



WELCOME TO RICHMOND'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Finally I think it is possible to say that in spite of all its extraordinary variety, the Bible is held together by having a single plot. It is one that can be simply stated: God creates the world, the world gets lost; God seeks to restore the world to the glory for which he created it.

—Frederick Buechner

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Steve Blanchard

HANDBELL PRELUDE

"Give Me Jesus"
First Ringers

arr. Anna Laura Page

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 32, NRSV*)

Steve Blanchard

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**People: Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Leader: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

Unison: And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

HYMN No. 422, "*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners*"

HYFRYDOL

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jim Somerville

THE GOSPEL , <i>Matthew 4:1-11, (Pew Bible/NT page 3)</i>	Matthew Hensley
CALL TO PRAYER, HYMN NO. 234 , <i>“Spirit of the Living God”</i>	IVERSON
PASTORAL PRAYER	Robert Thompson
HYMN NO. 169 , <i>“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”</i>	ST. FLAVIAN
BRINGING HEAVEN TO EARTH	Mark Larson
OFFERTORY	Carolyn Jennings
<i>“My Song Is Love Unknown”</i> Children’s Choir	
<p>My song is love unknown, my Savior’s love to me, Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be. Oh, who am I, that for my sake My Lord should come to earth and die, My Lord should come to earth and die?</p> <p>He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow; But people turned away, and none the Christ would know. But, oh, my friend indeed, Who for my need his life did spend, Who for my need his life did spend.</p> <p>With him I’ll stay and sing my song of love divine. No grief nor love, O Savior, was e’er like thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend, I all my days could gladly spend.</p>	
DOXOLOGY	OLD 100TH
<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. Amen.	
PRAYER OF GRATITUDE	Lynn Turner
THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON , <i>Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, (Pew Bible OT page 2)</i>	Lynn Turner
ANTHEM	K. Lee Scott
<i>“Write Your Blessed Name”</i> Adult Choir	
SERMON	Jim Somerville
Decisions, Decisions: <i>Will You Give In?</i>	
HYMN NO. 494 , <i>“Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord”</i>	LANGLEY

SCOUT RECOGNITION

Paul Kreckman

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Jim Somerville

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Jim Somerville

ORGAN POSTLUDE, *"People, Repent of Your Sins"*

Johann Sebastian Bach



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, March 5, 2023: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Dean by Chuck Dean and Trudy Rickman;
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wellford Pinnell, Jr. by Anne Pinnell Harper and family;
Kalena Porter by the Lacy family.

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

Rev. Matthew Hensley, Associate Pastor
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The Ministry of Christian Compassion

Rev. Steve R. Blanchard, Associate Pastor
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Leigh Farmer, Communication Coordinator

The Ministry of Support

Donna Earley, Director of Stewardship and Development
Kim Boys, Interim Business Manager

Pastor Emeritus

Dr. Peter James Flamming

Deaf Mission at Richmond

Rev. Dirk Hill, Pastor

• **Easter Lilies** are now on sale. Consider purchasing one in honor of someone special this Lenten season. All Lilies are \$17 and you have until March 31 to make your purchase. Please contact Lisa Rahmlow with any questions at Rahmlow@fbcrichmond.org or 804-358-5458 x129. You can use the QR code to purchase your Lilies on our FBCnow! app.



• **Small Groups are Forming for Our Lenten Experience.** You won't want to miss out on the opportunity to read and discuss *Prayer in the Night: For Those Who Work or Watch or Weep*. These groups will meet from February 26-April 9 on a day of their choosing. Want to be involved but don't know how to start? Reach out to Kim Wicks at 804-358-5458 x122 or Wicks@fbcrichmond.org. You can also register on our FBCnow! app.

• **Service of Prayer for Healing** | February 26 | 5 p.m. | Chapel | This service of prayer, worship, music, and scripture is a quiet time to talk with God. The speaker is Brenda Ellis. Dr. Roberta Damon leads a grief counseling group at 3:30 p.m. in the Library just before the healing service for anyone who is walking through the journey of loss.

• **Journey to the Cross** | March Wednesdays | 6:15 p.m. | Sanctuary | This year's *Journey to the Cross* series will make use of the Gospel lessons for the Season of Lent with an emphasis on Jesus' (and our) humanity. Streaming live on our website for those who are not able to join us in person.

• **The Parish Health Ministry** is resuming our First Responder schedule to strive to have someone available to assist individuals who are experiencing a medical emergency. We need more volunteers! If you are a healthcare provider and willing to participate, please contact Matthew Lohr (mlohr77@gmail.com) or Lori Humrich (Humrich@fbcrichmond.org).

• **To reserve a Sunday flower memorial or honorarium,** contact Becky Payne at 804-358-5458 x154 or flowers@fbcrichmond.org. The acknowledgement will be listed in the worship bulletin on the date you designate. The cost will increase from \$25 to \$30 starting March 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. **In recognition of honorarium gifts: A gift was given in honor of Ann Carter for her ministry to this church by Cari and David DuVal. A gift was given in honor of Dr. Somerville by Donald Smith. If you would like to make a gift to the church to honor someone,** scan this QR code with your camera on your mobile phone or device.



• **Sunday Night @FBC** | Program 5 p.m. | Meal 6 p.m. | 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@fbcrichmond.org) or Amanda Lott (Lott@fbcrichmond.org).

• **Newcomer Orientation** | March 5 | 9:30 a.m. | Adams Room | Newcomer Orientation is a gathering for those new to First Baptist Church who want to learn more about our mission and discover next steps for connecting into the life of the church. Held the first Sunday of every month.

• **Citywide Book Read** | March 6 | 7 p.m. | During February we are challenging Richmond to read *Black Fortunes* by Shomari Wills, and then inviting everyone to join us as the author, himself, guides us through a discussion about the book. Mr. Wills will join Dr. Jim Somerville and David Bailey, Founder and CEO of Arrabon, a non-profit dedicated to reconciliation.

• **Weaving a Basket of Strength, a Women's Retreat** - In a world where many women feel distressed, anxious, and overwhelmed, the women's ministry invites you to a two-day conference in Flamming Hall. As we trust God on our faith journey, we discover tools for life's challenges. This retreat will be led by Dr. Yvette Jackson, Staff Chaplain for Cedar Rapids' Mercy Medical Center. Worship will be led by *Offering*. The cost is \$20 and includes a light dinner and continental breakfast. You can reserve childcare when you register. Use your FBCnow! app or this QR code to register.
March 24 | 5:30-8:30 p.m.
March 25 | 8:30 a.m.-Noon

