

Welcome to River Ridge!

If you have come as a visitor, we hope that you'll leave as a friend who's been blessed by worshiping God with us. We're glad you came and welcome you to join us again!

- To join a **Grow Group** check our website to see the list of possibilities or speak to a pastor or to Jim Sedore, our Grow Group Coordinator.

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A note for parents:

A special welcome to you! We strive to be an intergenerational church, and strongly believe that children are gifts to be treasured.

- Please feel free to use the nursery during the service to meet the needs of your infants.
- During the entire service, nursery care for toddlers and classes for 3-4 year olds are offered but not required.
- Children's bulletins are available for young doodlers. You might want to sit at a table!
- K – 5th grade children are encouraged to come up for "Komments for Kids" during the worship, and then are invited to go to their own class for the remainder of the service.
- Middle School & High School students are invited to join the worship service. We believe that students have an important role in our church family.

All kids learn by example, so you are teaching them about worship.

If you are fired up about God, they will be too!

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday: 8 am—12 pm and 1 pm—3 pm
Fridays: 8 am - 2 pm

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At River Ridge Covenant Church, we believe that everyone is called to a lifelong, upward path of discipleship where we Love, Grow, Serve (repeat)



Sunday, December 11, 2016

10:00 am Worship Service

Offered throughout the services:

Infant/Toddler Nursery, and Mothers' Room

Dismissed from the main service after 'Komments for Kids':

3s—Pre K Class, Kids Club for K-2nd grades, Club 345 for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

Middle School & High School students participate in the main worship service.

A Little Child Will Lead Them All

The gift of reconciliation

Pastor Dan Meyerpeter

Luke 1:39-56

Worship Team: Bev Smith, Susie Aasen, Jim Sedore, Mark Cook, Peter Savin,

Dan Smith, Gary Melhaff, Derek Stinson



Love - Grow - Serve (repeat)

We strive to be an intergenerational church of engaged, compassionate disciples. We'd love to serve you - and to serve with you!

This Week's Spotlight

Monday, December 12: (office closed)

Tuesday, December 13:

9:30 am **Women's Bible Study**

6:30-8:00 pm **Middle School Youth Group**

7:00 pm **Prayer Meeting**

Wednesday, December 14:

6:30-8:30 pm **High School Youth Group**

Thursday, December 15:

6:30 pm **Church Council**

Friday, December 16:

6:45 am **Men's Bible Study at Hawks Prairie Cutter's Point** (drop-ins welcome)

10:00-11:30 am **Parents & Kids Play Day**

Saturday, December 17:

8:00-11:00 am **Feeding the Homeless**

9:00 am **Pageant Rehearsal**



Pass the word...

Condolences— Al Birchman passed away on December 6. Our sincere condolences go to Joel & Heather Birchman and family. A service is being planned for January at RRCC.

Did you know that our church is registered to receive a portion of Amazon's profits? If you're going to shop at Amazon anyway, you can support your church at the same time by simply adding a smile. That is, by setting your browser to smile.amazon.com. You get the same selection and price as the regular amazon website. The only difference is by adding the word smile, you get directed to Amazon's charitable giving website. The first time you do it, you tell them which charity to support. River Ridge Covenant Church is on their list. Once you've done that, you simply shop as you normally would.

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Upcoming RRCC Events

Lemons to Lemonade Silent Auction

In conference room 1 (by the main entrance)

Members of the congregation have donated gently used items that they no longer need. Their "lemons" could become your "lemonade". You'll see bid sheets in the conference room to match each item being auctioned. Write your bid on the sheet, then check back each week to see if other bids are placed on the item—and up your bid if you choose. All proceeds go to our Youth Ministries. The bidding will close Dec. 18 at 11:45 am and high bidders will be notified that afternoon. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan.

Parents & Kids Play Day—next one December 16

1st & 3rd Fridays (not 5th Fridays), 10-11:30 am

We gather in the multipurpose/sanctuary for some great play-space for our preschoolers and enjoy some adult company. Invite other families & neighbors! Questions? Contact Peg Melhaff.

Feeding the Homeless

Saturday, December 17, 8:00-11:00 am

Everyone is welcome. We will be joining Joyful Hands Ministries as they serve the homeless in downtown Olympia. We'll be serving a hot breakfast, a bagged lunch, distributing toiletries and clothes. Meet at the Youth Building at 8am. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan.

Children's Christmas Nativity Performance

Sunday, December 18th, the 4th Sunday in Advent

The children will again re-enact the nativity story during the service (during Komments for Kids). First rehearsal is *TODAY*, Dec. 11th right after church. Dress rehearsal is Dec 17th at 9am. Contact Peg for more information.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service:

Saturday, December 24 at 5:00 pm.

Join us for this family-friendly service. We'll celebrate the birth of Christ by hearing the Christmas story, singing Christmas carols – some by candlelight – and a special message by Pastor Brian. After the service we'll have time for cookies and cider. *All children are welcome in the service.* Cookie donations are needed for the Candlelight Service. Bring cookies (homemade or store bought) on the night of the service, or drop them by during the week. They can be stored in the freezer as necessary. Questions? Contact the church office.

Christmas Day:

There will be no worship service on Sunday, December 25.

We hope you have a wonderful morning of thanking God for his gift!

Church Office Closure:

The church office will be closed the week following Christmas and will open again January 3rd.

New Sermon Series

Starts January 15

This winter we'll have a sermon series on the Holy Spirit, and Pastor Brian is recommending a couple of books for you to consider reading over the holidays to get ready. If you need some motivation to pursue an effective, Holy Spirit-filled life, you'll appreciate *Forgotten God: Reversing our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit* by Francis Chan. If you're already motivated but need some practical instruction, a great book is *Spirit Rising: Tapping into the Power of the Holy Spirit* by Jim Cymbala, Pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle.