRAYER FOR GOD’S HELP

## SCRIPTURE READING

### John 14:18-24 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” <sup>22</sup> Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

## “GOD MAKES A HOME IN US.”

**Sermon Series:** *This Changes Everything*

**Speaker:** *Rev. Ricky Jones*

### 1. Changes Our Alienation.

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### 2. Changes Our Hostility.

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### 3. Changes Our Fear.

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## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

### O HOLY NIGHT

*Music & Lyrics: David Crowder Band (2011)*

### OFFERING

Scan the QR Code to give online or through the App.

You can also mail checks to:

6528 E. 101st, Ste D1, Box 415, Tulsa, OK 74133



## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INFANT BAPTISM (2<sup>ND</sup> SERVICE)

### SILENT NIGHT

*Music & Lyrics: Red Mountain Music (2008)*

## BENEDICTION

*Rev. Ricky Jones*

# *Christmas* Event Schedule:

## **Longest Night Service**

*December 21st - 6:30pm to 7:30pm*

## **Christmas Eve Morning Service**

*December 24th - 10:45am to 12:00pm*

## **Christmas Eve Service (Traditional Candlelight Service)**

*December 24th - 6:30pm to 7:30pm*

## **New Years Eve Service**

*One Service - 10:45am to 12:00pm*

# *Christmas Offering* **Giving Goal: \$80,000**

This year our Christmas Offering will go to three very valuable places:

- **OU RUF & Campus Minister James Post**
- **Jackson Stewart & Danielle Lewis  
RYM Internship**
- **RiverOaks Worship Enhancements**



The Christmas Offering will be taken up on **Sunday, December 17th**. You can give now, on the date, or through the end of the year.

**Ways to give:** *Cash, check, on the RiverOaks App, and on our website. (option #2 on the drop-down menu).*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 1st SERVICE

**Infants-3:** Children can be dropped off in their classrooms before service.

**4 Years Olds-Kindergarten:** Children worship with their family and then go to their classroom when dismissed.

**Kids Club (1st-4th Graders):** Students worship with their family and gather in the lobby when dismissed to travel to the YAB with leaders. Guardians pick up children in the YAB after the service.

## 2nd SERVICE

**Infants-2:** Children can be dropped off before service in the 1 Year Old Classroom.

**3 Year Olds:** Children can be dropped off before service in the 3 Year Old Classroom. For lesson time, 3 year olds will join with the older kids. Please pick up your 3 year old from the 4 Year Old-Kindergarten Classroom.

**4 Years Olds-Kindergarten:** Children worship with their family and then go to their classroom when dismissed.

**Kids Club 2 (1st-4th Graders):** Students worship with their family and meet in the classroom off the lobby when dismissed.

## **No PLAY DATES for Winter**

Due to the weather changing, Play Dates will pick up later in 2024.

For all RiverOaks Kids questions, email [stacie@riveroakstulsa.com](mailto:stacie@riveroakstulsa.com)



**Large Group**  
(Dec 3rd, 6:00pm-8:00pm)

**HS What's Up Wednesday**  
(Dec 6th 6:30pm-8:00pm,  
At Rhema, to walk the lights!!!)

**5th Grade Class will meet Jackson and Lindsey in the Lobby during announcements!**

Follow CORE RiverOaks Youth on Instagram @riveroaksyouth

For questions, email [josh@riveroakstulsa.com](mailto:josh@riveroakstulsa.com)

## **RiverOaks Budget Update (as of 11/29)**

**Yearly Giving Target: \$1,400,945**

**Giving so far: \$982,971**

**Deficit: -\$417,974**

**30% to go to make our target for the year.**

## Story Time

### Songs, Activities, & Art

For RiverOaks Kids 0-5yrs.

Join us for Songs, Activities, & Art! *December 6th and 20th, 9:30am to 10:30am* in the CE Room located at the side of the sanctuary.

*Info: [stacie@riveroakstulsa.com](mailto:stacie@riveroakstulsa.com)*



## New to RiverOaks?

We're glad you joined us!

Fill out a *Connect Card* on our App or fill out the *Connect Pad* at the end of the row to let us know how to connect with you!

## Congregational Meeting

Voting to elect Elders.

We have a Congregational Meeting planned *Sunday Jan. 7th at 10:15am* (between services) to elect elders.

*Info: [jonathan@riveroakstulsa.com](mailto:jonathan@riveroakstulsa.com)*

## Get the App!

Scan the QR Code to download the RiverOaks App.

Available in App Stores



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[get.theapp.co/f45m](https://get.theapp.co/f45m)

## Women's Ministry Events

### Christmas Potluck Dinner

December 7th at 6:30pm at the Houston home. See *Christmas Potluck Dinner Event on the app* for more details and to register.

### Bible Reading Groups are being formed for 2024!

See the *Women's Discipleship 2024* event on the app for details!

*Email [charmaine@riveroakstulsa.com](mailto:charmaine@riveroakstulsa.com) with any questions.*