



Welcome to Richmond's First Baptist Church

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March 31, 2024 | 11 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Preparation For Worship

The new song never describes the world the way it now is. The new song imagines how the world will be in God's good time to come. The new song is a protest against the way the world now is. The new song is refusal to accept the present world as it is, a refusal to believe this is right or that the present will last. The church is always at its most daring and risking and dangerous and free when it sings a new song. Because then it sings that the power of the gospel will not let the world finally stay as it is.

—Walter Brueggemann

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Invocation

Allison Collier

Handbell Prelude

"All Praise and Glory"
First Ringers and Organ

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Call to Worship (from Psalm 118, NRSV)

Ruth Szucs

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

People: His faithful loves endures forever!

Leader: The stone rejected by the builders has now become the cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous to see!

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Hymn No. 194, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

Children's Sermon

Amanda Lott

The Gospel, Mark 16:1-8, (Pew Bible NT page 66)

Lynn Turner

Call To Prayer

"Alleluia"
Christ is risen. Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Jerry Sinclair

Pastoral Prayer

Lynn Turner

Hymn No. 415, "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

Sharing The Faith Robert Thompson

Offertory "Celebration Fanfare"
Brass Quartet and Organ Charles Callahan

Doxology OLD 100TH

Children are invited to exit the sanctuary for Children's Worship. Details on next page.

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 Steve Blanchard

Scripture Reading, Acts 10:34-43, (*Pew Bible NT page 157*) Steve Blanchard

Anthem "The Day of Resurrection" arr. Shelton Ridge Love
Adult Choir and Brass

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory.
Let hearts be purged of evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of
resurrection light; and listing to His accents, may hear so calm and plain,
All Hail! And hearing, may raise the victor strain. Alleluia!
Now let the Heav'ns be joyful! Let earth the song begin! The round world keep
high triumph, and all therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end. Alleluia!

Sermon *The Good News We Share* Jim Somerville

Hymn No. 173, "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" HYMN TO JOY

Life of the Community Jim Somerville

Charge and Benediction Jim Somerville

Postlude, "Toccata" Charles-Marie Widor

*We welcome members of the brass quartet this morning: Maron El-Khoury,
Sebastian Ford, Alex Powers, and Alex Theofanos.*

While you are participating in the service and listening to the sermon,
write down how the Good News is coming alive for you.



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, April 7, 2024: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

The sermon for next week, April 7, is entitled "The Good News We Live"
based on John 20:19-31.

Scan the QR code for today's scripture readings.



The flowers today are given by Anne Cary Allen in memory of Ted Allen
and
Ginny Samuel and family in memory of Susan Ellen Samuel. Susie Samuel's birthday was March 20.

The 11 a.m. worship service is streamed on Sundays at fbcrichmond.online.church
and on YouTube at fbcrichmond.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

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• **Church offices and building will be closed on Monday, April 1, for the Easter holiday.**

• **Wednesday Nights | April 3** | Wednesday nights in April and May we will focus on the last part of our Micah 6:8 focus, "Do Justice." Sheila Russ, from Rise Against Hunger, will bring awareness to food insecurities around the world and especially right here in RVA.

• **Wednesday Nights | April 3 | 6 p.m. | Adams Room** Catalyst Prayer begins again. Join us!

• **10K Training Team | April 6, 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.

• **Newcomer Class | April 7 | 9:45 a.m. | Adams Room** | This newcomer class is available both in person and online for anyone interested in learning more about FBC or becoming a member!

• **Wednesday Nights | April 10 | 6:15 p.m.** | If you are looking for a small group especially for women, check out "Women in the Word." This group, led by Kathy Allen, meets Wednesday nights during the months of April and May. Come for study and discussion as this group focuses on familiar and lesser-known characters from the book entitled "Ears to Hear." No purchase is necessary. Just come with your Bible. Need more information? Contact our Minister of Formation, Allison Collier.

• **Chili Cookoff | April 13 | 12:30-2 p.m.** | The cookoff is for everyone, so bring the whole family for food and games! Suggested Donation is \$5 at the door and will get you 5 tickets to vote for your favorite chili! The proceeds will go to a "Bed Build." The Men's ministry will use the funds donated to build and assemble twin beds (complete with mattresses and pillows) that will be delivered to children in RVA that don't have a bed to sleep in at night. Each bed costs \$250 and our men will be building them later this summer as a mission project.

• **Harmony Class | April 14 | 9:45 a.m. | Room 213** | If you've been wanting to jump into a new Bible study, it's a great time to join the Harmony Class as they begin: "The Difficult Words of Jesus."

• **Calling All Artists! Gospel Concert Art Needed Due: April 15** | The Adult Choir, One Accord, and the Youth Worship Arts Team will be presenting a concert filled with gospel music. We would like you to provide a visual representation of one of the anthems. Please scan the QR code or contact Ruth Szucs to learn more. szucs@fbcrichmond.org



• **Salt Class Open House | April 21 | Flamming Hall** Looking for a Sunday School Class? The SALT (Sharing And Learning Together) Class is having an Open House during the Sunday School hour. Traditionally the "young couples class," this class has evolved to include members in their middle adult years regardless of family situation, and it is open to anyone looking to share and learn about Christ's love. Coffee and pastries provided!

• **Lunch & Learn - Aging at Home with Support and Dignity | April 21 | Noon-2 p.m. | Flamming Hall** | Experts from Lakewood at Home will be with us to share their innovative program that supports your plan to age in place at home by ensuring you have the services you need—while protecting your assets from rising long-term care costs. Lakewood's program is available for healthy and independent adults who wish to remain in their homes as they age. **Lunch \$4/person.** Scan the QR code to register.



• **Camp Alkulana Work Retreat | April 26-28** | There will be jobs for 3-yr-olds to 93-yr-olds. Children need to bring an adult with them. We'll stay in the Retreat House at camp; sleeping quarters are assigned by gender (boys/men in one bunk room, girls/women in another). Cost is \$20/person, with a \$75 family max - includes transportation, lodging, meals, Bible study, work materials and FUN!

• **Calling Photographers and Writers:** During Easter, pay extra attention to Dr. Somerville's sermons. Take notes on how the Good News is alive in and around you. Write a story or take pictures that show the Good News. Adults, Students, Children, all have a place in this new adventure! Your stories and pictures will be compiled into a book, "The Good News of Richmond's First Baptist Church."

• **Trip to Sight and Sound Theatre | September 20-21 | Register TODAY** | Reserve your spot for a bus trip to see Daniel at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. This trip is arranged by Sandra Harris through Victory Travel. More information can be found in the kiosks or by calling Sandra Harris at 804-276-4552.