

# Welcome to **River Community Church**

## Sunday Morning Worship

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### Order of Worship

January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

Rev. JM Owens III - Pastor | Rev. Steve Rhodes - Pastor Emeritus

Kevin Raske - Music Director

#### Prelude

To God Be the Glory

Crosby (1875); Arr. Raske

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Himself

\* Call to Worship

Philippians 2:5–11

\* All Glory Be to Christ

Kensrue

\* Praising God Who Is with Us

#### We Bring Ourselves to God

\* Confessing Our Faith Together

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*Please Stand

The Morning Prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer

God Reassures Us of His Grace

Hebrews 4:14–16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

\*Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

Farren, Robinson, Thompson

\*His Mercy is More

Papa, Boswell

#### We Give Thanks to God

##### Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Children ages 3-5 may be taken to the nursery during the offering.

And Can It Be

Charles Wesley (1738)

\*Doxology

Ken (1709)

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### God Speaks to Us

The Word of God Read

Genesis 3:14–24

The Word of God Proclaimed

Rev. JM Owens III

“East of Eden”

Genesis 1–11: Origins of a Christian Worldview

Responding to God's Word in Prayer

#### God Feeds Us

Invitation & Exhortation

Prayer of Consecration

The Bread & the Cup

Prayer of Dedication

#### God Blesses Us

\*O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

Matheson (1882); Music by Miner (1997)

\*Benediction

\*Respond with Song All Creatures of Our God & King (Refrain) St. Francis (1225)

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

# Weekly Announcements

January 7<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Congregational Meeting Today

*We ask members to remain after the service for our important vote.*

We are scheduled to have our annual congregational meeting this morning, immediately following the worship service. If you are a member of the church, we ask you to stay. If you are a guest or visitor, you are welcome to remain and observe. The business of the meeting this morning is threefold. We will vote to leave the EPC, and we will receive the budget report. Along with the budget report and departure from the EPC, we will also be adjusting Pastor Trey's terms of call.

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## Inquirers' Class

*Beginning Sunday, February 4th*

Our next Inquirers' Class is scheduled to begin Sunday, February 4th during the Sunday school hour. This seven-week course will introduce attendees to River's core mission, distinctives, and beliefs. Anyone interested in joining River Community Church is encouraged to attend, as are members who are interested in reviewing River's core mission and beliefs.

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## Spring Studies

*Wednesday Night and Women's Studies resume the week of January 14th.*

Mark your calendars for the third week of January for two adult studies that will begin on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, respectively:

- ▶ **The Basics of Evangelism in a Post-Christian Culture**  
Beginning Wednesday, January 17th at 6:00pm.  
Led by Pastor Trey for all adults and youths; childcare will be provided.
- ▶ **Women's Study: Thessalonians – Hope through Grace**  
Beginning Thursday, January 18th at 9:30am.  
Led by Dana Sutton; childcare will be provided.

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## Sunday Night Youth Fellowship

*All students in 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited!*

The youth of River Community Church gather every Sunday evening from 5:30–7:00pm at the home of Cory & Leslie Darbonne for food, fun, and fellowship. Their address is 16372 Joe Sevario in Prairieville.

**Make sure to grab a prayer request/connection card to let us know you're here and how we can be praying for you!**

**For giving options, please visit [rivercommunity.org/give](http://rivercommunity.org/give)**



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