



WELCOME TO RICHMOND'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In our first reading for this Fourth Sunday of Lent, we are introduced to the most famous king of Israel, David son of Jesse. It's a favorite passage for many Bible students because of the parade of likely candidates from Jesse's family, each of whom is rejected, and then the entrance of the least likely Stan Mast candidate, the shepherd boy wandering in from the fields with burrs in his hair and the smell of sheep in his clothes.

—Stan Mast

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Allison Collier

PIANO PRELUDE, "With All My Heart"

arr. Bruce Greer

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 23, NRSV)

Allison Collier

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**People: He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.**

Leader: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**People: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.**

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Unison: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

HYMN No. 295, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jim Somerville

THE EPISTLE LESSON, *Ephesians 5:8-14, (Pew Bible NT page 237)*

Lynn Turner

CALL TO PRAYER, HYMN NO. 472, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
Stanza 1 only

LEMMEL

PASTORAL PRAYER

Lynn Turner

HYMN NO. 672, "All Things Are Yours"

GERMANY

BRINGING HEAVEN TO EARTH

Betty Zacharias

OFFERTORY

"Footsteps"
One Accord

Craig Courtney

I see His footsteps in the way, and follow them through darkest night,
Unafraid, I stumble not, in the glow of perfect light, I see.
I walk in footsteps of His love, and find His light leads on before,
Then gently turns to me, softly whispers, "trust Me More." I walk.
Then as I follow in His way, my path ahead will brightly shine,
For in His path of guiding light, I find His footsteps first, then mine.

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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON, 1 Samuel 16:1-7, (Pew Bible OT page 322)

Robert Thompson

ANTHEM

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
Adult Choir; Stephanie Kim, flute; Stephanie Ransome, oboe

arr. Mack Wilberg

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways,
And leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
No more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

SERMON

Decisions, Decisions:
Where Will You Look?

Jim Somerville

HYMN NO. 507, "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Jim Somerville

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Jim Somerville

ORGAN POSTLUDE, "All Glory Be to God on High"

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 26, 2023: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of
Catherine Jones Bandeira and Lillie Mae Jones by Cristina Bandeira and family;
Betty Ann Dillon by her family;
Susan Ellen Samuel by Ginny Samuel and family.

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

Wireless personal receivers are available for those who need assistance hearing in the Sanctuary.
If your hearing aid is equipped with a T-switch, please activate it to utilize our hearing loop.

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.



• **Our Compassion Ministry** is collecting men's white crew socks and peanut butter for the month of March. If you can contribute please drop your donations in the bin outside of our Mulberry Street entrance.

• **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.

• **Palm Sunday | April 2 | 11 a.m. | Sanctuary** | We celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Streaming and broadcast LIVE at 11 a.m. on TV8 in central Virginia.

• **Praying the Stations of the Cross** | April 2-8 | During Daylight Hours | Courtyard | Experience the last days of Jesus' life as you immerse yourself in the scripture of Lent through art exhibits and readings. The courtyard will be open daily during daylight hours for individuals to go on a self-guided journey through the last moments of Jesus' earthly life. Each station features a unique piece of artwork, scripture, and a chance to reflect, pray, and meditate.

• **2023 Spring Break Kids' Art Camp: Conversations and Creations** | April 3-5 | 10-12:30 p.m. | Grades 2-5 | \$20/Camper; Family Max. is \$50. Amanda Lott and Ruth Szucs are leading this camp. We will help each child develop their own piece of art to be hung in the church hallway during the Easter season. Snacks and materials provided. Please register on the FBCnow! app.

• Enjoy a bus trip to Lancaster, PA to see **Moses**, a performance presented by Sight and Sound Theatre, on October 5-6. Contact Sandra Harris (804-276-4552) for more information on pricing and the trip agenda. You can also get a copy of the itinerary at the kiosks in the hallway. Deposits are due by April 2.

• **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.



• **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 Flaming 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**. Cost is \$20 and includes a light dinner and continental breakfast. You can reserve childcare when you register. Use the FBCnow! app or this QR code to register.

March 24 | 5:30-8:30 p.m.
March 25 | 8:30 a.m.-Noon



• **Easter Egg Hunt** | April 2 | 2-4 p.m. | Arthur Ashe Boulevard Courtyard | Grab your friends and neighbors and join us for this fun-filled event. The hunt will be done in waves according to age. We will also offer door prizes and goodies to eat. FREE.

• **Deaf Ministry 35th Anniversary | April 14 - 16 Friday, April 14**

6-6:45 p.m. - Light refreshments
(eat dinner before you come)

7 p.m. - Praise and Worship Service

Saturday, April 15

2-4:30 p.m. - Praise and Worship Service

5-8 p.m. - 35th Anniversary Banquet

Sunday, April 16

10-10:45 a.m. - Concert

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Praise and Worship Service

Tickets for the banquet \$15 per person. Deadline to purchase tickets for banquet is March 31. Use the QR code to order banquet tickets. For more information, contact the 35th Anniversary Committee at DMR35thanniversary@gmail.com.



• **Support Belltower Pictures and help ReEstablish Richmond** by attending the premier of **Anahita** at the Byrd Theatre, April 23 at 7 p.m. Produced by FBC member David Powers, **Anahita** tells the story of an Afghani mother who escapes from the Taliban to begin a new life in America. Ticket sales will support ReEstablish Richmond. Order tickets using the QR code.

