

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Fourth 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 31, 2019

Eleven o'clock in the morning

### PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

*We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation...we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love, the discipline of Lent, calls us back to our identity as God's children.*

—T. WEITZEL *adaptation*

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Wilson Gilliam and Elizabeth Thorne

VOLUNTARY *Prelude in B minor, BWV 544a* J. S. Bach  
*Liturgical Prelude No. 6* Gaston Litaize

INTROIT David Gulick

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

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 488 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

We welcome your presence, Lord God,  
as we worship, praise, and celebrate your goodness.

**Move among your people, Holy Spirit,  
to call from within us a deep unity and desire for faithfulness.**

You are the source of light in darkness, hope in despair, joy in sorrow.

**You are the nourishment for which our souls hunger and thirst.**

Fill up the wells of our hearts, and satisfy us with that which lasts.

**All thanks and praise and honor be yours.**

\*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 63:1-8 (p. 458) Judy Morris

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ORISON (Sung by the choir) J. S. Bach

Blest creator, at your word,  
We are gathered all to hear you;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear you;  
By your teachings true and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love you solely.

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (p. 940)

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**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake* Attr. Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;  
to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect  
heart before thee now and evermore.

CALL TO PRAYER Rev. Dr. Bert Browning

We bow humbly in prayer before our God.

**We come to speak our minds and reveal our hearts.**

We must listen to hear the comforts and challenges of our Creator.

**May we know forgiveness and gain a renewed sense of calling.**

Let us dwell in the presence of the One who knows us so well.

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN OF DEVOTION 179 CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN  
*God Is My Strong Salvation*

\*OFFERTORY SENTENCES Rev. Anna Perry Miller

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY *Deep River* Spiritual, Arr. Mary Beth Bennett

Deep River, my home is over Jordan.  
Deep river, I want to cross over into campground.  
Oh, don't you want to go to the Gospel feast,  
that promised land where all is peace?  
Deep river, Lord,  
I want to cross over into campground.

\*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 Rabbi Hal Schevitz

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 223 *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer* STUTTGART

\*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY *Fugue in B minor, BWV 544b* Bach

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### A special welcome is extended today to Rabbi Hal Schevitz of Congregation Or Atid.

Rabbi Hal Schevitz is the rabbi of Congregation Or Atid, serving the synagogue since July 2016. He was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, attended the University of Maryland at College Park and Baltimore Hebrew University. Rabbi Hal was ordained in June 2013. He has been married to his wife Jena since 2012 and they are the proud parents of their two daughters, Naomi, 3, and Arielle, 9 months old.



Rabbi Hal has been teaching in some capacity for over 15 years. Torah, in its most literal sense of “instruction,” is his passion as both a student and a teacher. It is his goal to guide every person to find modern relevance in our ancient texts, connecting themselves to a tradition that has been evolving for thousands of years.

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### HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT RIVER ROAD CHURCH

**Palm Sunday Service of Worship**  
Sunday, April 14 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Sunday, April 14, Following Worship  
Preschool-age: Courtyard | Elementary-age: Front Plaza

**Labyrinth Walk in the Fellowship Hall**  
Monday-Wednesday, April 15-17, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, April 18, 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Church Fellowship Dinner & Choir Rehearsals**  
Thursday, April 18  
5:15-6:00 p.m.: Children's Musical Rehearsal (preschool to 5th grades)  
6:00-6:45 p.m.: Fellowship Dinner  
6:30-6:50 p.m.: Chancel Choir Warm Up

**Maundy Thursday Service of Remembrance & Tenebrae**  
Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**Stations of the Cross in the Chapel**  
Friday, April 19, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 20, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Easter Service of Worship**  
Sunday, April 21 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
Prelude music begins at 10:35 a.m.

For more information about these special opportunities, please visit  
the church's website at [rrcb.org/holyweek](http://rrcb.org/holyweek).

\* 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 FOURTH 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 memory of Ellen Stanton by Elizabeth, Barbara, and Bill Stanton.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by deacons Lee Bradley, Tyler Hays, Katie Merritt, and Sallie Sparks. Everyone is invited to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS to Beth and Tim Clingenpeel upon the birth of their son, Colby James Clingenpeel, on March 25; to big brother, Hatcher; and to proud grandparents Rich and Becky Jante, and Mike and Vivian Clingenpeel.

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).

#### 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. During March, several requests for assistance could not be provided as a result of limited funds.

#### Mission Blog Series on *rrcb.org* South Richmond Baptist Center

During the month of March, we have highlighted the three Baptist Centers (Church Hill, Oregon Hill, and South Richmond), their work, and how RRCB supports their ministries. These stories are shared on the church website through the Pastor’s Blog (*rrcb.org/blog*). If you don’t have access to our regular blog posts, the front office staff will be glad to print a copy.

The South Richmond Baptist Center has two locations; one on Belt Boulevard (St. Paul’s Baptist Church) and one on Germain Road. Director Rev. Wesley Garrett helps youth and young adults apply for and find jobs, assists with transportation, and other various needs. Just this week, he helped a young man find a bed. In addition to the youth and young adult ministries, the Center has a growing food ministry and is in the process of finishing their second location.

- Sun, March 31      **Reception**, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
**Safety Committee**, 12:15 p.m., LC 102  
**Chancel Bell Choir**, 5:00 p.m., Bell Room
- Mon, April 1      **Arts Committee**, 4:00 p.m., LC 104  
**Concert Series: Organ Recital**, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tues, April 2      **Men’s Fellowship Breakfast**, 7:00 a.m., Reception Room  
**Evening Bridge**, 7:30 p.m., LC 102
- Wed, April 3      **Men’s Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
- Thurs, April 4      **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
- Sun, April 7      **Baptismal Service**, 9:45 a.m., Chapel  
**Sunday School**, 9:45 a.m.  
**Worship**, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
**Reception**, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
**River Road Camerata**, 4:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room  
**Youth Choir & Programs**, 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
**Chancel Bell Choir**, 5:00 p.m., Bell Room  
**Crusader Choir**, 6:00 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room  
**Board of Missions**, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room

#### *E. Carl Freeman Concert Series* **Organ Recital — Bruce Stevens** **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 as Organist of Richmond’s Second Presbyterian Church for 16 years. Works by Rheinberger, Fletcher, and Franck (*Grand Pièce Symphonique*).

#### **Service of Baptism** **Sunday, April 7 at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel**

This service is a special time in the life of our church as we have the privilege of bearing witness to and celebrating this step in Matthew Cipolletti’s journeys of faith. We gather as a church family to remember our own baptism, and to be a source of encouragement to these who would follow Jesus in the ordinance of baptism.

#### **Thoughtful Faith Community — Wednesday, April 3: *No Dinner or TFC***

#### **Thoughtful Faith Community — Wednesday, April 10, 4:30-7:00 p.m.**

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

**Menus:** To Be Determined

**River Road Camerata**, 4:30-5:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room

**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 God”

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., UC 228 & UC 232: Missions Education



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