Riverbend United Church
Exploring Faith, Engaging Community

Christmas 2024

Join us in person at Riverbend United Church for our Christmas Eve services at 5:00, 6:30 or 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 24th or **click here** for the 5:00 p.m. live-streamed service.

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Christmas Greetings from Rev. Valerie

Here in the depth of winter, we welcome eternal light:
the incarnation of the divine in human form.
It's the promise fulfilled, and it's a call upon our lives.

The birth we celebrate assures us of God's radical love--
a love without barriers, without condition.
It asks us to remember those in need,
to welcome the marginalized,
to bring peace wherever we go,
and to trust that we are not alone.

As we lift our candles on Christmas Eve,
either in the sanctuary gathered with others or in our own homes,
we join with people across the world praying for peace.
We join in following the promise of love.
It constantly whispers in our hearts,
like a mother cooing to her babe.
We simply respond.

May the peace of the Christ be yours,

Valerie