

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

The Worship of God begins with the Opening Voluntary.
As you enter, pause for a moment to become aware of God's presence.

February 17, 2019 Eleven o'clock in the morning

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Joey Mistretta and Elizabeth Thorne

VOLUNTARY *Prelude in D major, BWV 532a* J.S. Bach
Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now, BWV 632

INTROIT George Thalben-Ball

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the pure in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 145 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Minister: The Lord be with you;
Congregation: And also with you.
Minister: Lift up your hearts!
Congregation: We lift them up to the One who created all that is, to the One whose greatness is a wonder to behold.
Minister: Everywhere we look, we see the imprint of God.
Congregation: From the loftiest mountains, to the crashing waters of the sea, to the faces of our neighbors: the goodness of God is all around us.
Minister: Therefore, let us worship God
Congregation: With honor, praise, and acts of compassion.

*INVOCATION AND OUR 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.**

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Deuteronomy 24:17-22* (p. 158) Kathryn Norman

Minister: The Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI Hymn 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 25:34-40* (p.807)

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord.
Congregation: Praise be to you, O Christ.

* Please stand, if you are able

ANTHEM *Beati quorum via* Charles Villiers Stanford

Beati quorum via integra est, qui ambulant in lege Domini. Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

CALL TO PRAYER Sandy Rooney

Minister: We pray, O God, for the gifts of ministry and mission.
Inspire within our hearts a desire to serve you.

Congregation: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Minister: Inspire within us, loving God, the assurance that when we serve our sisters and brothers, we are truly serving you.

Congregation: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Minister: Bless and multiply the efforts of Sue and Greg Smith and their partners here in Virginia and around the world.

Congregation: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Minister: God, as they serve you and meet human needs, give them your strength and encouragement.

Congregation: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Minister: Inspire within River Road Church a deep sense of your presence and guidance as we seek to reach out in generous service to our own community.

Congregation: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Minister: Open our hearts and our hands in this work to which you have called us.

Congregation: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEVOTION *Fret Not for Those Who Do Wrong Things* ST. PETER

1. Fret not for those who do wrong things, Who
2. Trust God, do good, dwell in the land, And
3. Com - mit your jour - ney to the Lord; Trust
4. Be still be - fore the Lord and wait Most
5. Let nei - ther rage nor an - ger gain In

from God's path have strayed; For they shall with - er
let your wealth in - crease; Take your de - light in
God, it will be done; Your righ - teous - ness will
pa - tient - ly in deed; Fret not for those who
you the up - per hand, For those who wait u -

like the grass, And like the green grass fade.
God and then Your heart will find true peace.
then shine forth As clear as noon - day sun.
in - crease wealth, Whose e - vil schemes suc - ceed.
pon the Lord Shall soon pos - ess the land.

*OFFERTORY SENTENCES Rev. Anna Perry Miller

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY *The Beatitudes* Robert W. Lehman

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS Doxology, Hymn 592

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Children in grades 1-2 may meet Mrs. Sandy Rooney at the front of the Sanctuary to continue worship in the Chapel.

SERMON *Mercy and Justice for All* Dr. Sue Smith

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

If you desire to become a member of River Road Church, you are invited to come forward to the chancel steps at this time, and our pastor will meet you.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 151 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY *Fugue in D major, BWV 532b* Bach



Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond was formed in 1991 in pursuit of a dream. As Baptist life in the South moved decidedly toward a more fundamentalist theological perspective, there was a need to nurture and educate church ministers to carry forward a more moderate, progressive, and historic Baptist theology with integrity. With the help of a world-class faculty, this dream became reality. Many of these faculty members

became part of the River Road Church Community.

You are likely aware that in the last several months, seminary leadership has concluded that the school is unable to remain open. Even as we grieve the school's closing, the focus of the trustees and administrative leadership has turned to the faculty members who are facing unexpected early retirement. We are continuing our efforts to support the faculty of B TSR through contributions to their severance fund. Three generous donors have committed to match gifts from churches and individuals as an expression of lasting gratitude to the faculty. If you would desire to make a gift toward this effort, you are invited to do so.

You may give online at www.btsr.edu/give and select "Faculty Severance Fund" as the designation or you may give through River Road Church by writing "BTSR Faculty Fund" on the memo line of your check. Thank you.

WELCOME TO RIVER ROAD CHURCH! Our congregation is an open fellowship gladly receiving those who wish to share in its life and community by request for baptism, statement, or transfer from another church. If you desire to become a member, you are invited to come forward directly after the sermon, during the Time of Reflection and Response, or speak with a minister at any time.

TODAY IS THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY in the Christian year. Epiphany (January 6) celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The Season of Epiphany continues this emphasis, calling attention to the words and deeds of Jesus' earthly ministry by which his divine sonship is made manifest. The liturgical color is green, representing new life and growth.

THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP is our opportunity to welcome you to worship. During this time, please sign the register in the maroon binder as it is passed along the row. If you are our guest today, please include contact information so we may welcome you.

