



# Welcome to Richmond's First Baptist Church

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February 25, 2024 | 11 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

## Preparation For Worship

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, God showed up and said to him, "I am The Strong God, live entirely before me, live to the hilt! I'll make a covenant between us and I'll give you a huge family." Overwhelmed, Abram fell flat on his face.

—Genesis 17:1-3a, *The Message*

## The Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome and Invocation

Lynn Turner

### Handbell Prelude,

*"Rhapsody on Come Thou Fount"*  
First Ringers

Arr. Sondra K. Tucker

### Call to Worship, (from Psalm 22, NRSV)

Lynn Turner

Leader: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

People: **For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;  
He did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

People: **And proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he  
has done it.**

### Hymn No. 335, "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him"

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### Parent Child Dedication

*John Randolph Painter, born March 1, 2023  
Son of Kip and Ellen Painter*

Jim Somerville and  
Amanda Lott

### Epistle Lesson, Romans 4:13-25, (Pew Bible NT page 188)

Allison Collier

### Call To Prayer

*"Be Still, My Soul"*  
Stanza One

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### Pastoral Prayer

Allison Collier

<b>Hymn No. 68, "He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought"</b>		HE LEADETH ME
<b>Sharing The Faith</b>		Dustin Sneed
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>"I Believe"</i> Jill Crews, Cari DuVal, Susan Hughes, Erin Lohr, Teri Osborne, Lisa Pugh	Mark Miller
	I believe in the sun even when, even when it's not shining. I believe in love even when, even when I don't feel it. I believe in God even when, even when God is silent.	
<b>Doxology</b>		OLD 100TH
	<i>Children are invited to exit the sanctuary for Children's Worship. Details on next page.</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.	
<b>Dedication of Gifts</b>		Jim Somerville
<b>Old Testament Lesson, Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, (Pew Bible OT page 15)</b>		Robert Thompson
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>"Write Your Blessed Name"</i> Adult Choir	K. Lee Scott
	Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved, that no prosperity, no adversity shall ever move me from your love. Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress, and a faithful Guide to the courts of heav'n through the many temptations and dangers of this life. O Jesu, my only Savior! Amen.	
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>A Conversation About Covenant:</b> <i>A Covenant of Faith</i>	Jim Somerville
<b>Hymn No. 251, "I Will Be Your God"</b>		AURELIA
<b>Life of the Community</b>		Jim Somerville
<b>Charge and Benediction</b>		Jim Somerville
<b>Postlude, "Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness"</b>		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 3, 2024: Exodus 20:1; Psalm 19;  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22.

The sermon for next week, March 3, is entitled *A Covenant Compromised* based on Exodus 20:1-17.  
Scan the QR code for today's scripture readings.



The flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Dean, Sr. by Chuck Dean and Trudy Rickman  
Kalena Porter by the Lacy family

The 11 a.m. worship service is streamed on Sundays at [fbrichmond.online.church](http://fbrichmond.online.church)  
and on YouTube at [fbrichmond.org/youtube](http://fbrichmond.org/youtube).  
This week's Sunday worship will be broadcast in central Virginia on TV8 on a one-week delayed basis.

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  
Rev. Chris Wondree, Minister to Students & 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

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• **Memorial Easter Lilies | On sale now through March 24** | You can purchase Easter lilies in memory of a loved one or family member. The flowers will adorn the Sanctuary Easter Sunday. Purchase through the FBCNow! app. or use the QR code to give now. For more information, contact: Lisa Rahmlow at [rahmlow@fbcrichmond.org](mailto:rahmlow@fbcrichmond.org) or 804.358.5458 ext. 129.



• **Journey To The Cross | Every Wed. until March 20 | 6:15 p.m. | Sanctuary** | This year we will meditate on excerpts from Lenten Psalms that pave the way to Holy Week.

• **Sunday Night Series: "Jesus Revealed" | March 3, 10, 17 | 5-6 p.m. | McDaniel Room** This Bible study focuses on the six "I Am" statements of Jesus in the book of John.

• **Tween Retreat: Inside Out | March 1-3 | Eagle Eyrie** | This retreat is for fourth and fifth graders. To register and learn more, log into the FBCNow! app.

• **Newcomers Class | March 3 | 9:45 a.m. | Adams Room** | Are you new to First Baptist and want to learn more? This is a great introduction! During this session, you will discover our Baptist identity, church values, new member process, decision making, and much more. This is open to anyone wanting to learn more about the church.

• **VBS Registration is Open | July 8-12 | 9-noon, noon - 4 (extended day) | Tabernacle Baptist Church** | This summer Richmond's First Baptist Church will be in the middle of much-needed renovations to its main entrances and hallways. But we don't plan to press pause on the fun! We are excited to be partnering with our friends at Tabernacle Baptist Church to offer Vacation Bible School for children who are 2023/ 2024 Kindergarten through fifth-grade students. Register at [www.fbcrichmond.org/vbs](http://www.fbcrichmond.org/vbs).

• **The 2024 Leadership Directory is now available.** If you would like to request an electronic copy, please reach out to Kim Wicks by email at [wicks@fbcrichmond.org](mailto:wicks@fbcrichmond.org).

• **Slave Trail Walk | Feb. 25 | Lunch (noon), Walk (1 p.m.)** | Walk in the steps of slaves who were sold and traded along the river and Schockoe Bottom as we follow the three-mile Richmond Slave Trail. Prompts for reflection and prayer will be provided. Transportation is provided to those who need it from church to the trail. Please RSVP for lunch using the FBCNow! App.

• **College Scholarship Applications Due | March 3** | This scholarship opportunity is open to all FBC high school seniors, current college students, and seminary students. You can access the scholarship application by using our FBCNow! app or scanning the QR Code.



• **10K Training Team | March 23, April 6, April 13 | 8 a.m.** | Looking to run or walk this year's Monument Avenue 10K? RFBC has a team! We will offer special Saturday training days to run or walk parts of the course! Register for the 10K and make sure you join the Richmond's First Baptist Church team.

• **Come Help Us Grow!** Our ministry to preschoolers and children needs to add some classes to our Sunday School lineup, and we need YOUR help to do it! We need teachers for all ages from 2-year-olds - 5th grade. Not sure what to expect or how you can help? Please contact Amanda Lott for more information at [lott@fbcrichmond.org](mailto:lott@fbcrichmond.org) or 804.358.5458 ext. 150.

• **Citywide Book Read Discussion | March 4 | 7 p.m. | Flamming Hall** | This year's choice for our city-wide book read is *The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin. We are also recommending a second short book, *Between the World and Me*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Join us for a discussion on both. It's free and open to the public.

• **Show The Little Libraries Some Love.** Gilpin Court children are loving our little libraries. Thanks for helping us learn to read! Simple little "Golden Books" are great and of course all of our old favorites from babies to grade 3. You can drop donations off at the front desk.

• **Women's Conference: From Mourning To Morning | March 15 & 16 | Flamming Hall | \$25** | Join us for a women's conference on the book of Ruth. It will be led by Yvette Jackson with music and worship artist Mark Andrist. Free childcare is available by reservation only. Use the FBCNow! App or the QR code to register.

