

RICHMOND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Peter Jamieson
Third Sunday in Advent
December 14, 2025
Service 10:00 AM

Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting – Carol & Chris Clark

In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God's salvation.

All: We choose to believe that the day is coming when “the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isaiah 35:10).

We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.

Opening Song #211 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Opening Prayer – by Henri Nouwen

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to Your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of Your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of Your presence. We are Your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, “Come Lord Jesus!” Amen.

Gloria Patri

Children's Message

Special Music – “Come, O Redeemer, Come”

Prayer for Illumination:

God, source of all light, by your Word, you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. In your name we pray, Amen

First Lesson – Isaiah 35:1-10

Second Lesson – Matthew 11:2-11

Message

Time for Reflection

Statement of Faith #880

Prayer Chorus #407 “Close to Thee”

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer – Question: Do You Have Any Praises?

The Lord's Prayer – UMC Hymnal page 10

Announcements and Action Plans

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Closing Hymn #251 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Benediction

Benediction Response “May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go with You”

PRAYER CONCERNS

***OUR COUNTRY – Our Military – PUMP**

People of Ukraine, Russia.

**Eileen Albert, Ted Emmons, Karen, Steven Clark, Joe, Harry
Abendroth, Angela Pinella, Renee Callie, Gail Evans.
Our Church Family - Victims of Natural Disasters and Abuse.**

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DEALING WITH CANCER

**Paula Kohl, Angela Lemmer, Debbie Crafa, Ed Wehmeyer
(Cousin), Tom Stark, Lisa Woodlee, Susan Wehmeyer,
Anna Diehl, John, Kristin, Renee A'Hearn, Larry McEwen,
Marilyn Monica, Jack Bel, Chris Sellers.**

**12/7/2025 Offering \$1,376.00, the amount to meet the
annual budget is \$1,710.67.**



**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES –There will be two Christmas Eve
Services, a 3:00 PM Children’s Service and a 7:00 PM Candle-
Light Service.**

**BIBLE STUDY. We are having a “Christmas” luncheon on
Monday, December 15th at TK’s Diner at 11:45 am. –Bible Study
on December 21 and continue learning about Christmas.**

REFRESH – the next meeting is Sunday 1- 4-26, after worship.

**SUPPORT PUMP – We always need your financial support and
non-perishable food items Place any donations in the PUMP basket
in the Narthex. CHRISTMAS GIFTS) for PUMP children, wrap
gift, attach card to outside of package. Return to church by, 12-21.**

**CHILI -There are a few quarts of Chili (\$10 per quart) and quarts
of both Pumpkin and Vanilla ice cream (\$10 per quart) in the
freezer. A quick and easy meal and dessert for the busy holiday
season.**

**GRATEFUL BREAD MISSION- our next Safe Harbor Meal is
Tuesday January 13- Group #2 recipes and pans in kitchen. The
Tin Bucket offering on the third Sunday of each month will be
designated for the purchase of some recipe components and
supplies for our Safe Harbor meals. Thank you for supporting our
mission to feed the hungry in our community.**

WEB-SITE – RICHMONDUMCBANGOR.ORG