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RIVER
ROAD
CHURCH | 75th
Anniversary
Celebration

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

October 30, 2022

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Frank Halloran, LJ Straw, and Eliza Sundberg, Acolytes

Voluntaries

When in Our Music God Is Glorified
Festive Proclamation
How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place
Prelude on "Nettleton"
The Church's One Foundation

Lloyd Larson
Barbara Harbach
E. Carl Freeman, Arr. Charles Todd
Aaron David Miller
Robert James Lamb

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ
Chancel Bell Choir; Charles Todd, director

Introit

David Gulick

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!" Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and come before His courts with praise. Lift your voice unto the Lord, and sing praises to our God.

*Processional Hymn 416

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*Call to Worship

Cathy Whitty, *Chair of Deacons*

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

Peace be to this house, and to all who worship here.

Peace be to this house, and to those who enter to pray and depart to serve.

Peace be to this house, and to those who love this congregation, and the One who called us into being.

—Inspired by the worship service celebrating the 50th Anniversary of River Road Church

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze, *Pastor*

Invocation and Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. James Slatton, *Pastor Emeritus*

**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 105:1-10 (p. 484)

Rev. Chester Phelps,
Minister of Youth Emeritus

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

*Gloria Patri

Hymn 579

**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.**

New Testament Lesson

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 (p. 961)

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

Anthem

Esto les digo

Text: Matthew 18:19-20

Music: Kinley Lange

Esto les digo, si dos de ustedes se ponen en acuerdo aquí en la tierra para pedir algo en oración, mi Padre que está en el cielo se lo dará. Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos.

I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

Youth and Chancel Choirs; Ally Yablonski, conductor

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Michael Clingenpeel, *Pastor Emeritus*

*Hymn of Devotion

On This Day We Will Remember

NETTLETON

Text: Jacque B. Jones

1. On this day we will re - mem - ber those who brought us to this place;
 2. On this day we look a - round us where we see a world in need.
 3. On this day of look - ing for - ward, we can pause from life's de - mands,
 4. Ev' - ry day help us re - mem - ber all the saints who led the way.

plant - ing roots be - side the riv - er, our foun - da - tion built on grace.
 So much wrong, yet so much prom - ise; may our work bring change in deed.
 to give thanks for those a - round us, pass - ing peace to wait - ing hands.
 Hal - low all that we are do - ing as we touch the world each day.

Now we_ stand up - on their shoul - ders, tend - ing_ still what they be - gan.
 We are_ bold to teach the Gos - pel, we are_ blessed to preach God's word,
 God, we_ ga - ther at your ta - ble, nour - ish_ us with wine and bread,
 Ho - ly_ Spi - rit, give us cour - age; keep our_ vi - sion just and clear.

We pay trib - ute to our found - ers: ev' - ry wo - man, ev' - ry man.
 as we wel - come all God's child - ren, let - ting ev' - ry voice be heard.
 Teach us pat - ience, love and kind - ness; guide us on our road a - head.
 Christ, in - spire our words and ac - tions; may your king - dom flour - ish here.

*Offertory Sentences

Rev. Anna Perry Miller, Associate Pastor for Adult Discipleship

Anthem at Offertory

The House of Faith Has Many Rooms

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr.
Music: Craig Phillips

The house of faith has many rooms
where we have never been;
there is more space within God's scope
than we have ever seen.

We dare not limit God's domain
to what our creeds declare,
or shrink from probing things unknown
lest God should not be there,

The way to God is not escape,
though truth does make us free:
the life of chosen servanthood
is perfect liberty.

Yet still we seek at journey's end
the last and sweetest grace:
the gift of room to turn around
and know God face to face.

*Doxology

Hymn 592

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

Sermon

Dr. Diana Butler Bass

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

In Harmony We Join to Sing

ELLACOMBE
Text: Jacque B. Jones



1. In har - mo - ny we join to sing a
2. As pil - grims bound by cov - e - nant, re -
3. As var - ied path - ways in - ter - sect, we
4. We join our hearts in grate - ful prayer; the



con - gre - ga - tion's song. We now pay trib - ute
spect - ing dif - f'ring views, u - nit - ed in this
gath - er now to strive to make a dif - f'rence
Spir - it guides us all. With con - fi - dence that



to the past, a her - i - tage so strong.
 fel - low - ship, this fam - i - ly we choose.
 when we can, to help all peo - ple thrive.
 God still speaks, we lis - ten for God's call.



