



WELCOME TO RICHMOND'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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December 4, 2022 • 11 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God is the one who satisfies the passion for justice, the longing for spirituality, the hunger for relationship, the yearning for beauty. And God, the true God, is the God we see in Jesus of Nazareth, Israel's Messiah, the world's true Lord.

—N. T. Wright

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Lynn Turner

PIANO PRELUDE, "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Dan Coates

CALL TO WORSHIP (by Roger D. Straw)

Lynn Turner

Leader: Today we join with God's hopeful people around the world in the lighting of the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.

**People: Last Sunday the frail light of the hope candle
pierced through the darkness of desolation and sin.**

Leader: Today we will light the candle of peace.

People: This light, too, must brave great darkness.

Leader: In an age when people so seldom find peace within themselves,
and when conflicts erupt throughout the world, we light a fire called peace.

**People: Peace that is not merely the absence of war and conflict, but peace that is
the fullness of blessing for all—that is the peace for which we dare to hope.**

Leader: In the name of the Prince of Peace, we light this candle.

HYMN No. 87, "Arise, Your Light Is Come"

FESTAL SONG

We invite children to the steps during stanza 3 for the Children's Sermon.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE		McNevin family
CHILDREN'S SERMON		Amanda Lott
THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON, <i>Isaiah 11:1-10, (Pew Bible OT page 784)</i>		Matthew Hensley
CALL TO PRAYER	<i>"The Dream Isaiah Saw"</i> Adult Choir	Glenn Rudolph
PASTORAL PRAYER		Allison Collier
HYMN NO. 256, "We Are People of God's Peace"		TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
SHARING THE FAITH		Laura Hedrick
OFFERTORY	<i>"Child of Peace"</i> Elise Cumbia, soloist	Bob Farrell
DOXOLOGY		VENI EMMANUEL
	<i>Children in grades 1-3 are invited to children's worship in suite 220. A leader will meet children at the door near the piano and return them to worship during the final hymn.</i>	
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.	
PRAYER OF GRATITUDE		Ann Carter
THE GOSPEL, <i>Matthew 3:1-12 (Pew Bible NT page 3)</i>		Ann Carter
ANTHEM	<i>"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"</i> Adult Choir	arr. Dan Forrest
	<p>Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies, With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing! "Glory to the newborn King!"</p> <p>Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate Deity, Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel, Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"</p> <p>Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace, hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild he lays His glory by, born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth, Hark! the herald angels sing! "Glory to the newborn King!"</p>	
SERMON	WHAT'S THE WORD? <i>Repentance and Delight</i>	Jim Somerville

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION	<i>“I Will Be a Child of Peace”</i>	Elaine Hagenberg
	Adult Ensemble	
HYMN NO. 235,	<i>“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”</i>	TRENTHAM
PRESENTATION OF DEACONS		Susan Hughes
THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY		Jim Somerville
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		Jim Somerville
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>“The Lord’s Prayer”</i>	Albert Hay Malotte

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
 For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE, *“Toccata on VENI EMMANUEL”* Andrew Carter



The worship services at Richmond’s First Baptist Church are planned around the weekly readings from The Revised Common Lectionary. This biblically based approach to worship can be strengthened and enhanced by the awareness and preparation of our church family as we ready ourselves to meet God and each other in worship each week.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, December 11, 2022

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; or Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

The pulpit flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of Elaine Simmons by James and John Simmons.

The 11 a.m. worship service is streamed on Sundays at fbrichmond.org/live and on YouTube at fbrichmond.org/youtube.

This week’s Sunday worship service will be broadcast LIVE in central Virginia on TV8.

For more information about next Sunday, visit fbrichmond.org/worship.

Ministry Leadership Staff

Dr. James G. Somerville, Senior Pastor

The Ministry of Christian Community

Rev. G. Lynn Turner, Senior Associate Pastor
 Rev. Robert E. Thompson, Minister of Pastoral Care
 Becky Payne, Pastoral Care Associate

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Dr. Allison Collier, Associate Pastor
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 Ruth Szucs, Music Ministry Associate
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Pastor Emeritus

Dr. Peter James Flamming

Deaf Mission at Richmond

Rev. Dirk Hill, Pastor

• **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT FBC!** - Join us for special worship, concerts, devotions, and events for all ages! See the full list at fbcrichmond.org/advent.

