

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2020

*Today we worship as one congregation in two locations: in-person and via the internet.
Wherever your location, we encourage you to pause for a moment to become aware of God's presence.
Quiet your mind, listen to the voluntary, and prepare to worship God.*

For those worshipping in the sanctuary, we deeply desire this time to be meaningful yet safe.
Please, *silently* offer hymns, prayers, and responses as worshipful reflection.
Allow these offerings to provide voice for your faith and echo your prayers.
Thank you for your quiet participation, understanding, and cooperative efforts.
For those worshipping elsewhere, sing and speak boldly. Give voice for all of us!

Voluntaries

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Settings by Dietrich Buxtehude
and J. S. Bach

Andante (from Symphony No. 5 "Reformation")

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome, Invocation, and Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

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.

Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EINE FESTE BERG

In silent reflection

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
2. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.
3. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 1:1-3

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

**Please stand if you are able.*

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Solo

from *Cantata 80, A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

J. S. Bach

Come and abide with me, Lord Jesus, my desire. From world and sin make free,
Your likeness shine within me, send renewing! Leave, scornful sin, from me.

Victoria Jackson, soprano

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

*Offertory Sentences and Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

In silent reflection

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.

Solo

Deep River

Moses Hogan

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

Victoria Jackson, soprano

Sermon

The Greatest Commandment

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Hymn

Here Within This Congregation

BEECHER

In silent reflection

1. Here within this congregation God's abundance can be found:
we are blessed with gifts that differ, skills and talents all around.
We are members of one body, pieces vital to the whole:
every person is important, each one has a crucial role.
2. Some may dance while others garden, some may draw while others teach.
Some may cook or offer comfort, some may write while others preach.
Some agree while others question, some are silent, others sing.
May we never undervalue gifts that fellow members bring.
3. Holy Spirit, help us treasure talents that surround us here;
talents known and talents hidden, make us more than we appear.
Humbly God, we sing thanksgiving honoring the gifts you give.
Help us always use them wisely, faithfully each day we live.

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Voluntary

Carillon on "A Mighty Fortress Is our God"

James Biery

*Please remain seated for the Voluntary and depart as you are guided by ushers,
from the rear to the front of the sanctuary.*

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lynn and Sylvia Dickerson by Melanie, Ethan, Tyler, and Kaylee Butterworth.

Christian sympathy is extended to Jan Taylor upon the death of her daughter, Patti Wood, on October 15, 2020.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Marian Brooks upon her death on September 30, 2020.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Lovell Glasco upon her death on October 18, 2020. To her sons, Doug and Karen Glasco, Jeff and Dawn Glasco, Rick and Lynn Glasco; to her 10 grandchildren; and to her several great-grandchildren.

Christian sympathy is extended to Brian Ezzelle upon the death of his wife; to Elizabeth, Meredith, and Alexander Ezzelle upon the death of their mother; and to Wilson, Miggie, and Ruthie Mustian upon the death of their sister, sister-in-law, and aunt, Anne Carroll Ezzelle, on October 21, 2020.

We are grateful for your continued generosity to God through our church ministry. You may give securely online at www.rrcb.org/give-online or by mailing a check. Thank you for your faithfulness. This QR code will take you to our giving page.



Today is Commitment Sunday. You should have received in the mail your Stewardship packet including letters from our Pastor and Stewardship Chair. Please return your pledge card in the mail or by using the secure online form at rrcb.org/pledge. Thank you for your generosity to River Road Church!

- Sun, Oct 25 **Shepherd-Holland Sunday School Class**, 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Re-entry Task Force, 4:00 p.m., Assembly Room and Zoom Meeting (Online)
Youth Choir, 4:15 p.m., Plaza (in front of Fellowship Hall)
Children's Activities, 5:00 p.m., Children's Playground
Youth Group, 5:00 p.m., Plaza
Robert Smart Sunday School Class, 5:00 p.m., North Parking Lot
- Mon, Oct 26 **Women's Bible Studies: Joyful Hearts**, 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Wed, Oct 28 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Driveway Dinners for Children, 5:30 p.m., Off-site
Driveway Visits with Marnie & Beth, 6:00 p.m., Off-site
- Thurs, Oct 29 **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Sun, Nov 1 **Faith Walk Sunday School Class**, 9:45 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Life Sunday School Class, 9:45 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
New Horizons Sunday School Class, 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Worship, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and Online Broadcast
Children's Activities, 3:00 p.m., Children's Playground
Youth Group, 3:00 p.m., South Parking Lot
Robert Smart Sunday School Class, 3:00 p.m., North Parking Lot

Pick Up Altar Flowers

Today, October 25, beginning at 1:30PM at Portico/Preschool Entrance

Altar flowers are available for pick up and distribution beginning at 1:30PM. Pick up a bouquet of flowers to take to someone for a special occasion, in need of care, or to simply brighten their day.

Extend Hope & Hospitality

CBF Global Missions Offering

September 23-October 25, 2020

When you give to the Offering for Global Missions, you will support Field Personnel like Mira and Sasha Zivanov in St. Louis, Missouri who help refugees navigate the daily challenges of life in a new country. Their community center provides food to families, after school and educational programs for children, Bible study, and friendship. Your contribution will support the ministry of field personnel like Janée Angel and her husband, Hary. Janée and Hary started a new ministry center for Syrian refugees in Antwerp. Many Syrians and other Arabic-speaking people have never heard the message and hope of Jesus Christ. Your gift will help continue this life-changing ministry that offers worship services, Bible study for all ages, food and fellowship, language classes and more.

100% of your gift to the Offering will support CBF Field Personnel serving in the U.S. and around the world. You may make donations online at rrcb.org/give-online (select "Global Missions" for the fund) or mail a check to the church office with "Global Missions Offering" in the memo.

First Sunday Food Share for the Richmond Baptist Centers Donation Drop Off

Sunday, November 1, 12:00-2:00PM in the North Parking Lot/Lower Commons Entrance

If you are able to safely come to the church, please drop off donations during the designated time. There will be two volunteers at the church to assist with directions and will maintain appropriate distancing. A full shopping list can be found on our social media pages or at rrcb.org/foodshare.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, November 6, 10:00AM-3:00PM, Fellowship Hall

During this uncertain time, the Red Cross is encouraging individuals to keep scheduled blood donation appointments and to make new appointments for the weeks ahead to ensure a stable supply throughout this pandemic. Donations are by appointment only; no walk-ins. For more information on safety procedures and to register, please visit rrcb.org/blooddrive.

BGAV Virtual Annual Meeting

Keynote Speaker: N.T. Wright, Retired Bishop in the Church of England, New Testament Scholar

Music Leadership: Kate Campbell, Singer/Songwriter

November 9 & 10, online

Due to the nature of this year's meeting, no formal business will be conducted and therefore churches do not need to elect messengers. However, registration will still be required in order to access all meeting presentations and breakout sessions. For more information and to register for the annual meeting, please visit meeting.bgav.org.

The River Road Youth Choir makes an appearance during this year's conference!

N.T. Wright is one of the foremost New Testament scholars with an unparalleled ability to interpret and apply scripture in a way that reaches through the local church to engage society as a whole.

Music will include a preview from singer/storyteller Kate Campbell, who will be singing a song written especially for the gathering!