

**Memory Verse This Week** – “My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations,” says the Lord Almighty.” – Malachi 1:11 NIV

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Happy New Year!** May God's **amazing grace** be with all who joined us for Worship Service today.
- **2026 Bread for the Day** is available. Take one book and spend the year walking daily in God's Word.
- **Birthdays** in January: Donna (6), Alejandra (16), Sandra (27)
- Our chapel building is currently undergoing restoration and will remain temporarily closed until the work is completed. In the meantime, we invite you to join us in prayer:
  - For **wisdom** as we make important decisions about how to move forward.
  - For **unity and love** to fill our hearts as we continue discerning together.
  - For **God's providence**, that He would supply every need and provide for the full cost of restoration.
- We are currently raising **special funds** for a chapel restoration. (So far, we raised \$3,312.81 Goal: \$14,000)
- **Vision Meeting**, 1/17 (Sat), 10:30 AM @ Lambert Hall

## EMPOWERING GOD'S PEOPLE

- Please sign up for Usher, Prayer, Offering Song, Scripture Reading, Fellowship Meal.

## TRANSFORMATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

- Children & Youth Gathering: During fellowship time @ Youth Room
- Young Adult Group Meeting: Next: 1/6 (Tue), 8 PM (Zoom)
- Early Morning Prayer Meetings (Zoom): Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 5:30 AM
- Lectio Divina (Bible Meditation & Prayer): Wed-5:30 AM, 8 PM, Sat-7 AM
- Praise Night, Every Friday, 7:30 PM @ Lambert Hall
- Men's Brunch Meeting, 1/24 (Sat), 10:30 AM @ Lambert Hall
- Women's Group, 1/24 (Sat), 3:30 PM @ Lambert Hall

## YOUR SOUL FOOD THIS WEEK TO “KNOW GOD”

Mon (1/5)	Tue (1/6)	Wed (1/7)	Thu (1/8)	Fri (1/9)	Sat (1/10)	Sun (1/11)
Hebrews 11:32-12:2	Matthew 2:1-12	1 Kings 10:1-13	Ephesians 4:7,11-16	Micah 5:2-9	Psalm 29	Corporate Worship

First Sunday of 2026

10 AM, January 4, 2026

**2026 VISION : RIVER CHURCH**

“Shut out every other consideration and keep yourself before God for this one thing only—My Utmost for His Highest. I am determined to be absolutely and entirely for Him and for Him alone.”

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Usher: Charis Kang

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT

## JOYS & CONCERNS & TESTIMONIES

## † OPENING SCRIPTURE

Malachi 1:5

““You will see it with your own eyes and say,  
‘Great is the Lord—even beyond the borders of Israel!’”

## † HYMN

UMH 140. Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
UMH 357. Just as I Am, Without One Plea (1,2,6)

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## † DOXOLOGY

Everyone

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'ly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



## SCRIPTURE READING

## Malachi 1:6-11

## Noelle Kang

6 “A son honors his father, and a slave his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?” says the Lord Almighty. “It is you priests who show contempt for my name. “But you ask, ‘How have we shown contempt for your name?’ 7 “By offering defiled food on my altar. “But you ask, ‘How have we defiled you?’ “By saying that the Lord’s table is contemptible. 8 When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?” says the Lord Almighty. 9 “Now plead with God to be gracious to us. With such offerings from your hands, will he accept you?”—says the Lord Almighty. 10 “Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar! I am not pleased with you,” says the Lord Almighty, “and I will accept no offering from your hands. 11 My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations,” says the Lord Almighty.

## SPECIAL SONG

Sarah Yang &amp; Elaine Shadid

## PROCLAMATION

Ho Kang

**Deep Cleaning (2/7): How Have We Despised Your Name?  
True Worship Begins with My Utmost**

\*You retain 80% more in your head when you write notes.

“I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.” (Ps. 119:11)

## Reflection &amp; Resolution

As I begin 2026, am I honoring God’s name with my **utmost**—offering Him my whole self in reverent worship and obedient living—or have I been giving Him leftovers while keeping the best for myself? **Therefore, in 2026, I resolve** to no longer offer God leftovers, but to intentionally give Him my utmost—honoring His name through reverent worship, faithful obedience, and a surrendered life wherever He has placed me.

## SPECIAL SONG

The Kangs (Song: Blessed Be Your Name)

## HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 12-16

## † RESPONDING SONG

UMH 130. God Will Take Care of You

## † BENEDICTION

† Please stand as you are able.