

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Third 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 24, 2019 Eleven o'clock in the morning

We are invited...

“to sit with the younger son in the messes of his own making,
with the elder son in the bitterness and fear of being overlooked,
and with the father as he leaves the comfort of his home to bring in
all that is lost and all that feels forsaken.”

— A. Brobst-Renaud

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Spencer Macturk and Abigail McAllister

VOLUNTARY *Master Tallis's Testament* Herbert Howells

INTROIT George Thalben-Ball
Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 442 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sandy Rooney

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.

Happy are those to whom God attributes no wrong,
those in whose heart there is no deceit.

**When we keep silent about our wrongdoings,
our lives disintegrate with worry and guilt;**

when we struggle to hide from God,
the heaviness in our hearts consumes our strength.

**But when we seek God's truth and acknowledge our sin,
we experience forgiveness.**

When we put our trust in the Lord,
we are surrounded by and filled with God's steadfast love.

Rejoice and shout for joy, all those who are upright in heart!

— *Inspired by Ps. 63, Laidlaw adaptation*

*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 32 (p. 440) Ed Pruden

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.*

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (pp. 850-851)

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

ANTHEM *Jesus, So Lowly* Harold W. Friedell

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth:
Christen Me wholly, bring me new birth.
Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad;
Teach me that only love maketh glad.
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale;
Be this the token love will not fail.
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free;
Teach me how glorious death is to be

CALL TO PRAYER Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

God is our help in times of trouble;

an ever-present strength in weakness;

a refuge and shelter in the storms of life.

With assurance of God's compassion and welcome, we come,

knowing we are short-sighted, self-focused, and in need.

We approach the Lord, seeking gentle correction and pardon;

seeking fresh desires and a calling to better being and doing.

O God, work your ways in us as we worship and pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEVOTION 440 *In Christ There Is No East or West* MCKEE

*OFFERTORY SENTENCES Rev. Daniel Ingram

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY *Like as the Hart* Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after Thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God.
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night,
while they daily say unto me, "Where is now Thy God?"

*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 *The Journey Home* 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 281 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY *Choral* Joseph Jongen



We welcome to worship today the Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge, our candidate for Minister of Pastoral Care. Dr. Breckenridge is the former pastor of First Baptist Church of Memphis Tennessee and Rivermont Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia, and he served as a hospital chaplain. David and his wife Leigh Ann are the parents to three grown children.

Immediately following worship, we will remain in the Sanctuary to act upon the recommendation for Dr. Breckenridge.

**Pulpit Exchange with
Rabbi Hal Schevitz and Pastor Daniel Glaze
March 30 & 31**

Rabbi Hal Schevitz of Congregation Or Atid and Pastor Daniel Glaze of River Road Church, Baptist will be exchanging pulpits the last weekend in March. Dr. Glaze will be delivering the sermon at Or Atid's Shabbat services on Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m. and Rabbi Hal will be preaching at RRCB's Sunday service on March 31 at 11:00 a.m.



River Road Church is invited to attend the Shabbat services. The attire is similar to River Road worship services. The service is primarily chanted in Hebrew; however, translated prayer books are available. We are looking forward to hearing from our respective spiritual leaders as Or Atid and River Road Church continue our congregational relationship.

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 THIRD 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 by Judy and Griz Dixon in honor of their 23rd Wedding Anniversary.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by deacons Karen Collier, Carolyn Foster, David Gulick, and Linda Honaker. 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. The order deadline is Sunday, April 7. If you have questions, please call Betsy Lowery (804-338-4604).

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Helen and Steve Larson, and family, upon the death of her mother, Eunice Garrett on March 21. A service for Mrs. Garrett was held yesterday.

- Sun, March 24 **Church Business Meeting**, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Youth March Mission Madness Return, 12:00 p.m.
Reception, 12:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Nominating Committee, 12:15 p.m., LC 102
Comma Club Box Lunch, 12:15 p.m., Reception Room
Comma Club: Acts of Faith “The Red Plaid Shirt,”
2:30 p.m., Chamberlayne Actors Theater
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
Crusader Choir, 6:00 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room

- Mon, March 25 **Women’s Bible Study: Joyful Hearts**, 9:30 a.m., LC 102
Yoga, 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room

- Wed, March 27 **Men’s Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
House & Grounds Committee, 4:30 p.m., Parlor
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-Youth, 6:00 p.m., Youth Area
TFC-Adults, 6:15 p.m., Assembly Room
TFC-Kids, 6:30 p.m., Chapel Hall

- Thurs, March 28 **FIXERS**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
Preschool Development Center Family Night, 5:30 p.m., Lower Commons
Adult Lenten Event: “The Stillness We Ache For,”
7:00 p.m., St. Stephen’s Church — To attend RSVP at rrcb.org/adultlent
Book Lovers, 7:30 p.m., UC 228
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room

- Fri, March 29 **Phoenix Class Reunion**, 4:30 p.m., Hanover Tavern

- Sat, March 30 **Church Work Day**, 8:00 a.m., Plaza
Shabbat Services, 10:00 a.m., Congregation Or Atid
Mystery Dinner Night, 6:00 p.m., Meet in North Parking Lot



LENT

Church Work Day

Saturday, March 30, meet on the Front Plaza at 8:00 a.m.

This is a great opportunity for families to come and be good stewards of their time, talents, and resources on behalf the church. We will meet on the front plaza and then disperse around the church. Primarily, we will be spreading mulch and weeding natural areas, but other cleanup projects are available. Please bring your work gloves, rakes, blowers, trimmers, and shears. The House and Grounds Committee is asking for families to sign up online (rrcb.org/workday) or call the church office.

Mission Blog Series on rrcb.org

The Church Hill Christian Wellness Center: Fulfilling Matthew 25:31-40

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. 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, the front office staff will be glad to print a copy.

The Church Hill Christian Wellness Center offers a food pantry and grocery gift cards, Bible studies, bus passes and tickets, financial assistance, and seasonal community events to support those in need in Richmond’s East End. You can support the Center through prayer, the First Sunday Food Share, and other financial and goods donations.

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series

Organ Recital — Bruce Stevens

**Concert Organist, Recording Artist, and University of Richmond Organ Faculty
Monday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

Bruce is Instructor of Organ at UR and director of Historic Organ Study Tours, which he founded to further the study of historic organs throughout Europe. He has served as Organist and Choirmaster of St. James’s Episcopal Church in Richmond for 12 years and Organist of Richmond’s Second Presbyterian Church for 16 years.

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

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

Menu: Smoky Adobo Chicken OR Mini Chili Pot Pie, Baked Beans & Cornbread, Braised Greens, Banana Pudding | **Kids Entrée:** Crunchy Chicken Tacos

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-Youth, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Youth Area: Games & Dessert

TFC-Adults, 6:15-7:00 p.m., Assembly Room

Lenten Series with Dr. Dan Bagby: “The Work of Forgiving: Forgiving Others”

All of us face challenges in the area of forgiveness. Age or life-stage doesn’t change this reality. All areas of our lives, even physical health, are affected based on who and what we are able to forgive. It’s part of every relationship from God, to others, even to our own selves. And, forgiveness involves inner work as we open ourselves to the Spirit. Come hear these Lenten words that may offer words of hope, healing, and release.

TFC-Kids, 6:30-7:00 p.m., Chapel Hall: Recreation

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