

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The First Sunday in Lent

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

March 10, 2019 Eleven o'clock in the morning

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Lindsey Stevens and Harry Phelps

VOLUNTARY *Prelude and Fugue in G minor, BWV 861* J. S. Bach
Sinfonia No. 11 in G minor, BWV 797 Bach

INTROIT David Gulick

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me;
Wash me thoroughly [sic] from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 371 *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Ashes were imposed upon us and a season of reflection has begun.
Lord, guide our thoughts and reflection, our turning to you.
We confess our sins and acknowledge temptation.
Savior, remind us of divine forgiveness and breathe hope into us.
The journey has challenges and life is difficult – sometimes painful.
Christ, our sustenance, our trust is in you.
We turn our hearts towards the Lord, in worship and service.
May the Lord be praised and the congregation renewed.

*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 Psalm 91 (pp. 477-478) Mary Murphy

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ORISON *Jesus, Remember Me* Hymn 599

*After the choir has sung this simple prayer through once,
the congregation is invited to sing two more repetitions.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 10:10-13 (p. 921)

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ANTHEM *A Lenten Walk* Spiritual, Arr. Hal H. Hopson

Jesus walked this lonesome valley; he had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; he had to walk it by himself.
We must walk this lonesome valley; we have to walk it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves.
Jesus bore the cross of sorrow; he had to bear it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could bear it for him, he had to bear it by himself.
We must take our cross and follow; Yes, we must follow by ourselves;
Oh, nobody else can follow for us, we must follow by ourselves.

Youth Choir
Anne James, piano

*CALL TO PRAYER Rev. Anna Perry Miller

We turn to the Lord in honest self-examination.

In confession and need, we come in humility.

O God, lift our chins and draw us into your gaze.

Open us before your love to offer what we may.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEVOTION 81 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN

*OFFERTORY SENTENCES Rev. Marnie Fisher Ingram

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary* Robert Edward Smith

Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love, Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above: Often have Your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall; Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.	Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow, Though we see You wounded, bleeding, See Your thorn-encircled brow? Yet Your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest; Only what Your grace hath taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.
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Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

*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, on the pulpit side, to continue worship in the chapel.*

SERMON *Holding on for Dear Life* Rev. James Blay

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

*RECESSIONAL HYMN *Within Your Shelter, Loving God* ST. ANNE



1. With - in Your shel - ter, lov - ing God, My re - fuge and my tower,
2. Be cause I trust in you a - lone, No e - vil shall come near.
3. Your ho - ly an - gels bear me up And keep my feet se - cure.
4. As of - ten as I call to you, You kind - ly hear my prayer.
5. All those who know your name on earth Shall life a - bun - dant know.



I safe - ly walk by day and night Be - neath your guid - ing power.
The strong de - fend - er of my home, With you I have no fear.
Though fierce and an - gry foes as - sail, In you my way is sure.
In times of trou - ble and dis - tress I rest in your own care.
On all a - bid - ing in your love Your sav - ing grace be - stow.

*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY *Fugue on the Kyrie* François Couperin



Rev. James H. Blay is a native of Liberia, West Africa. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Christianity from Mercer University in Macon Georgia, and a Master of Divinity from McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, Atlanta, Georgia. He is the former Coordinator for Student Affairs, and former Coordinator for Servant Leadership, at the Ricks Institute, Virginia, Liberia. Rev. Blay served as the Vice President for Administration at the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary. He has a deep passion for Practical Theology and Missions. He has an

extensive background working in various capacities as minister to youth and young adults. He loves God and loves people.

FOR YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

As the season of Lent continues, we have provided a suggested list of activities, practices, and disciplines to include in your journey this season. Select a few that appeal to you...or stretch you a little more. The list can be found online at rrcb.org/lentenjourney.

**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 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT. Lent is the Christian season in which we anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty days through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Lent is a season of inner reflection, intentionally quieting ourselves before God in a spirit of confession and openness. The liturgical color is purple, used to symbolize penance, preparation, and sacrifice.

