



THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Children, Youth and Families Calendar

Sundays in 2024-2025

DATE	STORY	OTHER INFORMATION	Choir
9/15 Homecoming National Hispanic Heritage Month	Genesis 15:1-6 (Luke 3:8) God promises Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars. Abraham believes.	Families worship together in the Nave.	
9/22 National Hispanic Heritage Month	Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15- 21 (Luke 6:35) Joseph's dreams lead to family conflict and he is sold into slavery. In the end Joseph forgives. God works for good.	CYF programming begins	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
9/29 National Hispanic Heritage Month	Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8 (Luke 22:14- 20) Passover: the blood of the lamb and unleavened bread signify God's sacrifice of the lamb God's deliverance.	CYF programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
10/6 National Hispanic Heritage Month	Exodus 32:1-14 (Luke 23:34) Golden calf shows unfaithfulness at Mt. Sinai. Moses intercedes, God forgives.	COMMUNION Families Worship together in the Nave	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals

10/13 National Hispanic Heritage Month	1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10 (Luke 1:46-55) Samuel is God's answer to Hannah, who sings of God's care for the needy.	CYF Programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
10/20 National Hispanic Heritage Month	2 Samuel 7:1-17 (Luke 1:30-33) God's promise to David concerning his heir, who will be God's Son and whose kingdom will endure forever.	Children's Sabbath Sunday CYF worship in the Nave	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir Sing in the Nave
10/27 National Hispanic Heritage Month	1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30, 41-43 (Luke 19:45-46) Solomon fulfills the promise and builds the temple, a place of prayer for all nations	CYF Programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
11/3 National Native American Heritage Month	1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24] (Luke 4:24- 26) Elijah and the widow; God's care for those on the margin.	COMMUNION Families Worship together in the Nave	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
11/10 National Native American Heritage Month	Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10 [4:1- 11] (Luke 18:13) Jonah's attempted escape from God, God's mercy on the people of Nineveh.	CYF Programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
11/17 National Native American Heritage Month	Isaiah 6:1-8 (Luke 5:8-10) Call of Isaiah: Holy, holy, holy is God; the prophet's sin, cleansing, and sending.	CYF Programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir Sing in the Nave
11/24 National Native American Heritage Month	Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31- 34 (Luke 22:19-20) Jeremiah's scroll calls for repentance, but the king burns it. The prophet promises a new covenant, written on the heart.	CYF Programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
12/1 ADVENT I	Daniel 6:6-27 (Luke 23:1- 5) Daniel in the lions' den; deliverance; God's kingdom shall never be destroyed.	COMMUNION Families Worship together in the Nave ADVENTFEST	Pageant Rehearsal

12/8 ADVENT II	Joel 2:12-13, 28-29 (Luke 11:13) Turn to a merciful God, promise of the Spirit.	PAGEANT	Pageant
12/15 ADVENT III	Isaiah 61:1-11 (Luke 4:16-21) The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring good news, liberty, and to make an everlasting covenant.	CYF Programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir Sing (Candlelight)
12/22 ADVENT IV	Luke 1:26-45 [46-56] (Psalm 113) Announcement of Jesus' birth to Mary; he will receive the throne of David.	Families Worship together in the Nave	
12/24 Family Christmas Eve Service	An intergenerational cast performs the story of the nativity in a series of monologues interspersed with carols.	Families Worship together in the Nave	
12/29	Luke 2:21-38 (Psalm 131) Simeon and Anna, Lord now you let your servant depart in peace.	Families Worship together in the Nave	
1/5	Luke 2:41-52 (Psalm 2:7-8) Jesus in the temple at age twelve. He is in "his Father's house."	Families Worship together in the Nave	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
1/12	Luke 3:1-22 (Psalm 51:6-17) John baptizes, bear fruit worthy of repentance, share what you have.	CYF Programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals

