



## WELCOME TO RICHMOND'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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February 5, 2023 • 11 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*If you eat a tomato that you haven't sprinkled salt on, it might taste a little bit bland or just a little bit watery. And once you sprinkle a few crystals of salt on a slice of tomato, some of the juices start to come out, you know? Osmosis starts. And a lot of the flavor, aromatic compounds in vegetables are inside those watery cells. And so they come to the top. They're more available for you to breathe in. You take a bite. It's juicier. And so you have this taste experience that you wouldn't - you couldn't have had without that salt. And the salt really balances the acid in the tomato and the sweetness in the tomato and just makes it more tomato-y.*

—Chef Samin Nosrat, author of *Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat*

### THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

#### WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Lynn Turner

#### PIANO PRELUDE, "Above All"

arr. Larry Dalton

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 112, NRSV)

Lynn Turner

Leader: Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD,  
who greatly delight in his commandments.

**People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.

**People: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;  
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Leader: It is well with those who deal generously and lend,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**People: For the righteous will never be moved;  
they will be remembered forever.**

HYMN No. 312 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

MARION

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON, *Isaiah 58:1-9a*, (Pew Bible OT page 841)**

Matthew Hensley

**CALL TO PRAYER**

*“Eye Has Not Seen”*  
Adult Choir

Phil Mitchell

*We invite children to come to the Narthex at this time and meet with Ms. Ruth.  
They will have the opportunity to accompany the next hymn with rhythm instruments.*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Allison Collier

**HYMN NO. 155, “*We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light*”**

SIYAHAMBA

**BRINGING HEAVEN TO EARTH**

Barbara Johnson

**OFFERTORY**

*“Prayer of Mother Teresa”*  
One Accord

Craig Courtney

**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**

Robert Thompson

**THE GOSPEL, *Matthew 5:13-20*, (Pew Bible NT page 5)**

Robert Thompson

**ANTHEM**

*“This Is My Word”*  
Adult Choir

Pepper Choplin

As the snow falls from heaven as it comes in swirling showers from the sky, so is my Word.  
As the rains bring the water to the earth that is thirsty and dry, so is my Word.  
And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty; it will bless the earth wherever it is heard.  
This is my Word.

As the rains bring renewal and the tender buds begin to come alive, so is my Word.  
Giving seed to the sower, and the bread to the hungry ’til they thrive, so is my Word.  
And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty, it will bless the earth wherever it is heard.  
This is my Word.

O Lord, when I am weary, when I feel the days I’m living are in vain,  
My God, help me be faithful to the Word You have given to proclaim.  
Proclaim the Word, and you will go out in joy and be led forth in peace,  
And the hills will break before you into song.  
So be faithful, brave, and true, for I will go before you.  
And when your earthly journey here is done, I’ll say well done, well done!

As the snow falls from heaven, and the rain comes in showers from the sky, this is my Word.

**SERMON**

**Be Curious, Not Judgmental:**  
*Why Do We Have to Be Salt?*

Jim Somerville

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

*“How Beautiful”*  
Elise Cumbia, Cari DuVal, and Ruth Szucs

arr. Lloyd Larson

**HYMN NO. 96, “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

HOUSTON

**THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

Jim Somerville

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Jim Somerville

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, “The Lord’s Prayer”**

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.

**ORGAN POSTLUDE, “Arrival of the Queen of Sheba”**

George Frideric Handel



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, February 12, 2023: Deuteronomy 30:15-20;  
Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of  
Gordon and Johnnie Payne by Becky Payne.

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

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Rev. Robert E. Thompson, Minister of Pastoral Care  
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Dr. Peter James Flamming

**Deaf Mission at Richmond**

Rev. Dirk Hill, Pastor

• **Stayin' Alive: CPR Matters** | Wednesday, February 8 | 6 p.m. | **The Physician Within** will feature basic techniques and teach the urgency for CPR. You may help save lives by knowing the basics and learning where you can become CPR certified. Join us in Flamming Hall or at [fbcrichmond.org/live](http://fbcrichmond.org/live) for everyone's benefit.

• **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**. Small 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](mailto:Wicks@fbcrichmond.org). You can also register on our FBCNow! app.

• **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.



• **Disciple Now Weekend** | February 17-19 | Please visit the prayer board in the Arthur Ashe Boulevard foyer today and February 12 or in Flamming Hall on Wednesdays to choose a student, a small group leader or a host home to pray for leading up to, during, and after the weekend.

• **New Sunday School Class: Who Is Jesus?** | February 19-April 30 | Led by Matthew Hensley | Ste. 240A | This new group will look at who Jesus was, who he is, and how his life impacts our lives. A perfect place for those new to their faith or individuals who want to dive deeper into the Christology of Baptist beliefs.

• **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@fbcrichmond.org](mailto:Humrich@fbcrichmond.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 [fbcrichmond.org/give](http://fbcrichmond.org/give).



• **2nd Annual SOUPer Sunday Competition is underway!** Please drop your cans of Chicken Noodle, Chicken and Rice, and Vegetable soups at the collection box across from the men's restroom at the Mulberry entrance. Make sure the cans are labeled with your class name. 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. 10 **Fantasia** by Walt Disney, 1940  
Feb. 17 **Hugo** a fantasy/adventure, 2011  
Feb. 24 **The Big Store** with the Marx Brothers, 1941

• **Ash Wednesday Service** | February 22 | 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.

• **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. | During the month of February we are challenging Richmond to read *Black Fortunes* by Shomari Wills and then join us for a panel discussion on March 6. Led by Dr. Jim Somerville and David Bailey, Founder and CEO of Arrabon, a non-profit dedicated to reconciliation, this event is in its sixth year.

• **FBC is forming Monument 10K Training Team** and we'd love for you to join us! We will begin training every Saturday starting in March and running up to race day. If you register with us, you will receive \$10 off your race registration and a super cool team t-shirt. Use this QR code to sign up! Our team's name is "Great Neighbors in Fan/Museum/ SA" and our promo code is FirstBaptist10K23.

