

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST
THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday after Christmas

December 27, 2020

*Today we worship via the internet. As you gather around your phone, computer, or tablet,
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.*

Voluntaries

Dr. Robert Gallagher

*Pat-a-pan
Shepherd's Song
Christmas Musette
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
In dulci júbilo, BuxWV 197*

Robert Edward Smith
Gustav Merkel
Alphonse Maily
Dale Wood
Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Invocation and Our Lord's Prayer

Ashley 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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

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| <p>1. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!</p> | <p>2. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!</p> |
| <p>3. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!</p> | |

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

The Gospel of our Lord;

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Anthem

The Infant King (Sing Lullaby)

Basque Noël
Arr. David Willcocks

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| <p>1. Sing lullaby!
Lullaby baby, now reclining,
Sing lullaby!
Hush, do not wake the Infant King.
Angels are watching, stars are shining
Over the place where he is lying:
Sing lullaby!</p> | <p>2. Sing lullaby!
Lullaby baby, now a-sleeping,
Sing lullaby!
Hush, do not wake the Infant King.
Soon will come sorrow with the morning,
Soon will come bitter grief and weeping:
Sing lullaby!</p> |
| <p>3. Sing lullaby!
Lullaby baby, now a-dozing,
Sing lullaby!
Hush, do not wake the Infant King.
Soon comes the cross, the nails, the piercing,
Then in the grave at last reposing:
Sing lullaby!</p> | <p>4. Sing lullaby!
Lullaby is the babe awaking?
Sing lullaby!
Hush, do not stir the Infant King.
Dreaming of Easter, gladsome morning,
Conquering death, its bondage breaking:
Sing lullaby!</p> |

Louise Gallagher, alto

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:36-40

Ella Glaze

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of our Lord;

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Pastoral Prayer

Andrea Glaze

**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 *Three Jolly Shepherds* (from *A Cycle of Three Mystical Songs*) Alec Rowley

As I out rode this enders night, of three jolly shepherds I saw a sight, and all about their fold a star shone bright; they sang terly terlow terlow; terly terlow; So merrily the shepherds their pipes gan to blow.	Down from Heaven, from heaven so high, of angels there came a great company, with mirth and joy and great solemnity. They sang terly terlow terlow; terly terlow; so merrily the shepherds their pipes gan to blow terly terlow, terly terlow. Sing lullaby!
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Louise Gallagher, alto

Sermon *What Now?* Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Hymn *Go, Tell It On the Mountain* GO TELL IT

<i>Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!</i>	1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. <i>Refrain</i>
2. The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. <i>Refrain</i>	3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. <i>Refrain</i>

Choral Benediction and Postlude *Nunc Dimittis* Sarah MacDonald

Sung at Bath Abbey; August 10, 2019
River Road Church Pilgrimage Choir

We give thanks to Louise Gallagher for serving as our Soloist and Cantor this morning.

We give thanks to Andrea, Ella, and Ashley Glaze for their leadership as liturgists in worship this morning.

The Christmas wreaths are given to the glory of God and in honor of the incredible staff at River Road Church, Baptist for their tireless work during the pandemic, by Margaret and Hilton Almond.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Ruth Tanner upon her death on December 21. A graveside service is planned for Wednesday, December 30 at 2:00 p.m. at Hollywood Cemetery.

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.



If you need to deliver a contribution in person before the end of the year, the front office will be staffed **December 30 and 31 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Notice Regarding Online Worship—Until further notice, 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. The Ad Hoc Re-Entry Task Force will continue to closely monitor the situation and make recommendations based on their findings.

Sun, Dec 27	Worship , 11:00 a.m., Online Broadcast
Mon, Dec 28	Office Closed
Tues, Dec 29	Office Closed
Fri, Jan 1	Happy New Year! Office Closed
Sun, Jan 3	Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy , 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Life Sunday School Class , 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Faith Walk 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., Online Broadcast First Sunday Food Share , 12:00 p.m., North Parking Lot Shepherd-Holland Sunday School Class , 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

First Sunday Food Share for the Richmond Baptist Centers

Sunday, January 3, 12:00-2:00PM in the North Parking Lot

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 rrcb.org/foodshare.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever Audio Story

Available until December 28—you have one more day to listen to this fun story!

A group of RRCB readers have prepared a special presentation for you, reading the great and funny story by Barbara Robinson, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. If you have read or heard this story, you know how great it is. If you have not, this is your chance. It'll be a pageant like no other.

The play is available at rrcb.org/pageant (password: **best**).

The Stewardship Committee is working with the Finance Committee for our 2021 budget. If you have not turned in your pledge yet, you are encouraged to do so. As of this writing, 229 pledge cards have been received which represents 68% of the goal (using 2020 budget as our goal). You can submit your pledge by mailing your pledge card to the church, filling out the secure form at rrcb.org/pledge, or calling LeAnne Lane in the church office.

2021 Altar Flower Calendar

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