1/19	Luke 4:14-30 (Psalm 146) Sermon at Nazareth (Isaiah fulfilled, Elijah and widow, Elisha and Naaman).	Families Worship together in the Nave	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
1/26	Luke 5:1-11 (Psalm 90:14-17) Great catch of fish, Peter will fish for people.	CYF Programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir Sing in the Nave
2/2 Black History Month	Luke 6:1-16 (Psalm 92) Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath (plucking grain, healing a man) and call of disciples.	COMMUNION Families Worship together in the Nave	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
2/9 Black History Month	Luke 7:1-17 (Psalm 119:105-107) Healing the centurion's slave by a word and raising the widow's son at Nain.	CYF Programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
2/16 Black History Month	Luke 7:18-35 (Psalm 146:5-10) Tell John what you see and hear	CYF Programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
2/23 Black History Month	Luke 7:36-50 (Psalm 103:3-6) Sinful woman weeps at Jesus' feet and is forgiven	CYF Programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir Sing in the Nave
3/2	Luke 9:28-45 (Psalm 36:5-10) Transfiguration, healing a boy with a demon, passion prediction.	COMMUNION Families Worship together in the Nave	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
3/9 LENT I	Luke 10:25-42 (Psalm 15) Parable of the Good Samaritan	CYF Programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
3/16 LENT II	Luke 13:1-9, 31-35 (Psalm 122) The tower in Siloam and need for repentance, parable of fig	CYF Programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals

	tree that bore no fruit, lament over Jerusalem.		
3/23 LENT III	Luke 15:1-32 (Psalm 119:167-176) Parables of lost sheep, coin, prodigal son.	CYF Programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir Sing in the Nave
3/30 LENT IV	Luke 16:19-31 (Psalm 41:1-3) Parable of the rich man and Lazarus.	CYF Programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
4/6 LENT V	Luke 18:31—19:10 (Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12) Healing a blind man, meeting Zacchaeus. Jesus came to seek and save the lost.	COMMUNION Families Worship together in the Nave	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
4/13 LENT VI Palm Sunday	Luke 19:29-44 (Psalm 118:19-23) Triumphal entry; Jesus weeps over the city that does not know peace.	CYF Programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir Sing in the Nave
4/20 EASTER	Luke 24:1-12 (Psalm 118:17, 21-24) Empty tomb, women perplexed, bring the message.	Families worship together in the Nave Easter Egg Hunt	
4/27 Holy Humor Sunday	Luke 24:13-35 (Psalm 30) “Our hearts burned along the road, as he opened to us the Scriptures.”	Families worship together in the Nave	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
5/4 Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month	Acts 6:1—7:2a, 44-60 (Luke 23:33-34a, 46) Controversy in the early church; some set aside for service. Stephen forgives and is martyred.	COMMUNION Families worship together in the Nave	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir Sing at Spring Concert

5/11 Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month	Acts 8:26-39 (Luke 24:44-47) Ethiopian reads the Scriptures, comes to believe and be baptized by Philip.	CYF Programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir Sing in the Nave
5/18 Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month	Acts 15:1-18 (Luke 2:29-32) Council at Jerusalem, Faith gives identity to both Jews and Gentiles.	CYF Programming	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
5/25 Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month	Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21 (Luke 18:9-14) Paul's former life; conflict with Peter at Antioch; justification by faith.	Memorial Day Weekend Families Worship together in the Nave	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
6/1 Juneteenth	Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29 (Luke 1:68-79) Neither Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; one in Christ.	COMMUNION Bible Sunday students prepare. Other children worship with their families in the Nave.	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir rehearsals
6/8 Juneteenth	Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 [5:16-26] (Luke 11:11-13) Pentecost; God pours the Spirit into our hearts so we can call on God as Father. Fruit of the Spirit.	Pentecost Final Day of Programming Year Bible Sunday Scholarship Sunday	Cherub/Rising Voices/Youth Choir Sing in the Nave
SUMMER			