TO ENHANCE WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN, age-appropriate children's bulletins and worship bags are in the narthex (foyer at the back of the Sanctuary).

WE WELCOME DR. SUE SMITH TO OUR PULPIT in celebration of Martha Stearns Marshall month of preaching through Baptist Women in Ministry (BWIM). Sue and her husband Greg are CBF Field Personnel located in Fredericksburg and operate LUCHA Ministries. The Smiths are longtime friends of RRCB, and help lead our Panama Mission Trip.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of [Doris Blanton](#) by [Robert](#), [Laurie](#), [William](#), and [James Gray](#).

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Lower Commons. It is hosted by deacons [Karen Cothran](#), [Susan Gilsdorf](#), [Nancy Lowrance](#), and [Mike Rucker](#). Everyone is invited to attend.

NEWS IN THE PEWS—Please take home the pew card in the front of the pew racks to learn more about Dr. Sue and Rev. Dr. Greg Smith's work with LUCHA Ministries, Inc. We look forward to working with the Smiths; watch for ways to connect and serve in the weeks ahead as our partnership begins. Fellowship Fund and offering envelopes can be found behind the pew card.

ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR DATES AVAILABLE—Anyone wishing to contribute altar flowers for the following Sundays in 2019 can call Betsy Lowery (804-338-4604): July 7 & 28; August 4 & 11; September 1; November 3 & 10.

CARITAS is at RRCB February 16-23
We are hosting 32 women.

[Remaining/updated CARITAS volunteer opportunities:](#)

- [prepare and serve hot breakfast \(Sat. 2/23\)](#)
- [cot take down \(Sat. 2/23\)](#)
- [spend the night \(2 men, 2 women, married couples, or youth and parent\)](#)
 - [Sun. 2/17 – 1 man \(contact Deb Gray or Laurie Gray\)](#)
 - [Mon. 2/18 – 1 man](#)
 - [Fri. 2/22 – 1 man](#)
- [spa night — manicures and pedicures for our guests, showing the love of Christ through washing of feet \(Thurs. 2/21\)](#)
 - no experience necessary
 - manicures and pedicures include polish removal and change, and nail clipping
 - assistants are needed clean and refill tubs
 - talk and fellowship with the women
 - contact Judy Collins with questions (804-402-5998)

Additionally, unopened and unused travel-size toiletries, blankets, and twin sheets are being collected. Please bring your donations to the designated bins at the mission tables in the Upper and Lower Commons. For more information and to sign-up to volunteer, please visit rrcb.org/caritas.

