

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 19, 2023

*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

PJ Joassin and Jackson Koskinen, Acolytes

Voluntaries

*Air in D minor, G. 120
Cantilena in G, Op. 71, No. 1*

G. F. Handel
Arthur Foote

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Introit

George Thalben-Ball

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee;
for thou art my God.

*Processional Hymn 555

Now Thank We All Our God (see last page)

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*Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

The blessings of the Lord are many.

Our resources, talents, and giftedness are part of God's plan for us to care for the world.

God desires that we are generous with everything entrusted to us.

May we have wisdom and understanding to discern how we can best give of ourselves.

Let our sharing be motivated by a love and desire to be faithful to our loving God.

May God find us faithful and our gifts acceptable acts of worship.

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.**

Mission Moment

Lynn Williams, *ACTS Director of Development*
Hana Yun, *ACTS Chief Operating Officer*

Lessons from Scripture

Linda Honaker

Psalm 123 (p. 498)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (pp. 960-961)

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.**

** Please stand, if you are able.*

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:14-30 (p. 807)

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

Anthem

Spirit Truth, Pure Light of Love

Text: Carol McClure
Music: Robert Powell

Spirit Truth, pure Light of Love,
Guiding Light of God above;
Make Your beacon ours;
Inspire us to shine so all may know
The radiance of the Spirit's own
Revealing power.

Spirit Wind, sweet Song of Love,
Stirring Song of God above,
Make Your music ours;
Excite us to sing so all may know
The anthem of the Spirit's own
Resounding power.

Spirit Fire, fierce Breath of Love,
Blazing Breath of God above,
Make Your passion ours;
Impel us to live so all may know
The fervor of the Spirit's own
Resplendent power.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

*Hymn of Devotion 559

We Gather Together (see last page)

KREMSER

*Offertory Sentences

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Anthem at Offertory

Jubilate Deo (Collegium Regale)

Text: Psalm 100
Music: Herbert Howells

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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.

Conducted by David Gulick

*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 to continue worship in the Chapel.*

Sermon

Risky Business

Rev. Dr. Joseph Glaze

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 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (see last page)

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Fugue in F major

Johann Gottfried Walther

This is the season after Pentecost in the Christian year. Having celebrated the “birthday of the church” through the giving of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we enter the Season after Pentecost for 24 weeks, to celebrate the existence of the church and recall her mission in the world. The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolic of the church’s growth and mission. On the first Sunday of each month, we celebrate communion, and the liturgical color changes to white to recognize the holiness and majesty of Christ.

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.

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Glaze, father of our pastor, to the pulpit this morning. Now retired, Joe has served as a missionary and pastor of Baptist and United Church of Christ congregations in Virginia, Maryland, and New York. He is married to the Rev. Dr. Jenny Glaze Montgomery, an Episcopal Priest in the Diocese of Virginia.

We welcome new members Heidi Winton-Stahle and Liam Winton-Stahle, who joined our church on November 12, 2023. We look forward to ministering alongside them!

We extend Christian sympathy to David and Bonnie Gates upon the death of his sister, June Slaughter, in Louisiana.

We extend Christian sympathy to Katherine Waddell, upon the death of her husband, John Waddell, and to Katherine Waddell and Laura Deal upon the death of their father, on November 11, 2023, in Richmond, VA. A funeral service was held on November 16, 2023 at River Road Church.

The Thanksgiving Offering, collected during the month of November, supports the Community Food Pantry at Welborne United Methodist Church. You may make donations with the designated envelope in the pew racks, online (select “Thanksgiving” for the fund), or mail a check to the church office with “Thanksgiving Offering” in the memo.

A Regular Church Business Meeting will be held today immediately following worship in the sanctuary and via the Zoom videoconference platform. On the agenda we will act upon the Nominating Committee’s report for church leadership in 2024, and the Pastor will bring a motion to the church regarding a candidate for ordination to ministry. The Zoom waiting room will open shortly after the worship livestream concludes to allow access to the meeting. Please remember that we need a quorum of at least 100 people present to be able to conduct the meeting.

Whether you call it the “Sunday Reception” or “Sunday Coffee,” the fellowship time after worship is a River Road staple. The receptions have grown from one-on-one coffees with care groups to churchwide gatherings with tables full of goodies. Beginning in January, we will share this hospitality effort across our boards, committees, classes, small groups, and more. This expansion will allow groups the opportunity to have a Sunday spotlight moment in the bulletin and at the reception—collect sign ups, recruit mission team members, or simply make those around you smile. It’s easy to host a reception with four people, light refreshments or cookies, and no silver or running the church dishwasher required! In the coming weeks, we will begin reaching out to classes and small groups about hosting a Sunday in January, February, or March.

Helping those in need through the Fellowship Fund

The Board of Missions administers the Fellowship Fund to assist members of our community who are in financial crisis and need assistance with housing payments or utilities to prevent homelessness. We at River Road are part of a coalition of churches, Area Churches Together in Service (ACTS), which coordinates crisis response. The insert in today’s bulletin provides contact information for many community resources available to persons in need.

Since our earliest days, River Road has maintained a tradition of service, answering Christ’s call to care for one another. The contributions of the congregation, members, and friends of River Road Church sustain the Fellowship Fund.

Thank you for contributing \$69,264.00 to the Fellowship Fund in 2022. To date, in 2023, you have donated \$41,558.00.



RIVER ROAD CHURCH

BAPTIST

+ thoughtful faith +

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, Scripture as our foundation, a commitment to theological education, the autonomy of the local church, and the separation of church and state.