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 honor of our sons, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren by Bonnie and Oliver Way.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by deacons Linda Honaker, Peggy Pruden, Bill Thurston, and Oliver Way. Everyone is invited to attend.

EASTER LILIES will adorn the Sanctuary Easter Sunday, April 21. You may purchase lilies in memory or honor of a loved one for \$11.50 per lily. Specially marked envelopes are in the pew racks. Please make all checks payable to RRCB, and place the envelopes in the offering plate or give your envelope to the Church Office. The order deadline is Sunday, April 7. If you have questions, please call Betsy Lowery (804-338-4604).

**Mission Blog Series on *rrcb.org*
"Centers Care of the City"**

During the month of March, we are highlighting the three Baptist Centers (Church Hill, Oregon Hill, and South Richmond), their work, and how RRCB supports their ministries. Each week we'll learn new things about the centers and ask what else can we do to support our neighbors. These stories will be shared on the church website through the Pastor's Blog (*rrcb.org/blog*), and in church publications. If you don't have access to our regular blog posts, front office staff will be glad to print a copy.

This week we learned the history of Baptists in Richmond dating back to the late 1700s, the House of Happiness opening in 1914, and the societal shifts in the 20th century leading us to today.

**Preschool Fun Morning
Saturday, March 16, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Lower Commons**

Come join us for a time of fellowship as we gather with our RRCB families with preschoolers for fellowship and fun. There will be snacks, games, and playing outside. Come join the fun! All families with preschoolers (aged kindergarten and below) are invited. Please let us know if your family can attend by filling out the form online at *rrcb.org/funmorning* or by calling the church office.

This event is put on by the Children's Ministry of River Road Church, Baptist. However, River Road Church Preschool Development Center families are invited to join RRCB families in fellowship and fun!

Sun, March 10
Reception, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Nominating Committee, 12:15 p.m., LC 102
Harpsichord Recital, 2:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Board of Christian Education & Spiritual Formation, 4:00 p.m., LC 102
Stewardship Committee, 4:00 p.m., UC 230
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
Panama Presentation Planning, 5:30 p.m., LC 102
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, March 11
Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts, 9:30 a.m., LC 102
Yoga, 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room

Wed, March 13
Men's Group: The Huddle, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Crusader & Carol Choirs, 5:45 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room
Cherub Choir, 6:00 p.m., UC 232
TFC-Multi-generational, 6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall
TFC-Kids, 6:30 p.m., UC 228
Finance Committee, 7:15 p.m., Parlor

Thurs, March 14
project:HOMES Ramp Installation, 9:00 a.m., Offsite
Personnel Committee, 7:00 p.m., Parlor
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room

Sat, March 16
Kitchen Work Day, 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Preschool Fun Morning, 10:00 a.m., Lower Commons

***E. Carl Freeman Concert Series*
Harpsichord Recital — Daniel Sañez
TODAY 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. Mr. Sañez holds degrees from Boston College and Oberlin Conservatory. He was also a Fulbright Fellowship recipient, allowing him to study organ at famed St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, Germany, where Bach served as music director for twenty-seven years.

