

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Seventh 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 24, 2019 Eleven o'clock in the morning

In quiet reflection may we prepare ourselves...

As those who need renewal, we come...
to be reminded that God is trustworthy,
to connect with the One who has drawn us in
to be filled,
so we may embody the future hope which has already arrived.

May Christ breathe into us, calling us yet again, to faithfulness.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Spencer Macturk and Abigail McAllister

VOLUNTARY *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten* Settings by
Johann Christian Kittel and J. S. Bach

INTROIT Spiritual
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 477 *Ye Servants of God* HANOVER

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Anna Perry Miller

All: Where do we find you, Holy One, and how do we follow?

Minister: Find me at your table,

Congregation: share your food.

Minister: Find me in your resources,

Congregation: share your riches.

Minister: Find me in your power,

Congregation: share your mercy.

Minister: Find me in your pain,

Congregation: share your forgiveness.

Minister: Find me in your generosity,

Congregation: share all, and expect nothing in return.

Minister: In community,

Congregation: seek my holiness, shown in love, in generosity, in joy.

Minister: In the world,

Congregation: share my desire: justice, mercy, and peace for all.

**All: We seek you now, O Lord, so that we may find you
in all things.**

*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

SOLO *His Name So Sweet* Spiritual, Arr. Hall Johnson

Oh, Lord I jus' come from the fountain,
His name so sweet.
Class leader, do you love Jesus?
Yes, yes I do love m'Jesus.
His name so sweet.
'Zid'n [Presiding] Elder, do you love Jesus?
His name so sweet.
Oh, Lord I jus' come from the fountain,
His name so sweet.

Victoria Jackson, soprano

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 37:3-11, 39-40 (pp. 443-445) Clint Hubbard

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 Luke 6:27-38 (p. 838)

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord.

Congregation: Praise be to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM from *Messiah* G. F. Handel

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the
dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

— 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

CALL TO PRAYER Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

Minister: Lord God, your call is deceptively simple: "Do to others as
you would have them do to you." And yet we cling to self-
serving ways which separate us from your beloved creation:
You call us to turn our lives around, to risk repentance and
learn forgiveness, to work with patience and diligence to
prepare the way for your reign, but we get discouraged and
give up too soon.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: You call us to be full of joyful confidence to create
community where all have enough for abundant life, but we
burden ourselves with anxiety and fear.

Congregation: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: You call us to speak out in the presence of injustice, but too
often we do not challenge words and actions rooted in hate:

Congregation: Holy God, have mercy and hear our prayers.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEVOTION 282 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*OFFERTORY SENTENCES Rev. Anna Perry Miller

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY *I Give to You a New Commandment* Peter Nardone

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.

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| <i>Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.</i> | Where charity is true, God is there. |
| <i>Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.</i> | The love of Christ has gathered us into one. |
| <i>Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.</i> | Let us rejoice and be glad in him. |
| <i>Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.</i> | Let us fear and love the living God. |
| <i>Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.</i> | And from a sincere heart let us love one another. |
| <i>Amen.</i> | Amen. |

*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 *Impractical Advice?* Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

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 479 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY *A Trumpet Minuet* Alfred Hollins



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 BTSR 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.

* Please stand, if you are able

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 SEVENTH 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).

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Raymond Hooker, Jr. by his family.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by deacons Gene Harris, Bonnie Livick, Marge Rusher, and Leslie Straw. Everyone is invited to attend.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Jerri Grigsby and family upon the death of her husband, Bob Grigsby, on February 19. Service arrangements for Mr. Grigsby are pending.

ELEVATOR RENOVATIONS COMPLETE—The Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall elevator renovation projects are complete and both elevators are back in service. We are grateful for your patience and flexibility while the elevators received much-needed modernization.

THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS who helped serve our 32 CARITAS guests February 16-23, and especially to Deb Gray and Laurie Gray for their behind the scenes work required of a successful stay. Your gift of time and energy is greatly appreciated!

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.

The Fellowship Fund

The Fellowship Fund is a special collection for RRCB members and other individuals in crisis in our community, and is sustained by ongoing gifts outside of the annual budget. It is quietly administered by the Board of Deacons, with the support of the church staff, after a screening process. Please consider making a generous gift to the Fellowship Fund. Your gifts throughout the year are important in making this ministry possible. Specially marked blue envelopes are always in the pew racks. In 2018, we assisted over 400 families with over \$68,000 in payments toward rent; electric, water, gas bills; background checks for employment; CARITAS furniture bank; and transportation tickets.

First Sunday Food Share—Creating a New Family Tradition!

River Road Church has a long history of working in many capacities with our three Baptist Centers: Church Hill, Oregon Hill, and South Richmond. On the first Sunday of each month, you are invited to bring a bag of food for the Baptist Centers and place it in one of the green grocery carts in the Upper or Lower Commons. The center directors are requesting smaller-sized products. A suggested shopping list of food can be found in the *Connections* or on the Mission Tables.

