



Welcome to Richmond's First Baptist Church

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December 29, 2024 | 11 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas

Preparation for Worship

Some 12-year-olds are already thinking seriously about their future. Steve Jobs, for instance, wrote about his early fascination with computers. "I was 13 years old," he says in his end-of-life autobiography, "and already knew what I wanted to do." He did it, and the whole world is glad. What about you? Did you know at age 12 or 13 what you would do with your life? Jesus did..

—Dwight Moody

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Invocation

Chris Wondree

Prelude

"Noel with Variations"

Claude-Bénigne Balbastre

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 148)*

Isabella Jenkins

Leader: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

People: Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Leader: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

People: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

People: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

Hymn No. 126, *"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"*

REGENT SQUARE

Children's Sermon

Kathy Thompson

Old Testament Reading, 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26, *(Pew Bible OT page 305)*

Ian James

Call to Prayer, Hymn No. 111, *"Away in a Manger"*

CRADLE SONG

Pastoral Prayer

Robert Thompson

Hymn No. 125, *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

MENDELSSOHN

Sharing the Faith

Drew Wells

Offertory

"Sing We All of Christmas"

arr. Don Phillips

Doxology, Hymn No. 706

OLD 100TH

Dedication of the Gifts

Chris Wondree

Gospel Lesson, Luke 2:41-52, (*Pew Bible NT page 72*)

Matthew Hensley

Anthem

“Sing to the Child”
Adult Choir

K. Lee Scott

Sermon

Grounded with Purpose

Valerie Carter Smith

Hymn No. 148, *“What Child Is This”*

GREENSLEEVES

The Life of the Community

Jim Somerville

Charge and Benediction

Jim Somerville

Postlude

“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”

R. Evan Copley

We welcome Marianne Crean as our guest organist today.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, January 5: Jeremiah 31:7-14);
Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18.

Scan the QR code for
today's scripture readings.



• **End of Year Giving!** | As we approach year's end, we're reminded of the power of giving – a virtue central to our Christian faith. Your gifts make it possible for heaven to come a little closer to earth. You can make an online gift up until 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 31 at fbcrichmond.org/give, Venmo (@RVAFBC), or the church app (FBCnow!). Your gift of cash or check must be postmarked by Dec. 31 or delivered to the church office before 2 p.m. on Dec. 31.

• **Winter Bible Study** | Starting Wednesday nights in January at 6 p.m., come for Bible study in Flammig Hall with Dr. Samuel Adams, Chair of Biblical Studies at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

 • **Tackle Tax Time Like a Pro** | Join Ann Bey Wednesday nights in January from 6:15-7:15 p.m. for four FREE classes designed to improve your financial literacy and answer your questions. You are welcome to attend any or all the classes, depending on your interest. All classes will be repeated Wednesday nights in February, so if you can't make one in January, you'll get another chance in February! **Scan QR code to learn more and register.**

• **A Conversation with Tony Jones at Hardywood Brewery | January 27 | 6 p.m. | 2410 Ownby Ln** | Join us as we welcome bestselling author Tony Jones, a former minister whose imagination and relationship to God was rekindled by the wonders of God's wild creation.

• **The church office and building will be closed Wednesday, January 1, 2025. We will close at 2 p.m. on December 31. There are no Wednesday night activities this week. Wednesday night dinner and activities resume January 8, 2025.**

Tell Me More LUNCH

Sunday, January 5

12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

Flammig Hall

Come and learn more about...

- Our values and beliefs
- Our mission and vision
- How to connect



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