

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 18, 2022

*As we gather together for worship, please pause for a moment to become aware of God's presence.
Quiet your mind, listen to the music, and prepare to worship God.*

Lighting of the Altar Candles

LJ Straw and Jackson Koskinen, Acolytes

Voluntaries

*Toccata Prima (from Second Book of Toccatas)
Elegy*

Girolamo Frescobaldi
George Thalben-Ball

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organist

Introit

Harold W. Friedell

Day by day, Dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray:
To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day.

*Processional Hymn 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

*Call to Worship

Beth Bailey

God of the past who whispered in the prophets' ears and who rescued us from sin's slavery,

we are here to thank you.

God of the future, who is tearing down the old world, and building your kingdom in our midst,

we are here because we trust you.

God of the present who, in the giftedness of our diversity, creates us to be one people,

we are here to praise you.

God of life that surprises us when we find it within us,

we celebrate your grace.

—T. Shuman, adapted

Welcome, Invocation, and Our Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 113 (p. 491)

Emily Tuck

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

** Please stand, if you are able.*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 16:1-13 (p. 851)

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

Anthem

Awake, My Heart

Text: Paulus Gerhardt
Translated by Winfred Douglas
Music: Jane M. Marshall

Awake, my heart, and render
to God thy sure defender,
thy maker, thy preserver,
a song of love and fervor.

Confirm my deeds and guide me;
my day with thee beside me,
beginning, middle, ending,
will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be thy dwelling
with joy and gladness swelling;
thy word my nurture given
to bring me on toward heaven.

The Stories That Shape Us

Tuckie Paxton

Pastoral Prayer

Beth Bailey

*Hymn of Devotion

Creating God, Redeeming God

FOREST GREEN

Creating God, redeeming God,
who walked with us on earth,
preparing us for service through
your death, your life, your birth.
Are we not more than conquerors
because you conquered death?
Can we deserve self-giving love
from one who gave us breath?

The love that you so freely give
we cannot comprehend:
love never earned, love never lost,
affection without end.
No earthly pow'r can break its strength,
no deed can mute its song;
you are our all-embracing God
to you we now belong.

A day will come when we are called
to stand before your face,
with Jesus present at our side,
assuring us of grace.
For now, we seek to know your ways
revealed to us each day,
your covenant - our confidence:
we worship, work, and pray.

Text: Jacque B. Jones, 2005; © 2014, GIA Publications, Inc.

*Offertory Sentences

Beth Bailey

Anthem at Offertory

The Call of Wisdom

Text: Michael Hampel,
based on Proverbs 8
Music: Will Todd

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy;
walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory.
Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction,
entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger.
I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me?
Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value,
jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting.
Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom.
Those who know me know my love, those who seek me find their answer.
God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit coeternal.
Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

*Children in grades 1-3 may meet Mrs. Sandy Rooney
at the front of the Sanctuary, on the pulpit side, to continue worship in the Chapel.*

Time of Reflection and Response

*Take a moment to consider how the Spirit is leading you to respond to worship and the Word proclaimed this day.
If you desire to follow Christ as a disciple, or if you desire to become a member of River Road Church,
you are invited to come forward to the chancel steps at this time, and our pastor will meet you.*

*Recessional Hymn 339

Be Thou My Vision

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| <p>1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.</p> | <p>2. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou, mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.</p> |
| <p>3. Be thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.</p> | |

*Benediction and Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by The Friendship Class in memory and honor of all their teachers and members over the past 60 years with blessings for the future.

We extend congratulations to Brock and Bonnie Livick upon the birth of their granddaughter, Eloise Audrey Livick, on September 3, 2022. The proud parents are Andrew and Tristen Livick.

We extend Christian sympathy to Sue Hodder upon the death of her sister, Nan Turman, on September 12, 2022 in Richmond VA.

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.

Be Light: Alma Hunt Offering 2022 | September 4-October 2, 2022 | RRCB Goal: \$10,000

BNF: Called to Care—The Baptist Nursing Fellowship (BNF) of WMU exists to “empower, educate, and encourage nurses and medical workers to be on mission for Christ.” Marilyn Graves, a retired IMB missionary to Chile, serves as the executive director/treasurer of the National BNF and the president of BNF of Virginia. Your gifts to the Alma Hunt offering equip nurses and medical workers *Be Light* as they respond to God’s call to care for others.

