

# WELCOME TO THE RIVER

THANKS FOR JOINING US!

DECEMBER 3, 2023

## WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE JUDY LeBLANG  
DIANE VALENTINE

OPENING SONG CHRISTMAS DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT KRISTIN NELSON

## JOYS & CONCERNS

CENTERING SONG GOD WITH US

SCRIPTURE MARK 13: 24-37

SERMON WAITING IS HARD REV. KATHY FITZHUGH

## HOLY COMMUNION

## LORD'S PRAYER

## OFFERING

CLOSING SONG EVEN SO COME

## BENEDICTION

## STAY CONNECTED!



## CHILDREN



## OUR MISSION

Inspire people to **KNOW, GROW, GO** in God's love.

### KNOW

Connect people to Church & God.



### GROW

Develop as a disciple and leader.



### GO

Engage and serve the community.



## DISCOVER THE DISCIPLESHIP PATH!



### HOW DO I USE THE PATH?

The cross represents Christ. Place yourself in each section to discover where you are in your relationship with Christ. Then ask yourself these questions:

#### KNOW

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO CHURCH AND GOD

Am I attending worship regularly? How often am I connecting with God and God's people?

#### GROW

DEVELOPING AS A DISCIPLE AND LEADER

Am I involved in a bible study or small group to help me develop deeper as a disciple?

#### GO

ENGAGING AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY

How much mission work am I doing and is it deepening my relationship with God and people in my community?

Whether you find yourself in the lighter or darker sections of the path, see how you can grow deeper in your faith journey. We encourage you to consider joining a new small group, attending more worship services this year, or serving in one of our missions opportunities in the next few months. **Visit our website to see all the ways you can get plugged in!**

## GIVING

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **BIND ALL PEOPLES IN ONE HEART AND MIND EVENT** **TONIGHT AT 6PM AT NOEL UMC**

We invite you to join us tonight at 6pm at Noel UMC for Bind All Peoples In One Heart and Mind, a music and poetry event.

### **POINSETTIAS** **SUN. NOV. 19TH - MON. DEC. 11TH**

You can now order a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. Cost is \$15 per poinsettia, and all additional proceeds go to missions. A portion of the cost helps support Broadmoor UMC's mission to the Caddo Council on Aging Meals on Wheels ministry. You can place your order by filing out the order form in your order of worship or by emailing the office at [office@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:office@broadmoorumc.org).

### **FIRST GIFT**

It has been our custom at Broadmoor for a number of years to offer our First Gift of the Christmas season to the Christ Child. As we celebrate his gift of grace to us, we bring to the Lord a portion of what has been given to us. Please write "First Gift" in the memo line on your check or on the envelope before placing it in the offering plate. You may also give a "First Gift" online at [www.broadmoorumc.org](http://www.broadmoorumc.org) or you can mail your check to the church office at 3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105.

### **2023 ADVENT: WHERE WE BELONG**

Everyone may have a different definition of home and the places where we belong. Some people may find home not in physical spaces, but instead in belonging to a community that accepts us for the entirety of who God created us to be. Advent and Christmas are sort of homecoming. God found a new home among us in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. God will find his home again in the second coming of Christ as we await that return. The dwelling places where we find Christ today can be in our mangers, surrounded by parents, shepherds, magi, and a variety of animals—and also through the moves of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes those dwelling places can also be where we experience the most comfort and joy, where we truly belong in creation.

### **December Mission Focus: The Gingerbread House**

***This month we are collecting 1-ounce Play Doh, 8-ounce bottle water, and washable markers.***

All of these items are used daily in sessions with the children they serve. The Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center is a community-based, non-profit that began serving abused children in 1998. The Center works in closely with local law enforcement, child protective services, the district attorney's offices, and medical and mental health professionals to provide the best possible services for abused children and their families. Gingerbread House coordinates interviews and investigations with the referring agencies and other professionals from the initial screening to the final disposition of the case. Through the Center's advocacy program, child victims and their families are prepared for the criminal justice process to help prevent further victimization. The Gingerbread House also provides mental health interventions for child victims and their non-offending family members. All services are provided at no cost to the victim's family or referring agency.

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