

Welcome to Randall by the River

January 4th, 2026

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9:00 am Every recorded Sunday Services are posted to “Randall by the River” on Facebook

Randall by the River is a Lighthouse Congregation of The Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, in partnership with The United Methodist Collective of the Western NC Conference.

Centering Words

Opening Prayer

Opening Song- “O Come, All Ye Faithful” UMH #234

Prayers of the People

We come together as a community to pray for and with one another. What joys and what concerns do we have this day?

“To that we all say, **Amen!**”

Close with the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson- John 1:1-18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ”) ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

Message- After the Angels Go Home

Musical Response

Communion

Response to the Word

This is an opportunity to respond to the Word as you feel led. We invite you to remember your baptism, listen to the music, light a candle, give your offering, and pray.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song- "We Three Kings" UMH #254

Benediction

Call to Action

- Our mission box is going to the Spruce Pine UMC Community Assistance Fund!
- Elizabeth Davis will be collecting new underwear and new/gently used sweatpants for kids at Central Elementary. A donation box will be available from January 1st-31st. The school is in need of all kids sizes for boys and girls.
- January 11th, we will have a Joining Sunday! If you have been feeling a call to join our membership at Randall by the River, it will be a chance for you to join with others who are feeling that call!
- On January 17th, we will have a women's group called Girlfriends and Grace. Beverly Little is hosting our first month at A Cause for Tea. We will meet at Randall at 8 am to carpool to Monroe. Please RSVP to Beverly Little and direct questions to her!
- As Pastor Hanna and Josh plan to welcome the baby, we are in need of help for worship! If you are willing to lend your voice during Pastor Hanna's leave through scripture reading, prayers, or announcements, please let Pastor Hanna know!

Financial Stewards: Caris Hahn and Beth Curry

Mission Statement: "Our mission is to be a spirited, vibrant church planted by God's grace, growing in Christ's love, and living as fruitful neighbors within our community as we answer God's call to make disciples of Jesus Christ."