



## WELCOME TO RICHMOND'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*You have very often heard, holy brethren, and you know well, that John the Baptist, in proportion as he was greater than those born of women, and was more humble in his acknowledgment of the Lord, obtained the grace of being the friend of the Bridegroom; zealous for the Bridegroom, not for himself; not seeking his own honor, but that of his Judge, whom as a herald he preceded. Therefore, to the prophets who went before, it was granted to predict concerning Christ; but to this man, to point Him out with the finger.*

—Augustine

### THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Allison Collier

### PIANO PRELUDE, "As the Deer"

arr. Greer

### CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 40, NRSV)

Allison Collier

Leader: I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**People: He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

**Unison: Happy are those who make the LORD their trust.**

### HYMN NO. 334, "Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

AMSTERDAM

*We invite children to the steps for the Children's Sermon.*

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Amanda Lott

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON, Isaiah 49:1-7, (Pew Bible OT page 830)

Michael Lacy

**CALL TO PRAYER, HYMN No. 472**    *“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”*    LEMMEL  
Stanza 1 only

**PASTORAL PRAYER**    Lynn Turner

**HYMN No. 271, “Christian People, Sing Together”**    JUBILEE

**SHARING THE FAITH**    Kathy Thompson

**OFFERTORY**    *“Prayer of St. Francis”*    Allen Pote  
Adult Choir

Lord make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord.  
Where there is doubt, let there be faith.  
Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there’s despair let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, let there be light.  
Where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.  
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
And instrument of thy peace. Amen.

**DOXOLOGY**    OLD 100TH

*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.*

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. Amen.

**PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**    Donna Earley

**THE GOSPEL, John 1:29-42, (Pew Bible NT page 112)**    Donna Earley

**ANTHEM**    *“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”*    Claude L. Bass  
Adult Choir

**SERMON**    **Be Curious, Not Judgmental:**    Jim Somerville  
*“Where Are You Staying?”*

**HYMN No. 270, "Christian Hearts, in Love United"**

CASELL

**THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

Jim Somerville

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Jim Somerville

**ORGAN POSTLUDE, "Lift Every Voice and Sing"**

James Weldon Johnson  
and J. Rosamund Johnson



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, January 22, 2023: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9;  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of

Mr. J. Leonard Cobb by Rachel Cobb;

Mr. Luther Marshall by the Marshall family;

John W. Simmons by James and John Simmons.

The 11 a.m. worship service is streamed on Sundays at [fbrichmond.org/live](http://fbrichmond.org/live)  
and on YouTube at [fbrichmond.org/youtube](http://fbrichmond.org/youtube).

#### **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

#### **The Ministry of Christian Formation**

Dr. Allison Collier, Associate Pastor  
Amanda Lott, Minister to Children & Families  
Michael Lacy, Student Ministry Assistant  
Alex Hamp, Preschool Administrator

#### **The Ministry of Christian Worship**

Dr. Philip L. Mitchell, Associate Pastor  
Ruth Szucs, Music Ministry Associate  
Eunice Kim, Pianist  
Cheryl Van Ornam, Organist

#### **The Ministry of Christian Invitation**

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#### **The Ministry of Christian Compassion**

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#### **The Ministry of Support**

Donna Earley, Director of Stewardship and Development  
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#### **Pastor Emeritus**

Dr. Peter James Flamming

#### **Deaf Mission at Richmond**

Rev. Dirk Hill, Pastor

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• **Upward needs referees** for games Saturday, January 28-March 11. They don't need experience but refereeing at any level always helps. To volunteer, contact Lee Byerly at [byerly@fbrichmond.org](mailto:byerly@fbrichmond.org).

• We invite you to attend our **Deacon ordination service** today at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will ordain 6 new deacons and welcome 18 returning to active service for three-year terms.

• **Ring In Community** - Pack a bagged lunch and join us for music and fellowship every Thursday from January 12 to February 16, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us as we strive to laugh as much as possible, get to know new friends, and along the way, we make music together. We will meet in LL32 & 33.

• **Winter Women's Book Club** - We will meet in the Adams Room on Thursday, January 26 from 7-8:30 p.m. Elizabeth Miller will be our facilitator. The book is **Before We Were Yours** by Lisa Wingate. It is a fictional story based on a tragic true story about Georgia Tann, who headed up the Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage. Contact Lori Humrich to buy a book at [humrich@fbrichmond.org](mailto:humrich@fbrichmond.org).

• **Sunday Night @FBC** will happen January 22-February 5 and again February 26-March 19. Programming starts at 5 p.m. and the meal starts at 6 p.m. The children and families will meet during the same times as the students and they will be focused on Mission Projects each week.

• **Us First Marriage Enrichment** Sunday, January 29, 9:30-10:45 a.m. in Flamming Hall. Marital Healthy Habits for the New Year: How to have a stress-reducing conversation with your spouse and maximize connection.

• **To reserve a Sunday flower memorial or honorarium**, contact Becky Payne at 804-358-5458 x154 or [flowers@fbrichmond.org](mailto:flowers@fbrichmond.org). The acknowledgement will be listed in the worship bulletin on the date you designate. The cost is \$25.

• **Quarterly Business Meeting & New Member Celebration** will take place Wednesday, February 1 at 6:15 p.m. in Flamming Hall.

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

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• **Student Ministry Family Luncheon** - Today at 12:15 p.m. please join us for this listening session as ministry leaders of youth parents and students separately hear your hearts and answer your questions with regard to student ministry. The plan for the next few months will be shared and discussed.

• **5 Ways to Bring KOH2RVA** - During the month of January, we invite you to join us in recommitting to First Baptist Church. During the month we will discuss all five aspects of being a committed church member, including:

January 1: Commit to Grow My Relationship with God

January 8: Commit to Support My Church Financially

January 15: Commit to Connect with Others in a Small Group

January 22: Commit to Worship, Either in Person or Virtually

January 29: Commit to Roll Up My Sleeves and Serve

• Join us for **January Bible Study** each Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. in Flamming Hall. Presented by retired executive director of The Baptist General Association of Virginia, John Upton, we are discussing **The Story of David: A human after God's own heart**. You can join us by Zoom. Email [wicks@fbrichmond.com](mailto:wicks@fbrichmond.com) for more information.

• **Classics & Cocoa** at FBC features heart-warming movies on frigid February Friday nights at 7 p.m. in Flamming Hall or LL10. Free hot beverages; additional refreshments available. Mark your calendars!

Feb. 3 **Mrs. Miniver**, American romantic war drama, 1942

Feb. 10 **Fantasia** by Walt Disney, 1940

Feb. 17 **Hugo** a fantasy/adventure, 2011

Feb. 24 **The Big Store** with the Marx Brothers, 1941

• **Are you someone serving in the military? Do you have a loved one serving?** We would like to honor them in the main hallway of Richmond's First Baptist Church. Please submit your military family member.