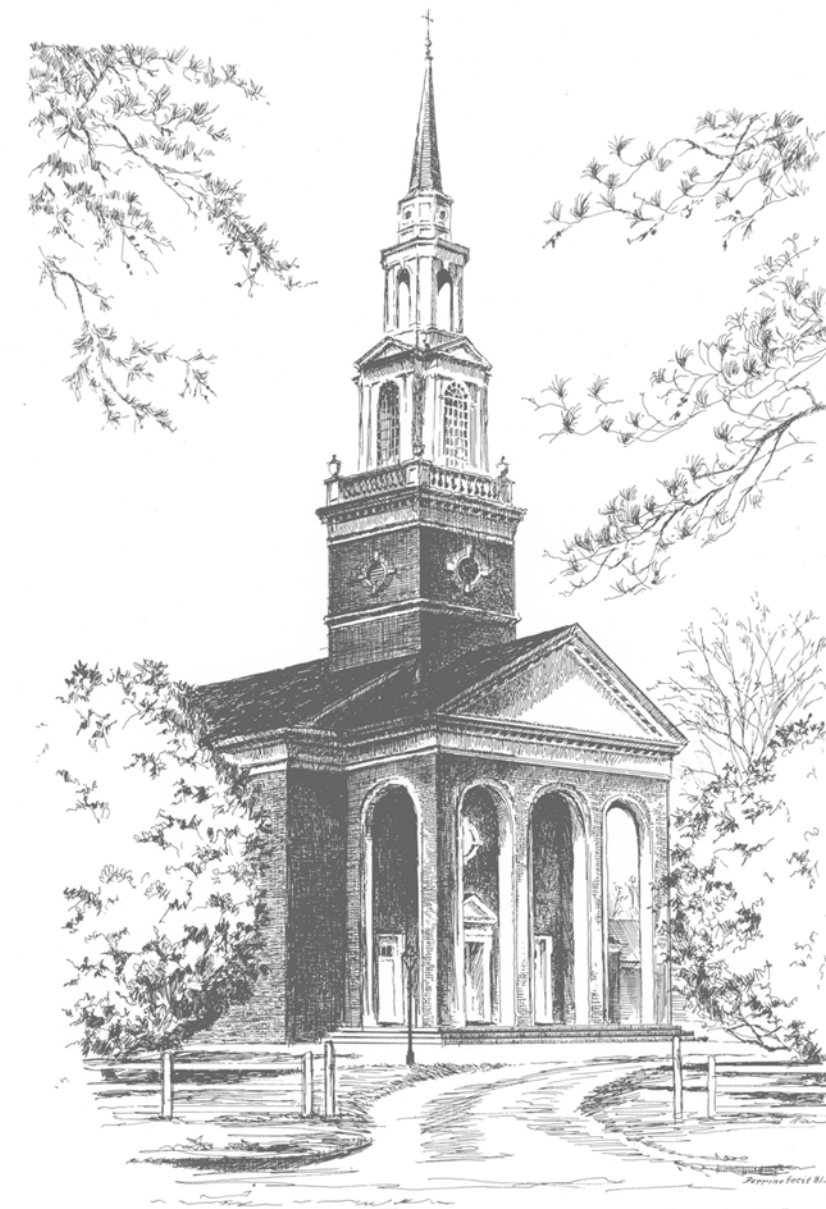
- Sun, February 17** [CARITAS \(through February 23\)](#)
[Reception](#), 12:00 p.m., Lower Commons
[Member Engagement Committee](#), 12:15 p.m., LC 104
[River Road Camerata](#), 4:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
[Chancel Bell Choir](#), 5:00 p.m., Bell Room
[Youth Choir](#), 5:00 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room
[Youth Snack Supper](#), 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
[Youth Program](#), 6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall Kitchen
[Board of Administration](#), 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room
- Mon, February 18** [Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts](#), 9:30 a.m., LC 102
[Yoga](#), 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room
[Communications Committee](#), 7:00 p.m., Parlor
- Tues, February 19** [The WMU Connectors](#), 7:00 p.m., Brio Tuscan Grille at Stony Point
- Wed, February 20** [Men's Group: The Huddle](#), 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
[Building & Property Council](#), 4:30 p.m., UC 230
[Stephen Ministry](#) 4:30 p.m., Parlor
[Wednesday Night Dinner](#), 5:30 p.m., Lower Commons
[Crusader Choir](#), 5:45 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
[Carol Choir](#), 5:45 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room
[Cherub Choir](#), 6:00 p.m., UC 232
[TFC-Youth](#), 6:00 p.m., Reception Room
[TFC-Adults](#), 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary
[TFC-Kids: Pre-K to 1st grade](#), 6:30 p.m., UC 228
[TFC-Kids: 2nd to 5th grade](#), 6:30 p.m., UC 232
- Thurs, February 21** [FIXERS](#), 8:00 a.m., LC 102
[Chancel Choir Rehearsal](#), 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
- Fri, February 22** [Middle School Hangout](#), 6:00 p.m., Boomerang Air Sports in Short Pump
- Sat, February 23** [CARITAS: Cot Takedown](#), 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Thoughtful Faith Community — Wednesday, February 20, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

[Dinner](#), 5:30-6:15 p.m., Lower Commons
[Menu](#): Sage Butter Chicken OR Veggie Pot Pie, Macaroni & Cheese, Country Braised Greens, Mixed Fruit Crumble
[Kids Entrée](#): Hot Dogs, Tater Tots
[Crusader Choir](#), 5:45-6:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room: 3rd-5th grades
[Carol Choir](#), 5:45-6:30 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room: 1st & 2nd grades
[Cherub Choir](#), 6:00-6:30 p.m., UC 232: preschool & kindergarten
[TFC-Youth](#), 6:00-7:00 p.m., Reception Room: [Mission Project: Pack Lunches for CARITAS](#)
[TFC-Adults](#), 6:15-7:00 p.m., Sanctuary: [Studying and Singing Spirituals with Dr. Paul Richardson](#)
[TFC-Kids](#), 6:30-7:00 p.m., UC 228 & UC 232: [Missions Education](#)

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series
Harpichord Recital — Daniel Sañez
Sunday, March 10 at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Harpichordist Daniel Sañez will perform works by Louis and François Couperin, Frescobaldi, Froberger, Scarlatti, and Bach. He is Director of Music and Liturgy for the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond, VA, where he leads liturgical celebrations for the parish and for the Diocese of Richmond. Daniel is also Artistic Director of the Music for a Cathedral Space Concert Series, which presents an array of high-quality performing arts events at the cathedral.



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PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

- Daniel E. Glaze, D.Min., Pastor
- Marnie L. Fisher-Ingram, M.Div., Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families
- Robert P. Gallagher, D.M.A., Minister of Music
- Daniel H. Ingram, M.Div., Minister of Administration
- Anna Perry Miller, M.A.C.E., Associate Pastor for Adult Discipleship
- Sandy K. Rooney, M.Ed., Minister to Children and Their Families
- James H. Slatton, Th.D., Pastor Emeritus
- Michael J. Clingenpeel, Ph.D., Pastor Emeritus
- E. Carl Freeman, Jr., Mus.B., Minister of Music Emeritus
- Chester L. Phelps, Jr., M.A., Minister of Youth Emeritus