- Sun, February 24
Reception, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Nominating Committee, 12:15 p.m., LC 102
River Road Camerata, 12:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Safety Committee, 12:15 p.m., LC 104
Chancel Bell Choir, 5:00 p.m., Bell Room
Youth Choir, 5:00 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room
Crusader Choir, 6:00 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room
Youth Snack Supper, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Youth Program, 6:15 p.m., Youth Area
- Mon, February 25
Yoga, 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room
- Wed, February 27
Men's Group: The Huddle, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
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-Intergenerational, 6:15 p.m., Assembly Room
- Thurs, February 28
Book Lovers, 7:30 p.m., LC 102
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room

Thoughtful Faith Community — Wednesday, February 27, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Dinner, 5:30-6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Menu: Meatloaf with Cranberry Cabernet Sauce OR Butternut Stuffed Shells, Ricotta Mashed Potatoes, Summer Squash with Tomatoes, Chocolate Crackle Cookies

Kids Entrée: Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup

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-Intergenerational, 6:15-7:00 p.m., Assembly Room: "This is Us, RRCB" with The Miller Family

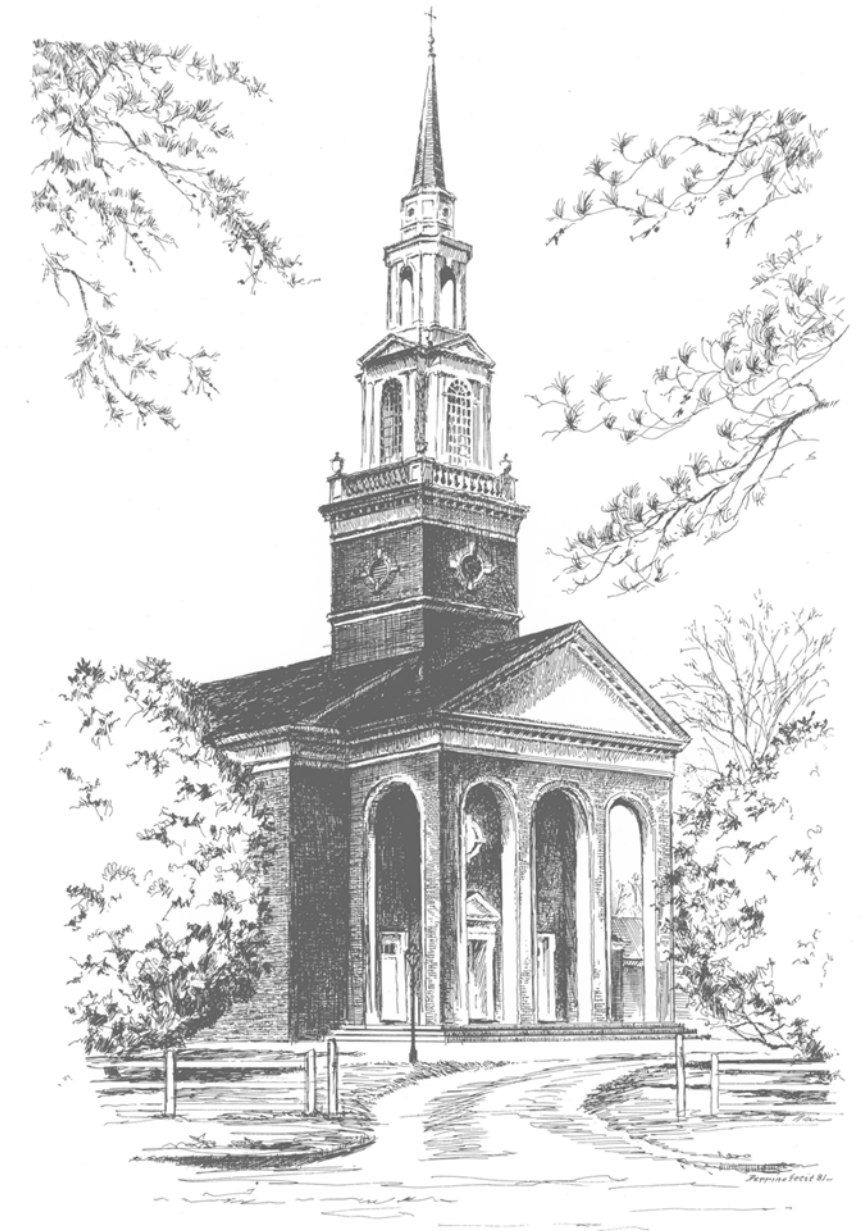
"This Is Us, RRCB" is a continuing series of interviews of members of our congregation. Through these interviews, we come to know better the distinctive stories of our fellow church members. Daniel Glaze will interview the Millers.

Youth Fundraiser & Shrove Tuesday Party Tuesday, March 5, 5:45-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Families and adults of all ages are invited to a pancake supper to support the Youth Mission Trip to Lumberton, NC in June. The youth will serve pancakes, bacon, and fruit for dinner, and the cost is \$5 per person (\$20 family max). After dinner everyone will celebrate with activities including mask making, fake tattoos, a cake walk, coloring, and a photobooth. RSVP online at rrcb.org/shrovetuesday or call the church office. If you would like to donate food, please contact Marnie Fisher-Ingram (marnie@rrcb.org).

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

Harpsichordist 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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