★ **Dr. Somerville's Advent sermon series**, *What's the Word?*, continues through Christmas Day.

Sunday worship services throughout Advent and Christmas Day will be LIVE on our webcast, on YouTube, and broadcast LIVE on TV8 in central VA.

★ **Choir Concert: *Glory to God in the Highest*** is on Sunday, December 4 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Music arrangements feature Adult Choir, One Accord, Orchestra, and Capital Brass Quintet. Invite a guest to join you!

★ **Classics and Cocoa** in the Courtyard is tomorrow night at 5:30 p.m. Join us for a hot drink, roasted marshmallows, see the sparkling lights, and visit with our neighbors in the Fan. **A Charlie Brown Christmas** will run every 30 minutes.

★ **Gingerbread Churches** is on Friday, December 9 at 6:30-8 p.m. in the Gym. Register for our annual decorating of Gingerbread Churches on the FBCnow! app.

★ **Vienna Boys Choir in concert** is on Sunday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The ticket price is \$44 per ticket. Visit the FBCnow! app or contact Lisa Rahmlow at rahmlow@fbcrichmond.org to purchase tickets by cash or check.

★ **First Family Around the Fireplace** is on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:15 p.m. in Flammig Hall. This year, our Angel Choir and Carol Choir groups will lead the entertainment. We will end the evening with birthday cake. An offering of canned fruit (15 oz. size) or canned chicken is requested so that our Compassion Ministry is blessed.

★ **75th Youth Christmas Pageant** is on Sunday, December 18 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our youth create, write, and direct a version of the Christmas story using contemporary themes. This year's theme is **A Charlie Brown Christmas**.

★ **Service of Remembrance** is on Monday, December 19 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. For friends and family who have experienced the loss of a loved one during the past year. We invite you to attend whether you've lost a loved one or wish to support friends who have. Celebrate the lives of those who have passed, as we celebrate the birth of the One who gives eternal life.

★ **Christmas Eve Services** are on Saturday, December 24 at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Worship with us by candlelight. The 5 p.m. service is brimming with families and children, and the 11 p.m. service is reflective and includes communion.

• **Reaching The Nations, Together: Week of Prayer for International & Global Missions** is

December 4-11. During this week of prayer we pray for our missionaries serving overseas, and give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (Southern Baptist Convention) or Global Missions Offering (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship). Learn more at fbcrichmond.org/weekofprayer.

Sunday, December 4, pick up prayer guides in the kiosks, or find them online, and pray for missionaries as they spread God's love around the world.

Tuesday, December 6, join Women on Mission in Flammig Hall at 10:30 a.m., when International Mission Board missionaries Jeff and Rose Waligora will tell us about their work as Affinity Connections Strategists for the Asian Pacific Rim Peoples Affinity. In this role they help lead the connections and mobilization work to partner with SBC churches and state conventions in the USA to help reach the lost peoples and cities in the Asia-Pacific Rim. Lunch follows at noon (\$7); no reservations needed.

Wednesday, December 7, come to the Chapel at 6:15 p.m., when Scott and Amanda Rae will share about their missionary work in India and at the International Learning Center. Dinner is available in Flammig Hall prior to the program (\$8).

Sunday, December 11, join in the effort to reach the nations by giving online or using your gold offering envelope to support the work of missionaries of the International Mission Board (designate gift for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering) and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (designate gift for CBF Global Missions).

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal: \$50,000
Offering for Global Missions Goal: \$18,000

• Registration for the 2023-24 school year has begun for **First Baptist Preschool**.

As always, church members get first priority during enrollment, plus a 5% discount on tuition. Your child must be 8 months by September 1 to enroll. We offer class from 9 a.m. until noon with opportunities for early morning and extended day care. To enroll use the QR code.



• **When You Give, You Make an Impact!**

When you partner with Richmond's First Baptist Church financially, you help love and serve our neighbors here in Richmond and around the world. Use the QR code to give now or give online at fbcrichmond.org/give.

