

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021

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

Sonata in A minor, Wq 70/4

C. P. E. Bach

- I. Allegro assai
- II. Adagio
- III. Allegro

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

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

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace!
2. The name of Jesus charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life, and health, and peace.
3. Christ speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice;
the poor in heart believe.
4. My gracious Savior and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.
5. To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given.
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 139:1-12

Elizabeth Thorne

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

Solo

This Little Light of Mine

Spiritual, arr. George Mabry

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Every day, I'm gonna let my little light shine.
On Monday, he gave me the gift of love,
On Tuesday, peace come from above.
On Wednesday, told me to have more faith;
On Thursday, gave me a bit more grace.
On Friday, told me to watch and pray;
On Saturday, told me what to say.
On Sunday, gave me power divine,
Just to let my little light shine.

Victoria Jackson, soprano

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Offertory Sentences and Doxology

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**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

Walk Together Children

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Oh, walk together children, don't you get weary,
there's a great camp meeting in the promised land.
Gonna walk (sing, shout) and never get tired.
There's a great camp meeting in the promised land.

Victoria Jackson, soprano

Sermon

Finding the Light in Dark Times

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

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| <p>1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.</p> <p>3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.</p> | <p>2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.</p> <p>4. O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.</p> <p>5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.</p> |
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Benediction

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Voluntary

Sinfonia from Cantata 29

J. S. Bach, Arr. Marcel Dupré

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Henry Holland by his family.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Wyatt and John Heisler in the death of her brother, and to Jack and Sara Heisler in the death of his uncle, Conrad Lawrence, on January 9, 2021, in Richmond, Virginia.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Doris Curtis in the death of her mother, Mabel Dominey, on January 9, 2021, in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

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

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. The Ad Hoc Re-Entry Task Force will continue to closely monitor the situation and make recommendations based on their findings.

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| Sun, Jan 17 | <p>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., rrcb.org/live
 Shepherd-Holland Sunday School Class, 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
 Youth Choir, 4:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
 Board of Administration, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)</p> |
| Tue, Jan 19 | <p>WMU Connectors, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)</p> |
| Wed, Jan 20 | <p>Building and Property Council, 4:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
 Thoughtful Faith Community Fellowship Breakout, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)</p> |
| Sun, Jan 24 | <p>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., rrcb.org/live
 Children & Youth Family Game Time, 4:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)</p> |

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, 239 pledge cards have been received, and the total amount pledged represents 69% of the goal (using 2020 budgeted expenses 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.

Altar Flowers from worship will be available to pick up on Saturday mornings (January 16-February 27), beginning at 11AM at the North Parking Lot/Lower Commons entrance. Pick up a bouquet to take to someone for a special occasion, in need of care, or simply to brighten their day. There will also be a bin to return and/or donate small vases for future bouquets, as well as to return Advent Wreath trays.

TFC-Adults: Fellowship Break-Out will be held Wednesday, January 20 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Have you heard of “speed dating”? We are hoping our gathering will resemble that, only as a church fellowship with small groups. After our church business meeting in December and how happy everyone was to see one another, the Adult Christian Education Board decided it might be time to have an intentional time of fellowship. We will gather at 7:00 p.m. in a large group and will break into chat rooms for brief conversation times. We will do this a few times to allow for a wider visiting opportunity. It is an experiment in church fellowship and we hope you will come enjoy being together and catching up. Sign up at rrcb.org/tfc-fellowship to receive the Zoom link. Please note, this session will not be recorded.

A Church Business Meeting, to include discussion and a vote upon the 2021 budget, will be held January 31, 2021 at 12:15 p.m. via the Zoom videoconference platform. Details for joining the meeting will be mailed to church members along with a copy of the proposed budget. Please remember that we need a quorum of 100 to be able to conduct the meeting.

Many thanks to the quick and capable volunteers who came at various times to take down and store the many parts and pieces of this year’s Christmas decorations: Harper and Carol Alford on many, many bows; Margaret Almond on exterior wreaths; Daniel Ingram and Marnie Fisher-Ingram on Chapel House window candles and large interior wreaths; Steve and Betsy Lowery on lots of interior swags, wreaths, and Advent wreath; and Julia Tyler on Fellowship Hall window candles, stage lip angels, and garland and exterior wreaths. Many hands lighten the labor; thanks to those who always are so willing.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

At River Road Church, we are...

A community of believers coming from many faith traditions to worship and grow together in Christian fellowship, focusing on those aspects of faith on which we can agree rather than disagree as we journey together.

Baptist in heritage, espousing core Baptist truths as foundational to our faith journey: the centrality of Christ, the priesthood of all believers, the commitment to theological education, and the autonomy of the local church.

Encouraging of intellectual freedom—in pursuit of a thoughtful faith, seeking always to learn about God’s nature and ways in the world, supporting a free pulpit and welcoming intellectually challenging sermons and educational programs.

Worshipping in reverence and beauty a transcendent God, following the liturgical style and augmented by the performance of traditional sacred music.

Serving God in our church, our community and the world by investing our energy and resources in ways that reflect the character and likeness of Christ and follow his teachings.



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