We look to - ward the days to come, with
 So mind - ful of each oth - er's needs we
 For ach - ing need is all a - round, and
 When we are gath - ered, Christ is here, his



chal - leng - es they bring, and mov - ing for - ward
 walk in faith - ful - ness, as - sem - bled here in
 want can crush the soul. In liv - ing faith we
 prom - ise ev - er stands. Our jour - ney for - ward



in our faith, we let our voic - es ring.
 Chris - tian love to act as we pro - fess.
 should reach out, and change must be our goal.
 starts to - day— God's work is in our hands.

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Nathan Taylor, *Executive Director*
 Virginia Baptist Historical Society

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Grand Chœur Dialogué

Eugène Gigout

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The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of their parents and grandparents, Elizabeth and Herman Green, by Martha Lou and Patrick Green.

The anniversary flowers adorning the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah Easley Drummond by her children: Elizabeth Drummond Davis, Dr. Charles Drummond, and Dr. Fitz Drummond. Sarah began our flower ministry in 1992 with a passion to bring the beauty of God's floral creations into the beauty of this sanctuary. Her legacy and creativity live on and it is only fitting to dedicate the anniversary flowers in her memory.

We welcome Dr. Diana Butler Bass to the pulpit this morning. Dr. Bass is a world-renowned speaker, award-winning author, and the foremost expert on religion and the contemporary church.

Our ministerial staff and ordained clergy from within the River Road Church family are participating in our grand processional. We are grateful for their ministry within our church and community.

To celebrate the occasion, Judy Dixon, a master watercolor artist and RRCB member, has created two paintings—one of our chapel building and grounds entrance and one of the crest, which sits atop the chapel. The iconic imagery is easily identifiable as River Road Church, and it is the cover of our bulletin today. The original artwork is on display in the Narthex. If you would like to purchase notecards or a print featuring the artwork, you can do so at the luncheon today.

We are grateful to Dr. Fred Anderson for his work writing *A Time for Every Purpose*, which reviews the last 25 years of ministry, continuing the story from River Road Church's 50th anniversary. Books will be available at no cost, one per family. You can grab your family's copy of this book as you exit the sanctuary today, either in narthex or front exit from the sanctuary.

The Arts Committee has a Fine Art Exhibit featuring works by RRCB members in the Sunday School class wing of the Lower Commons (near the Assembly Room). The Lower Commons will also feature four displays curated by the History Committee. The history cabinet encapsulates the church's founding in 1946 with an overview of current ministries and activities. A timeline of the last 25 years will feature photos and highlights. A tabletop collage of photos presents a reflection of memories from the past 25 years, 1997-2022. Last, but not least, a River Road artifact, the church's portable organ, is on display. The portable organ was used when early dreamers gathered in homes and in a dedication on the undeveloped site where our church now stands. These exhibits will be on display from the anniversary weekend through All Saints' Sunday on November 6, 2022.

“The Spiritual Practice of Honestly Engaging Our Past to Live Into Our Future”—Lecture and Book Signing with Dr. Diana Butler Bass at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This event is free and all are welcome. Following Dr. Bass' lecture, we invite you to join us for a book signing in our Music Suite. You can bring any copy of Diana's books with you, or a limited number of her three most recent books (*Freeing Jesus*; *Grounded*; and *Grateful*) will be available for purchase at the event.

Important Details for the Luncheon Following Worship—If you are attending the luncheon, please enter the Fellowship Hall from the Plaza. Due to time and flow of foot traffic, we ask that the Upper Commons entrance be reserved for those using wheelchairs, strollers, or anyone unable to navigate the front plaza. Please note that because reservations were required for the luncheon, we apologize that extra meals are not available

Stewardship is one way of *Honoring the Vision, keeping the dream.* As Dr. Vernon Richardson proclaimed in his sermon on entitled “My Dream for This Church” on May 2, 1965:

...it is not up to us to make the dream come true. It is up to us to be true to the dream. This means every one of us keeping faith with the past and with all who have labored here, keeping faith with our own destiny, and with God's will as He gives us light to see it. This is the redemptive work to which we are called in God's name. It is a glorious task. Each one is needed... We all stand in need of the grace of God and of one another.

