



WELCOME TO RICHMOND'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Should some of us become so deeply convinced that the beatitudes are God's pattern of reality that we will try to live the beatitudes, no matter what the majority do, or think? Is it our responsibility as Christians to demonstrate a life that is out of the ordinary and its beauty, its strength, and its eternal practicality? Because, you see, Jesus was trying to convince us that the beatitude way of life is not impractical; to the contrary, it is the only really practical way to live. We do know that God expects us, those of us who take Jesus seriously, to make as much of a difference as it is within our reach. And in truth, most of us underestimate our potential as influencers. There is more power in our daily witness of goodness than we can ever imagine.

—J. Ellsworth Kalas

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Allison Collier

HANDBELL PRELUDE

"I Am Bound for the Kingdom"
First Ringers

arr. Anna Laura Page

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 15, NRSV*)

Allison Collier

Leader: O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**People: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;**

Leader: Who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

**People: In whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

Leader: Who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Unison: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

HYMN No. 337, "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON		Amanda Lott
THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON, Micah 6:6-8, (Pew Bible OT page 1060)		Warren Huddle
CALL TO PRAYER	<i>"My Wordless Prayer"</i> Adult Choir	Craig Courtney
PASTORAL PRAYER		Matthew Hensley
HYMN, "Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit"		NETTLETON
<p>Blessed are the poor in spirit; all God's realm is surely theirs. Those in mourning will find comfort as an answer to their prayers. Meek ones whom this world despises will inherit everything. God, your kingdom still surprises; may we seek the reign you bring.</p> <p>Blessed, too, are those who hunger and who thirst for what is right. They will not be prone to wander, for your will is their delight. Those who show God's care and mercy will receive that mercy too. God, in Christ you show us clearly of the joy we have in you.</p> <p>Those who share the peace God gives them will find blessings as God's own. Those oppressed for faithful living will call heaven's kingdom Home. When the world's ways seem distressing and we feel life's painful sting, God, remind us of the blessings of the wondrous life you bring.</p> <p><i>Text by Carolyn Gillette. Used by permission from the author.</i></p>		
SHARING THE FAITH		Sandra Millican
OFFERTORY	<i>"Praise the Lord with Flutes"</i> Altissimo Flute Ensemble	arr. Robert Cathey
DOXOLOGY		OLD 100TH
<p><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></p> <p>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.</p>		
PRAYER OF GRATITUDE		Jim Somerville
THE GOSPEL, Matthew 5:1-12, (Pew Bible NT page 4)		Jim Somerville
ANTHEM	<i>"Here I Am, Lord"</i> Adult Choir	arr. Craig Courtney
SERMON	Be Curious, Not Judgmental: <i>"A Divine Attitude Adjustment"</i>	Lynn Turner

HYMN No. 641, "Higher Ground"

HIGHER GROUND

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Jim Somerville

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Jim Somerville

ORGAN POSTLUDE, "Voluntary in C"

Anonymous



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
Col. Clement Lee (Mickey) Woodward by his family.

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

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• **Sunday Night @FBC** | Program 5 p.m. | Meal 6 p.m. | January 22-February 5; February 26-March 19 | All students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us for Youth Worship Arts. Led by Ruth Szucs and Phil Mitchell, this is a time to learn and create the elements of a worship service, from prayers to call to worship. At the same time, children in grades K-5 are welcome to join Amanda Lott for Puppetry for beginners! They will explore the use of puppets during creative play. For more information, please contact Ruth Szucs (Szucs@fbrichmond.org) or Amanda Lott (Lott@fbrichmond.org).

• **Calling All Artists!** A new art show: **Worship in the Hallway** | February 22-April 9 | We are looking for art to be displayed on the walls lining the main hallway. These art pieces will reflect Dr. Somerville's sermon series during Lent. See FBCnow! app, First Family News, or use this QR code for more information.



• **Quarterly Business Meeting & New Member Celebration** | Wednesday, February 1 | 6:15 p.m. | 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** | Thursday, February 2 | 1:30-5:30 p.m. | 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)



• **Winter Women's Book Club** | Thursday, February 23 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Adams Room | Susan Hughes will be our facilitator. Already an international bestseller, **Small Things Like These** by Claire Keegan, is a deeply affecting story of hope, quiet heroism, and empathy from one of our most critically lauded and iconic writers. Contact Lori Humrich to buy a book (Humrich@fbrichmond.org); Cost: \$13.36.

• **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.



• **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!

• **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 and 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

• **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.

• **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.



• **Citywide Book Read** | March 6 | 7 p.m. | For the sixth year in a row we are challenging the citizens of Richmond to a Citywide Book Read during Black History Month. The effort is led by Jim Somerville, Senior Pastor of Richmond's First Baptist Church and David Bailey, Founder and CEO of Arrabon, a non-profit dedicated to the essential work of reconciliation. This year's book is **Black Fortunes**, by Shomari Wills, the story of the first six African Americans who escaped slavery and became millionaires. We invite you to join us for a panel discussion in Flamming Hall at FBC.