

# RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 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!

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Voluntaries

*We All Believe in One God, BWV 681*  
*ii. Adagio (from Symphony No. 6)*

J. S. Bach  
Charles-Marie Widor

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

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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*In silent reflection*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely God's goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriends you.
3. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 78:1-7

Sandy Rooney

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

Epistle Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord;  
Thanks be to God.

Solo

*You Turn Mourning into Dancing*

Natalie Sleeth

You turn mourning into dancing, you give peace in times of strife;  
You turn weapons made for fighting into tools that nurture life.  
God of love, you give a vision of a time when war will cease,  
And you call us as your children to embrace your way of peace.

When we're driven to distraction at the hatred and the fear,  
When we struggle to take action as we grieve the violence here,  
Turn our mourning into dancing! May our songs of joy increase  
As we see what you are doing in our midst, O God of peace!

—Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Ashley Glaze, soprano

Pastoral Prayer

Sandy 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.

Solo

*The Lamb*

William Bradley Roberts

Little lamb, who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee?  
Gave thee life and bid thee feed  
by the stream and o'er the mead;  
gave thee clothing of delight,  
softest clothing, wooly bright;  
gave thee such a tender voice,  
making all the vales rejoice.

Little lamb who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee?  
Little lamb, I'll tell thee;  
little lamb, I'll tell thee.

He is called by thy name.  
For he calls himself a lamb.  
He is meek and he is mild;  
he became a little child.  
I a child and thou a lamb;  
we are called by his name.  
Little lamb, God bless thee;  
little lamb God bless thee.

—William Blake

Ashley Glaze, soprano

Sermon

*Setting our Hope*

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.
2. Cure thy children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
3. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

\*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Voluntary

*If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee, BWV 643*

J. S. Bach

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

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Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all the women and men who served, or are serving, in the armed forces of the United States of America.

We give thanks to Ashley Glaze for serving as our Soloist and Cantor this morning.

Christian sympathy is extended to Rev. Anna Perry Miller and her family upon the death of her brother, Dwight Perry, on November 5, 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](http://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.



In-person worship reservations are available at [rrcb.org/reservations](http://rrcb.org/reservations). To watch Dr. Glaze's re-entry video, please visit [rrcb.org/live](http://rrcb.org/live).

Sun, Nov 8

**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  
**Shepherd-Holland Sunday School Class**, 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)  
**Children's Activities**, 3:00 p.m., Children's Playground  
**Youth Group**, 3:00 p.m., Plaza  
**Robert Smart Sunday School Class**, 3:00 p.m., North Parking Lot  
**Youth Choir**, 4:00 p.m., Plaza (in front of the Fellowship Hall)

Mon, Nov 9

**Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts**, 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)  
**Board of Deacons** 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

Wed, Nov 11	<b>Men's Group: The Huddle</b> , 8:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Driveway Dinners for Children</b> , 5:30 p.m., Off-site <b>TFC Adults: Justice in Consumerism</b> , 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Thurs, Nov 12	<b>Chancel Choir Zoom Rehearsal</b> , 7:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>In-person Choir Rehearsal</b> , 8:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Sat, Nov 14	<b>Food &amp; Fellowship: Food Truck Event</b> , 4:00 p.m., North Parking Lot
Sun, Nov 15	<b>Faith Walk Sunday School Class</b> , 9:45 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Life Sunday School Class</b> , 9:45 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>New Horizons Sunday School Class</b> , 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Worship</b> , 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and Online Broadcast <b>Church Hill Wellness Center Christmas Stores Drop Off</b> , 12:00 p.m., North Parking Lot <b>Children/Youth/Family Game Afternoon</b> , 3:00 p.m., Plaza <b>Youth Choir</b> , 4:30 p.m., Plaza (in front of the Fellowship Hall)

### **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](http://rrcb.org/give-online) (select "Thanksgiving" for the fund) or mail a check to the church office with "Thanksgiving Offering" in the memo.

### **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](http://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.

### **TFC-Adults: Justice in Consumerism and Justice in Relationships with Rev. Dr. Sam Adams**

*Wednesdays, November 11 & 18 at 7:00PM on Zoom*

Everything we do is spiritual. When we ask, "How is your spiritual life?" it creates a false dichotomy—like one part of our lives is spiritual and the rest is not. But how we value and treat people, the created world, possessions, and our time is all reflected by and informing our relationship with Christ. How does Jesus relate to people, the earth, and things as he walked through life? What does God consider as rich and healthy worship? The program will be led by Rev. Dr. Sam Adams, professor at Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, VA).

Register for the second session to receive the Zoom link at [rrcb.org/tfcadams](http://rrcb.org/tfcadams). If you are unable to attend, the program will be available for viewing and/or listening at [rrcb.org/tfc-archive](http://rrcb.org/tfc-archive).

### **Food & Fellowship: Food Truck Event**

*Saturday, November 14, 4:00-5:30PM in the North Parking Lot*

*Southern Spud Food Truck* will be with us to offer up some great food so we can gather around and share company with some friends from church. **Prior to our event, the menu will be provided along with a link to place orders ahead of time.** This will allow for ease in picking up prepared orders. Canned drinks will be available to pick up near food pick up. Dessert TBD.

Please bring your own chair or blanket to sit on. Folks can gather in groups, with households spaced at least six feet apart from each other. Masks are required and must be worn, covering your mouth and nose, at all times except when eating. **Sign-ups are required for this event; sign up at [rrcb.org/foodtruck](http://rrcb.org/foodtruck).**