As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of our church, your Stewardship Committee wishes to call attention to the principles that guided the founders, and to the dream for the future that they articulated. Each generation of River Roaders has honored the founders' vision with their talents and their resources. Financial support is essential for the vitality and work of the church. We appreciate your support of the church thus far.

Thank you, River Road Church, for serving God faithfully in so many ways. Thank you for your generous and cheerful giving. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks and can be placed in the model steeple, located in the narthex, or returned via mail, alternatively, you may submit your pledge securely online at rrcb.org/pledge.

Thoughtful Faith Community—Wednesday, November 2, 5:15 -7:30 p.m.

Carol Choir, 5:30-6:00 p.m., UC #232

Pre-K to 1st grades

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

Menu: Caesar Salad (V, GF), Baked Spaghetti Casserole OR Baked Penne (V, GF), Italian String Beans (V, GF), Toasted Garlic Bread, and Chocolate Pecan Brownies | Kids Menu: Reduced Portion of Menu | V = Vegetarian, GF = Gluten Free

Dinner reservations are required by noon on Monday, October 31. Please make your reservation by filling out the form at rrcb.org/supper or by calling the church office.

Costs: \$10/adults and youth, \$6 children, \$32/household max

Children's Devotion & Activities, 6:30-7:30 p.m., UC 232

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

Adult Program, 6:45-7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Ministries of our Church in these last 25 years and looking Ahead: Missions

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

Next Sunday, November 6, 2022, we will observe All Saints' Day, a day of celebration of believers who now live eternally. These individuals lived for Christ in ways that laid a foundation of faith for many among us. Because of their influence and commitment, River Road Church is stronger and positioned to continuing ministering now and for years to come. We celebrate the bond we share in Christ, as we worship in this life and they praise the Lord in heaven: a communion of saints.

Sun, Oct 30 **Worship**, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live
75th Anniversary Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Afternoon Lecture with Dr. Diana Butler Bass, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Book Signing with Dr. Diana Butler Bass, 3:00 p.m., Music Suite
Camerata, 4:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Youth Choir, 5:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Youth Snack Supper, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Youth Group, 6:15 p.m., Youth Area

Mon, Oct 31 **Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts**, 10:00 a.m., UC 232 (Zoom option available)
Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room

Tue, Nov 1 **Watercolor 101 Class**, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Wed, Nov 2 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:30 a.m., Reception Room
Stephen Ministry, 4:30 p.m., Assembly Room (Zoom option available)
Carol Choir, 5:30 p.m., UC 232
TFC Supper, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
TFC Adult Program, 6:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Children's Devotion and Activities, 6:45 p.m., UC 232
Youth Study Hall, 6:45 p.m., Youth Area
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room

Fri, Nov 4 **Young Adult Fall Retreat** (Returning 11/6)



RIVER ROAD CHURCH

BAPTIST

+ thoughtful faith +

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.



COVENANT OF RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

Constituted April 14, 1946

Having been led, as we believe, by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the influence of His Spirit to give ourselves up to Him, so we do now solemnly covenant with each other that, God enabling us, we will walk together in brotherly love;

That we will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over each other, as the case shall require;

That we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for worship, nor omit the duty of prayer, both for ourselves and for others, and will not neglect Bible reading and study;

That we will participate in each other's joys, and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows;

That we will earnestly endeavor to bring up such as may be under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord;

That we will seek divine aid to enable us to walk circumspectly and watchfully in the world, denying ungodliness and every worldly lust;

That we will strive together, in so far as God prospers us, for the support of a faithful evangelical ministry among ourselves and for the spread of the gospel unto the ends of the earth;

That we will endeavor by example and effort to win souls to Christ;

And that through life, amidst evil report and good report, we will seek to live to the glory of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

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