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.

River Road Church *Baptist*

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PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Daniel E. Glaze, D.Min., *Pastor*
F. David Breckenridge, D.Min., *Minister of Pastoral Care*
Marnie L. Fisher-Ingram, M.Div., *Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families*
Robert P. Gallagher, D.M.A., *Minister of Music*
Daniel H. Ingram, M.Div., *Minister of Administration*
Anna Perry Miller, M.A.C.E., *Associate Pastor for Adult Discipleship*
Sandy K. Rooney, M.Ed., *Minister to Children and Their Families*
Beth Bailey, M.T., *Seminary Intern for Young Adult Ministry*

James H. Slatton, Th.D., *Pastor Emeritus* Michael J. Clingenpeel, Ph.D., *Pastor Emeritus*
E. Carl Freeman, Jr., Mus.B., *Minister of Music Emeritus*
Chester L. Phelps, Jr., M.A., *Minister of Youth Emeritus*

Thoughtful Faith Community—Sunday, November 26

Menu from Joe's Inn: Spaghetti A La Joe OR Vegetarian Spaghetti A La Joe; Salad; Bread; Cookies

Dinner reservations are required by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22. Make your reservation by scanning the QR code, filling out the form at rrcb.org/supper, or calling the church office. This week, the cost is \$10 per adult, \$6 for children and youth, \$32 household max.



Community Program: ADVENTure Dinner & Stations

Join us for our traditional time of wreath making along with other Advent Stations. There are activities for the whole family with Prayer Stations to help your heart prepare for the Advent Season. It will be an engaging night of Prayer, Activities, and Fellowship. Stations include:

- Family Advent Wreaths—if you would like to make an Advent wreath, please sign up at rrcb.org/wreath so we can have greenery and supplies prepared. This sign up is separate from your dinner reservation.
- Coloring Poster
- Advent Friendship Bracelets
- Advent Cubes
- Waiting Prayer Activity
- Nativity Prayer Activity
- Scrabble Prayers
- Making Christmas Cards for Homebound
- Take Home Praying in Color Sheet

For more information about the events listed below and more, please read the *e-Spire* (emailed on Tuesdays), or visit rrcb.org/connect.

This Week @ RRCB:

- Sun, Nov 19 **Church Hill Christmas Drop Off**, YA 175
Worship, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live
Business Meeting, 12:10 p.m., Sanctuary (Zoom option available)
Stephen Ministry, 4:00 p.m., Parlor (Zoom option available)
River Road Camerata, 4:00 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room
Youth Choir, 4:35 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room
Carol Choir (Age 4 through Grade 1), 4:45 p.m., UC 232
Jubilate Choir (Grades 2-5), 4:45 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Chancel Ringers, 5:00 p.m., Bell Room
TFC Supper, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
TFC: Children's Rec and Missions, 5:45 p.m., CA 122
TFC Program: Rituals of Thanksgiving, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Board of Administration, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room (Zoom option available)
Stewardship Committee, 8:00 p.m., UC 228
- Tue, Nov 21 **Yoga**, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
- Wed, Nov 22 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:30 a.m., Founders Room
- Thu, Nov 23 **Office Closed**
- Fri, Nov 24 **Office Closed**
- Sun, Nov 26 **Sunday School**, 9:45 a.m., Various Rooms
Worship, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live
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TFC: ADVENTure Dinner and Stations, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Board of Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room (Zoom option available)

General Resources for Those Needing Assistance

2-1-1 Virginia: 2-1-1 for 24/7 information and referral services for a specific area or need

Housing Resource Line: 804-422-5061

Homeless Connection Line: 804-972-0813

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Hotline: 804-612-6126

Legal Aid Justice Center: 123 W. Broad St, 804-643-1086

Feed More Hunger Hotline: 804-521-2500

CrossOver Healthcare Ministry (provides high-quality, compassionate healthcare to uninsured and Medicaid patients): 804-655-2794, option 6

Food Pantries or Soup Kitchens: <http://webforms.cvfb.org/agencylisting/agencies.php>

For Online Assistance: <https://commonhelp.virginia.gov/access/>

Departments of Social Services

Apply for Food Stamps (SNAP), Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Day Care Assistance, Heating, Cooling, and Crisis Assistance. It is best to apply online or in person rather than calling 1-855-635-4370 (application hotline for the state of VA)

Goochland Department of Social Service: 1800 Sandy Hook Rd, 804-556-5880

Powhatan Department of Social Service: 3908 Old Buckingham Rd, 804-598-5630

Chesterfield Department of Social Service: 9501 Lucy Corr Circle, 804-748-1100

Hanover Department of Social Service: 12304 Washington Hwy, 804-365-4100

Hanover Department of Social Service - Bell Creek: 8475 Bell Creek Rd, 804-365-4100

Richmond Department of Social Service - Downtown: 900 E. Marshall St, 804-646-7000

Richmond Department of Social Service - East District Center: 701 N 25th St, 804-646-7320

Henrico Department of Social Service - West End Office: 8600 Dixon Powers Dr, 804-501-4001

Henrico Department of Social Service - East End Office: 3820 Nine Mile Road, 804-501-4001

*Processional Hymn 555

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

Now Thank We All Our God

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

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All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.

*Hymn of Devotion 559

We Gather Together

KREMSER

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

*Recessional Hymn 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

1. Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto God's praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from each field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come;
raise the glorious harvest home.