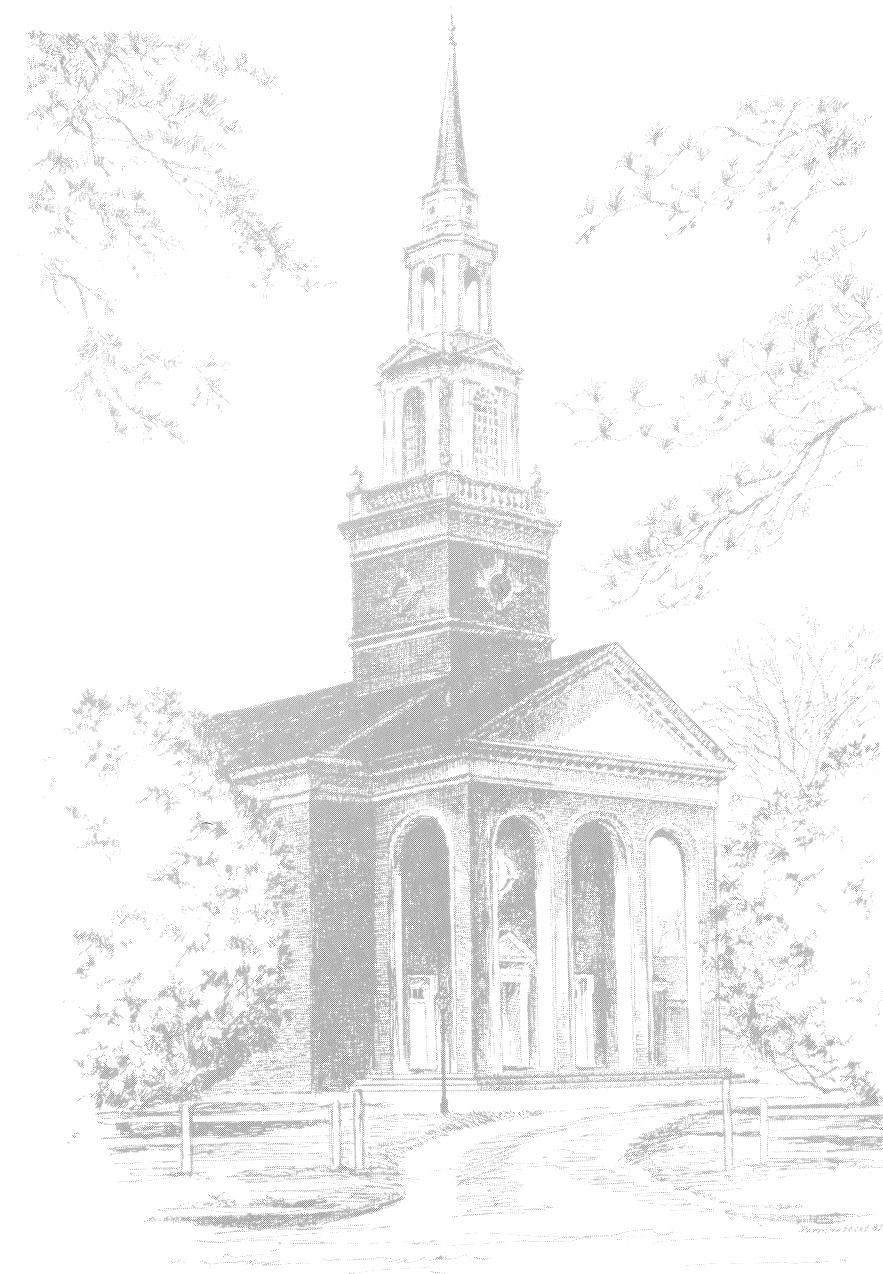
**Choir of the College of William and Mary
James Armstrong, Jr., Director
Tuesday, March 19 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

The program entitled *Alleluia*— spanning more than three hundred years of choral music—will feature works from England, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Latvia, Russia, and the United States by Buxtehude, Felix and Fanny Mendelssohn, Chesnokov, Skulte, Gjeilo, Poston, Randall Thompson, Copland, Whitacre, as well as African American spirituals arranged by Dawson and Belfield.

Thoughtful Faith Community — Wednesday, March 13, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Dinner, 5:30-6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Menu: Corned Beef & Cabbage OR Veggie Sausage & Peppers, Roasted Garlic Potatoes, Irish Soda Bread, Key Lime Squares | **Kids:** Chicken Tenders, Tater Tots
Crusader & Carol Choirs, 5:45-6:30 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room: 1st-5th grades
Cherub Choir, 6:00-6:30 p.m., UC 232: preschool & kindergarten

TFC-Multi-generational, 6:15-7:00 p.m.: Panama Mission Team Sharing
RRCB's long-term partnership with the *Fundación Cristiana Médico Social* (Medical-Social Christian Foundation) in Panama continues to provide medical, dental, and construction care and services to indigenous populations. Come hear from our team about this wonderful trip that was taken February 2-10, 2019!
• **Adults & Youth**, Fellowship Hall
• **Kids**, UC 228 (6:30-7:00 p.m.)



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