The Alma Hunt offering provides funding for all Woman’s Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) missions and ministries and makes possible other Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving. You may give to the offering by using one of the envelopes in the pews and dropping it in the offering plate, mailing a check to the church office, or giving online at rrcb.org/give.

Thoughtful Faith Community—Wednesday, September 21, 5:15 -7:30 p.m.**Children’s Choirs, 5:15-6:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room & UC #232**

Children’s Choir: 2nd-5th grades | Carol Choir: Pre-K to 1st grades (preschoolers should turn 4 by 9/30/22)

Supper, 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Menu: Wedge Salad (with Tomato, Red Onion, Cheddar Cheese, & Croutons); Braised Pork with Chimichurri Sauce; Sautéed Garlic Brussels Sprouts; Sweet Potato Hash; Italian Bread & Butter; Dessert Bar

Kids Menu: Grilled Chicken, Tater Tots, Yogurt, and Cookie

Dinner reservations are required by noon on Monday, September 19. Please make your reservation and select your dinner choice by filling out the form at rrcb.org/supper or by calling the church office.

Costs: \$9 per person; Kids Meal \$4 per person; Household Max is \$25; Meal prices are not age-based

Children’s Devotion & Activities, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Children’s Area

If you need childcare for children 3 and under, please contact sandyrooney@rrcb.org.

Adult Program: Communicating Well: Healthy Discussion & Listening Skills for Difficult Times led by Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge and Rev. Anna Miller, 6:45-7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Youth Study Hall. 6:45-7:30 p.m., Youth Area

The youth room is available during the adult program for youth to study, play pool or ping pong, and chill.

Save the Dates—October 16 and October 30

River Road Preschool celebrates its 50th Anniversary on October 16, 2022. The Rev. Chris Burton will be our guest preacher. Rev. Burton serves as Vice-President at Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities and is currently a doctoral student at Union Presbyterian Seminary. He and his wife, Brianna Burton, sent their son, Garvey, to our Preschool in 2021-2022.

The 75th Anniversary of River Road Church on October 30, 2022. Delayed a year due to the pandemic, we are excited to remember our heritage, give thanks for God's blessings, and look forward to a rich future of ministry faithfulness together. Dr. Diana Butler Bass will preach in our morning worship service. Dr. Bass is a world-renowned speaker, award-winning author, and the foremost expert on religion and the contemporary church.

Small Group Spotlight: Joyful Hearts

As we re-gather and re-engage with regular church activities, we would like to highlight our small groups. Each week, learn about a different small group, and how you can get involved.

What: Joyful Hearts, women's Bible study group

When & Where: Monday mornings, 10-11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall—The group has two sessions a year, each ending with a fun potluck brunch, September-December and January-May.

Why: The group was started about 20 years ago by Kitty Davis to get ladies together for fellowship and friendship, and to study the Bible. The group has grown and opened to friends, not just members of our church. Shelley Barker is leading the weekly discussions this fall. It is a wonderful way to start your week!

Who: If you have any questions or would like to join, contact Deb Gray (call or text), Georgia May, or Shelley Barker.

Sun, Sep 18	Lloyd Jackson Memorial Bland Mission Trip (Returns Sep 23) Worship , 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live Friendship Class Lunch , 12:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall Camerata , 4:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room Youth Choir , 5:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room Youth Family Kickoff , 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall Board of Administration , 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall (Zoom option available)
Mon, Sep 19	Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts , 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall Yoga , 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Tue, Sep 20	WMU Connectors , 10:00 a.m., Reception Room
Wed, Sep 21	Men's Group: The Huddle , 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall Stephen Ministry , 4:30 p.m., Assembly Room (Zoom option available) Children's Choirs , 5:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room & UC 232 Supper , 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Adult Program , 6:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall Children's Devotion and Games , 6:45 p.m., Chapel Hall Youth Study Hall , 6:45 p.m., Youth Area Chancel Choir Rehearsal , 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Thu, Sep 12	FIXERS , 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
Sat, Sep 24	A WOW Event: Remembering Your Story , 9:30 a.m., Assembly Room

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