



Welcome to Richmond's First Baptist Church

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April 30, 2023 | 11 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Preparation For Worship

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

—The Book of Common Prayer

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Invocation

Steve Blanchard

Prelude, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

arr. Michele Murray

Call to Worship, (from Psalm 23, NKJV)

Steve Blanchard

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

People: **He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.**

Leader: He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

People: **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will 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 runs over.

People: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever.**

Hymn No. 366, "O God Beyond All Praising"

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Children are invited to gather on the front steps during this hymn.

Children's Sermon		Jim Somerville
The Epistle Lesson, 1 Peter 2:19-25, (Pew Bible NT page 283)		Michael Lacy
Call to Prayer, Hymn No. 409 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"		CONVERSE
Pastoral Prayer		Allison Collier
Hymn No. 619, "Blessed Assurance"		ASSURANCE
Bringing Heaven to Earth		Amanda Lott
Offertory	<i>"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"</i> Cari Duval, Stephanie Ransome, Ruth Szucs	arr. Mark Hayes
	The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.	
	Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth, And, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.	
	In death's dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.	
	And so, through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever. Amen!	
Doxology		OLD 100TH
	<i>Children are invited to exit the sanctuary for Children's Worship. See below for details.</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.	
Dedication of Gifts		Phil Mitchell
The Gospel, John 10:1-10, (Pew Bible NT page 126)		Kristen Carpenter
Anthem	<i>"The Lord Is My Shepherd"</i> Adult Choir	Allen Pote
Sermon	<i>The Well-Remembered Word:</i> <i>Remembering the Lord Is My Shepherd</i>	Jim Somerville
Hymn No. 405, "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"		BRADBURY

The Life of the Community

Jim Somerville

Charge and Benediction

Jim Somerville

Organ Postlude, "Praeludium in D minor"

Johann Pachelbel



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, May 7, 2023: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of
Dr. Peter James Flammig.

The 11 a.m. worship service is streamed on Sundays at fbrichmond.online.church
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.

We gladly welcome families with children to worship today.
Worship clipboards can be found at all sanctuary entry doors. During the Doxology children in grades 1-3 are invited to gather at the *Children's Worship* sign at the upper and lower piano-side doors.
After Children's Worship in suite 220, children will return to their pew during the final hymn.
If you have any questions please feel free to ask an Usher or Greeter for help. We are glad you are here!

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
Lee Byerly, Recreation Director

The Ministry of Christian Compassion

Rev. Steve R. Blanchard, Associate Pastor
Emma Tilley, Compassion Ministry Associate

The Ministry of Communication

Allen Cumbia, Director of Communication Technology
Leigh Farmer, Communication Coordinator

The Ministry of Support

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

Deaf Mission at Richmond

Rev. Dirk Hill, Pastor

• **Lessons from Israel** | May 3 | 6:15 p.m. | Flamming Hall | The participants from the most recent Israel Pilgrimage are being invited to share a lesson that they learned on the trip.

• **Women in the Word** | starting Wednesday, May 3 | 6:15 p.m. | Led by Kathy Allen, this small group will meet on Wednesdays as they come to the scriptures with “ears to hear” what God is saying. Bring a Bible and join us for study and discussion in room 280H during the month of May as we focus on 1 Peter.

• **To reserve a Sunday flower memorial or honorarium**, contact Becky Payne at 804-358-5458 x154 or flowers@fbrichmond.org. The acknowledgment will be listed in the worship bulletin on the date you designate. The cost is \$30.

• **FBC Night at the Diamond** | May 6 | 6:05 p.m. | Join us for Faith Night at the Diamond! Come early for music and pregame player testimonials. Enjoy fireworks from up close and inside the fences after the game. Gates open at 5 p.m. and the first pitch is at 6:05 p.m. Tickets are \$7 per person. Contact our front desk to order your tickets at 804-355-8637 or get them on the FBCnow! app.

• **Food & Faith** | May 19 | 6-8 p.m. | \$15 | Flamming Hall | Join us for our last installment of Food & Faith, a traditional meal that would have been enjoyed in the first century as “a picnic on the beach”. We will talk about fishermen and the role of Jesus’ ministry with the fishermen and some fun things like why spilled salt was thrown over the shoulder! Then we will move to the kitchen to put the finishing touches on a delicious meal of grilled tilapia, roasted chickpeas, goat cheese marinated in olive oil and herbs, pita bread, dried fruit, and date cakes!



• **Don’t Let Kids Get Hurt** | The Physician Within | May 25 | 6 p.m. | Flamming Hall | Every child gets boo-boos, but what happens when you find yourself in the middle of a pediatric medical emergency? Hear tips and tricks from pediatric professionals. There will be plenty of takeaways from this session that you won’t want to miss! Whether you are a first-time parent or a grandparent “on duty,” you will get lots from this session.

• **We are going gluten-free!** Due to popular demand, during communion on the First Sunday of every month everyone will now get Gluten-Free Wafers.

• **When You Give, You Make an Impact!**

When you partner with Richmond’s First Baptist Church financially, you help love and serve our neighbors in Richmond and around the world. Use the QR code to give now or give online at fbrichmond.org/give.



• **Helena Youth Mission Trip** | July 7-15 | This trip is specifically for our youth (middle and high school students). We invite them and their families to travel with us to Arkansas as we spend our time working with **Together for Hope** in one of the 20 most impoverished counties in the country. The experience will be rewarding, eye-opening, and faith-forming for those who make the trip. If your teen has a heart for service, this is the trip for you! Register on the FBCnow! app or use the QR code.



• **Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing!** a choral concert | May 21 | 7 p.m. | The Adult Choir will be joined by our auditioned adult ensemble, One Accord, our First Ringers handbell choir, and orchestra. The concert will feature joyous anthems of praise from John Rutter, Dan Forrest, Thomas Cousins, Dale Wood, and Mack Wilberg. Join us as we delight in beautiful music, led by the church’s 80-voice choir, performed in the historic worship space of Richmond’s First Baptist Church. The concert is free.

• **Summer Art Show** | May 26-August 29 | Where do you see God in your daily life? That is the question being asked of artists in our congregation. This is an opportunity to submit and display your artwork in our main hallway this summer. The theme is **A Time for Spiritual Growth**. Artists are asked to create a piece that reflects *Discovering the Sacred Hidden in Everyday Life*. Submission deadline is May 14.



• **Vacation Bible School** | June 26-30 | 9 a.m.-Noon | Sign your K-5th grade children up for this much anticipated week of fun at Richmond’s First Baptist Church. Preschool classes are already full. This year children will enter the Changemakers Lab to learn that EVERYONE can make a difference in this world. Extended day is available until 4 p.m. for \$10/ day.

• **Summer Music Camp** | July 31-August 4 | 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Students in rising first-fifth grades are invited to join us for this fun week of music and rhythm. Mornings will include choir, rhythm instruments, bells/ chimes, Bible stories, skits, and more. For an additional \$10, you can extend your child’s day to 4:30 p.m. Use the QR code to register.

