

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST
THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Reign of Christ Sunday

November 22, 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

*Variations on "Westminster Abbey"
Now Thank We All Our God*

David Johnson
Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

In silent reflection

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and our confidence alone.
2. Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.
3. Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 100

Beth Rooney

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

**Please stand if you are able.*

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

Bell Anthem

Scherzino on “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Sondra K. Tucker

Handbell Quartet: Louise Gallagher, Linda Honaker, Paul Honaker, Charles Todd

Pastoral Prayer

Beth Rooney

*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.

Bell Anthem

We Gather Together

Arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Handbell Quartet: Louise Gallagher, Linda Honaker, Paul Honaker, Charles Todd

Sermon

What Kind of King?

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Hymn

Today We Sing with Thankfulness

ELLACOMBE

In silent reflection

Text by Jacque B. Jones

1. Today we sing with thankfulness for those who turned the tide.
Confined by narrow boundaries, they knew the call was wide.
Demanding change they led the way with passion and with pain.
They touch our lives across the years, their legacy our gain.
2. Today we sing of holiness, of healing touch and word;
Of disappointment deeply felt, convictions understood;
Of grace that lets forgiveness flow within community;
Of love that seeks to reconcile, restoring unity.

3. Today we sing with restlessness, we ever look to you.
 Infuse us with your Spirit, then give us your work to do.
 Fill us with courage and resolve, and grant humility,
 As we employ our minds and hearts to right the wrongs we see.

4. Today we sing with hopefulness that we may carry on,
 To honor past accomplishments, the steps we build upon.
 And what of those who follow us? Your justice be their theme!
 A gifted generation poised—God, challenge them to dream!

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*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Voluntary

Fanfare

Anonymous, 16th century
 Arr. Kevin McChesney

Handbell Quartet: Louise Gallagher, Linda Honaker, Paul Honaker, Charles Todd

*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 celebration of the 57th Anniversary of our first date by Kitty and George Davis.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of, Jean Eubank, who died on November 18, 2020.

We give thanks to Cindy Mistretta for serving as our Cantor this morning.

We give thanks to Beth Rooney for serving as our liturgist this morning.

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.



Online Worship Only Through Advent—Beginning next Sunday, November 29, and continuing through the end of the year, worship will be online only in an effort to contribute to the safety of our congregation. Because of our desire to love and care for our congregation, coupled with rising COVID numbers in our area, we feel this is the most prudent approach. As a church family, we will continue to worship on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. at rrcb.org/live. As we approach January, the Ad Hoc Re-Entry Task Force will monitor the situation and make a recommendation based on their findings.

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| Sun, Nov 22 | Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy , 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
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
Church Hill Wellness Center Christmas Stores Drop Off , 12:00 p.m., North Parking Lot
Shepherd-Holland Sunday School Class , 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) |
| Wed, Nov 25 | Men's Group: The Huddle , 8:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) |
| Thurs, Nov 26 | Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed |

Fri, Nov 27

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Sun, Nov 29

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Churchwide Advent Drive-Thru, 3:00 p.m., North Parking Lot

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Thanksgiving Offering for Welborne UMC Community Food Pantry

The Thanksgiving Offering, collected during the month of November, supports the Community Food Pantry at Welborne United Methodist Church. You may make donations online at rrcb.org/give-online (select “Thanksgiving” for the fund) or mail a check to the church office with “Thanksgiving Offering” in the memo.

Pre-order your RRCB shirt today!

Shirts are long sleeves, gray, super soft material, and the cost is \$15 per shirt. Please reserve your shirt in good faith now at rrcb.org/shirt. You will pay in December when you pick up your shirt. Place your order by noon on Tuesday, November 24. We will only order shirts that have been pre-ordered.

Church Hill Wellness Center Christmas Stores

Donation Drop Off Times: Today, November 22, 12-2PM, North Parking Lot/Lower Commons Entrance or Sunday, November 29, 3-4PM, North Parking Lot (during Churchwide Advent Drive-Thru)

The Church Hill Wellness Center has assigned RRCB 25 children to sponsor. Each child will receive one large toy/gift, one small toy/gift, and one clothing option. **All of the slots have been filled**—thanks to everyone for signing up to sponsor a child. If you have not done so, please be sure to sign up for which date you are planning to drop off your gifts. When dropping off your gifts, please be sure to mark or label your gift with the child number (child #). You can view the sign up at rrcb.org/christmasstores.

Churchwide Advent Drive-Thru

Sunday, November 29, 3:00-4:00PM, North Parking Lot

Swing thru the North Parking Lot for intergenerational advent goodies, greet and see ministers, pick up supplies to make an Advent Wreath, and to bring gifts for the Church Hill Christmas Store. An entrance and exit will be marked off of Ridge Road. Please stay in your vehicle and follow the path marked. Sign up here to learn more and to let us know you are coming.

Sign-ups are not mandatory, but are helpful when planning: rrcb.org/drivethru. Advent Wreath kits are limited to 50 and will be prioritized to those signed up. We can't wait to see you!

Advent and Christmas at River Road Church

River Road Church, Baptist anticipates and prepares for the birth of the Christ child and the season of Christmas by observing the church season of Advent. For four weeks leading up to Christmas, we reflect on Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love as we light a candle to represent each theme during worship, and on Christmas Eve, just before Christmas Day begins, we light the Christ candle and remember the holy moment God came into humanity as a baby in a manger. While worshiping and gathering look different this year, join us as we prepare for Christmas and honor the holiness of this season together! Our listing of services and events, including any sign ups or reservations, is available at rrcb.org/advent. Please note, this page will continue to be updated as more plans are finalized.

2021 Altar Flower Calendar

Anyone interested in reserving a Sunday on the 2021 Altar Flower Calendar, please call Betsy Lowery (804-338-4604). The cost is \$90.