



WELCOME TO RICHMOND'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The first disciples' decision to follow Jesus could not be considered a lifestyle choice. There is not a chance in Hades that the choice they make is an appropriate lifestyle choice. There is no lifestyle logic that makes their drop-everything-and-follow-Jesus choice make sense. We don't have sense. We have flames. The fire that fuels this foolishness is Jesus' claim that the Reign of God is an apocalyptic forest fire on the historical horizon.

—Brian K. Blount

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Phil Mitchell

ORGAN PRELUDE, "Beautiful Savior"

Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Richard Szucs

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**People: One thing I asked of the LORD, that I will seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent: he will set me high on a rock.

**People: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

HYMN No. 335, "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"

HYFRYDOL

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Amanda Lott

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON, *Isaiah 9:1-4, (Pew Bible OT page 780)* Robert Thompson

CALL TO PRAYER, HYMN NO. 387, “*God Who Made Us, Christ Who Calls Us*” GALILEE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Allison Collier

Nella Rodgers, Emma Tilley, Susan Hughes, Christie Thadikonda,
Jada Ransome, Matthew Lohr, Carrie Larson

HYMN No. 298, “*God Is Here!*” ABBOT’S LEIGH

Stanza 1 Solo
Stanza 2 Choir
Stanza 3 and 4 Congregation

SHARING THE FAITH Jack Powell

OFFERTORY “*Morning Has Broken*” arr. Brandt Adams
Stephanie Ransome, oboe

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*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 Lynn Turner

THE GOSPEL, *Matthew 4:12-23, (Pew Bible NT page 4)* Lynn Turner

ANTHEM “*O God Beyond All Praising*” arr. Dan Forrest
Adult Choir

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay.
For we can only wonder at ev’ry gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word.
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

For we can only wonder at ev’ry gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end.
For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
And we through Him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King.
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
And make a joyful duty our song, our sacrifice of praise.

SERMON

Be Curious, Not Judgmental:
“What Were They Thinking?”

Jim Somerville

HYMN NO. 413, *“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”*

REST

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Jim Somerville

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Jim Somerville

ORGAN POSTLUDE, *“In dir ist Freude (In Thee Is Gladness)”*

Johann Sebastian Bach

We welcome Mark Koontz as our guest organist today.



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 29, 2023: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15;
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

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

Ethel F. and Jack Eure by Ann and Lee Poates;

Dr. Bill Johnston by his family;

Mr. and Mrs. William Warren Walthall, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Russell Brooks, Jr.;

Mr. Jimmy Walthall, and Mr. Stephen Fetrow by Donna Fetrow.

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

Ministry Leadership Staff

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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
Amanda Lott, Minister to Children & Families
Michael Lacy, Student Ministry Assistant
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• **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.

• **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.

• **Quarterly Business Meeting & New Member Celebration** will take place Wednesday, February 1 at 6:15 p.m. in Flamming Hall. The 2023 budget will be presented and there will be time for a Q&A. The vote on the budget is scheduled to take place on February 12.

• **Blood Drive** - On Thursday, February 2, 1:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Gym. We hope you will consider warming hearts this winter by donating blood to the American Red Cross. When you give in February you will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card by email and you will be automatically entered to win a trip for two to Florida to the Wyndham Grand Clearwater Beach! (includes flight and dinner)



• **2nd Annual SOUPer Sunday Competition** - We will collect cans of soup to benefit our Compassion Ministry. Please donate only 15 oz. cans of Chicken Noodle, Chicken and Rice, and Vegetable Soups. For your cans to count in the competition, please drop them off at the table across from the men's restroom near the Mulberry entrance from Feb. 1-12. There will be paper and pens so you can write your Sunday school class name and how many cans you brought, and tape it to your cans. We will keep a running tally; the churchwide goal is 1800 cans!

• **DNow Weekend** is February 17-19. Don't miss out on this life-changing weekend, as students experience ***life together*** at local host homes. This retreat is for students in grades 6-12. Register in the FBC app by February 5.

• **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 fbrichmond.org/give.



• **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

• **Calling all artists!** You are invited to enter your art in Worship In The Hallway. These works will be displayed in the main hallway of First Baptist Church from February 22 until April 9. The art will be representative of Dr. Somerville's upcoming Lenten series. For more information, please visit the app or look in tomorrow's edition of First Family News.

• **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, or someone in your family, serving in the military?** We would like to honor you/them on the military bulletin board in the main hallway of FBC. Please submit names and place of service.



• **Stayin' Alive: CPR Matters** - Wednesday, February 8, 6 p.m., ***The Physician Within*** will feature basic techniques and urgency for CPR. You may help save lives—family, friends, strangers—by knowing the basics and learning where you can become CPR certified. Join us in Flamming Hall or on website, for everyone's benefit.