



# River Terrace Church

**December 6, 2020  
10:00 AM**

**"Jesus Impact"**  
based on Luke 1:46-56

Message by Pastor Brent

Special offering:  
[Community Assistance Program](#)

## TODAY

Adult Forum *"Mary in the Bible, and in the World"* 9:15-9:50 AM: Click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/294029218> to join Pastor Ken for an Advent series of discussions on Mary, the mother of Jesus. Week Two: *Mary in Church Tradition*.

**Illuminated Advent Path:** today from 5:00-6:00 PM Enjoy walking through a beautiful lighted path in the woods to celebrate the meaning of Advent.

**IGNITE:** All Middle School and High School students are invited to attend the outdoor, socially-distanced event of the Illuminated Advent Path from 5:00-6:00 PM this evening. For the youth who will be present, we will circle up and check-in with each other around 5:30 PM at the event. Hope to see you there.

## ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE OPTIONS

**ONLINE:** livestream at 10:00 AM or watch later on YouTube (see link on website).

**10:00 AM in-person:** singing from platform only

Please read our [Guidelines for Worship](#), last updated on November 25.

Due to limited building capacity, you are required to **register online for in-person worship service**. Links to register are on our website and in the Friday email.

Please contact the office at 351-9059 if you need additional assistance.

We hope you join us!



## TODAY, continued

**Youth:** All High School and Middle School students are invited to join us for our Advent Sunday School classes from 11:15 AM-12:00 Noon following the 10:00 AM worship service. Join the Zoom meeting here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/75197316083?pwd=b2xUTW9La1BTaGkvYUJwUUtWMIp6Zz09>  
Meeting ID: 751 9731 6083  
Passcode: 572847

**Children's Ministry:** New worship videos for Little Lambs (ages 2-4) and Greenhouse (kids age 5-grade 4) are available on our website, along with a multi-age Sunday School Lesson.

**MSU Internationals Bible Study Online:** Sundays from 9:00-9:50 AM. For the Zoom link, email [msuinternationals@gmail.com](mailto:msuinternationals@gmail.com).

## THIS WEEK

**Pastor's Bible Study:** meets on Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. See our website or Friday's email for the link.

**Prayer Time with RTC Elders:** Join a team of our elders in prayer on Zoom Wednesdays from 7:00-7:30 PM. We will pray for our church and world and any concerns you bring. See our website or Friday's email for the link.



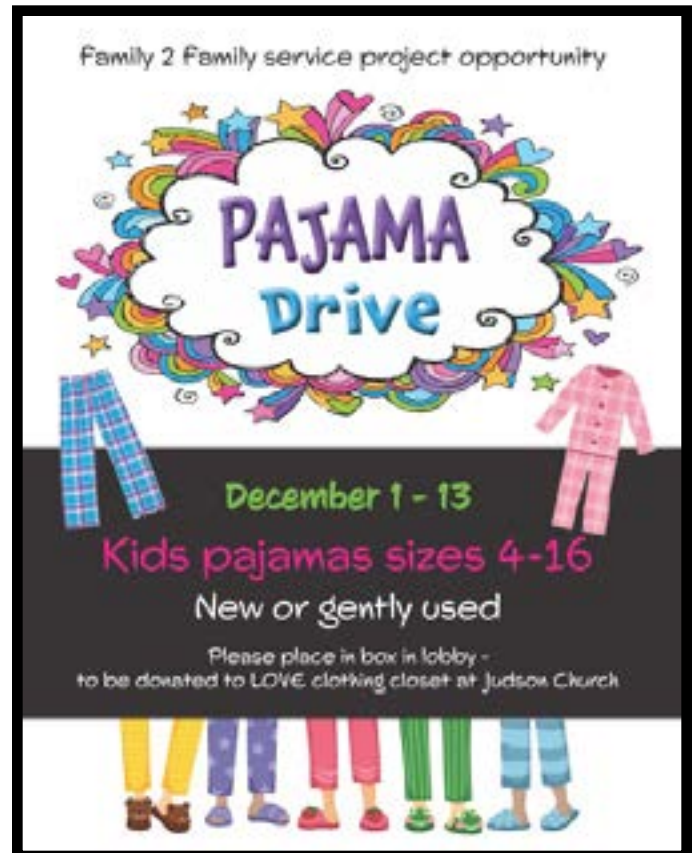
### Sanctuary Seating

For social distancing purposes, we've added a colored strip at the end of each pew to indicate where seating is allowed. Please sit in the **GREEN** color coded pews, leaving the yellow color coded pews empty. Thank you for your cooperation.

**MSU Internationals English Conversations:** Wednesdays at 7:00 PM online. Email [msuinternationals@gmail.com](mailto:msuinternationals@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

**RTC Supporting Parents:** See videos on our website.

**Story Time:** Look for a new video every Friday!



## FAMILY 2 FAMILY DECEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

SPARROWS NEST "Love for Children" needs RTC members who would be willing to be a friend to a family by offering at least once a month contact to support the mother and her children. Currently there are 5 families with a total of 13 children. If you would like to partner with a family please contact [Mary Ann Harkema](mailto:MaryAnn.Harkema@judsonchurch.org) or [Dave Mulder](mailto:Dave.Mulder@judsonchurch.org).

**Pajama Drive: Now through December 13**  
Donate new or gently used kids pajamas sizes 4-16 for the LOVE clothing closet at Judson Church.

## QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What's your take on this claim: "Christianity has done more harm than good"?
2. Is it surprising to you Elizabeth calls Mary, not Zechariah, "blessed"? Explain.
3. Discuss: Mary self-identifies not as "mother of God" but as God's servant.
4. What example of women in Jesus' movement most stands out to you? Why?
5. How is God calling to you to respond to the teaching of these texts?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Financial Needs/Benevolence:** If you have a financial need during this time, please reach out to the deacons through the [benevolence@riverterrace.org](mailto:benevolence@riverterrace.org) e-mail address.

**2021 Giving Envelopes** are available to pick up now through **Sunday, December 20** in the gathering hall.

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS and PRAYERS

Let's pray for Bill Lakos, who is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday, to be followed by a period of vocal rest.

Former long-time RTC member Arlen Sawyer has been hospitalized with Covid. His wife, Donna would appreciate prayers for him.

Jan Lankerd passed away December 2. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Shirley Worgul has moved into Delta Retirement Center and wishes to thank the church for the outpouring of sympathy in the many cards she received following Bob's death.

Continued prayers are appreciated for Cheryl Bolt, Henry Boyer, Barb Champion, Charlene Cunningham, Bob Dunn, Lucille Kuiper, Jane Outslay, Margie Stephenson, Lynn Stewart, and Sophie TenBroek.

## Kids tell the Christmas Story Video

Now through December 11, children of any age are welcome choose a nativity character and read a small part of the Christmas story while being recorded. Shalom will meet with families individually and safely outside of the costume closet at RTC. Even toddlers or kids who don't want to speak can participate by being manger animals, gifts or stars. This will be put together for a Christmas Eve video of our children telling the story of the birth of Christ. Please email [Shalom](mailto:Shalom) right away to set up a date and time to stop in for just your family, or we can arrange for you to send a video from home.



Next Sunday, December 13 at 10:00 AM

### **"How Good Are You?"**

based on Luke 1:46-56 (especially v 51); 12:1-8

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Special offering: [Nigeria Partnership](#)

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