



Welcome to Richmond's First Baptist Church

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November 2, 2025 | 11 a.m.

All Saints Sunday

Preparation For Worship

Why were the saints, saints? Because they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful, patient when it was difficult to be patient; and because they pushed on when they wanted to stand still, and kept silent when they wanted to talk, and were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable. That was all. It was quite simple and always will be.

—Anonymous

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Invocation

Matthew Hensley

Prelude

“For All the Saints”

arr. Denis Bedard

Call to Worship *(from Hebrews 12:1-2)*

Randy Whitlow

Leader: Hebrews, chapter 11, is sometimes referred to as “the Roll Call of the Saints,” where Abraham, Moses, and dozens of other Israelite heroes are mentioned. Chapter 12 begins like this:

People: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

Leader: “Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame,

People: “And has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hymn No. 567, “For All the Saints”

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Remembering the Saints

Lynn Turner and Robert Thompson

Call to Prayer, “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

Spiritual

**Swing low, Sweet chariot comin’ for to carry me home.
Swing low, Sweet chariot comin’ for to carry me home.**

*I looked over Jordan and what did I see, comin’ for to carry me home,
A band of angels comin’ after me, comin’ for to carry me home.*

**If you get there before I do, comin’ for to carry me home,
Tell all my friends I’m comin’ too, comin’ for to carry me home.**

Pastoral Prayer

Allison Collier

Hymn No. 48, “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

Moment of Gratitude

Lynn Turner

Offertory

*“Glory, Glory, Hallelujah”
One Accord*

arr. Howard Helvey

Doxology, Hymn No. 706

OLD 100TH

*Children are invited to exit the Sanctuary for Children’s Worship. Details on next page**

Dedication of Gifts

Phil Mitchell

Introduction of Guest Preacher

Richard Szucs

Old Testament Reading, 1 Kings 19:8-12 (Pew Bible OT page 404)

Richard Szucs

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Saints Bound for Heaven”

arr. Howard Helvey

Adult Choir

Our bondage it shall end, by and by, by and by.
From Egypt’s yoke set free; Hail the glorious jubilee,
And to Canaan we’ll return, by and by, by and by.
Our deliverer will come, by and by, by and by.
And our sorrows have an end, with our threescore years and ten,
And vast glory crown the day, by and by, by and by.
Though our enemies are strong, we’ll go on, we’ll go on.
Though our hearts dissolve with fear, Lo! Sinai’s God is near.
While the fiery pillar moves, we’ll go on, we’ll go on.
And when to Jordan’s flood, we are come, we are come;
Jehovah rules the tide, and the waters he’ll divide,
And the ransomed host shall shout, “We are come, we are come.”

Sermon

God Speaks to Elijah

Patrick Jackson

The Celebration of Communion, Hymn No. 462, “In Remembrance”

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Hymn No. 57, “Be Still, My Soul”

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Deacon Election

Ruth Anne Walker

Life of the Community

Lynn Turner

Charge and Benediction

Patrick Jackson

Congregational Response, “The Lord’s Prayer”

Albert Hay Malotte

Text is No. 381 in our hymnal

We are using the Narrative Lectionary in worship, a four-year cycle of readings that stories through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. This approach invites us to hear the broad sweep of Scripture as one continuous story of God's love and faithfulness. Find more info at fbcrichmond.org/story

Scripture readings for November 9 are Amos 1:1-2, 5:14-15, 21-24; John 7:37-38.

The sermon for November 9 is *Amos: Let Justice Roll Down*.

Scan the QR code for today's scripture readings.



The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bertha R. and Oscar D. Pitts and Kay Long by the Pettigrew and Pusser families Virginia and Tom Sanders and June and Herb Quade by Tom and Eileen Sanders

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.

*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 K-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

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Rev. Chris Wondree, Minister to Students & Families

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The Ministry of Christian Worship

Dr. Philip L. Mitchell, Associate Pastor

Ruth Szucs, Music Ministry Associate

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Cheryl Van Ornam, Organist

The Ministry of Christian Invitation

Dr. Matthew Hensley, Associate Pastor

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Kim Boys, Interim Business Manager

Bonnie Wilmoth, Facilities Director

Christine Johnson, Food Services Director



Thanksgiving Dinner & Worship

Tuesday, November 25
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Worship at 6:30 p.m.



• **Life with God Study | Mondays, October 27 - December 1 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Location: home of Ralph Starling** | Ralph Starling will guide a small group through a journey of ancient prayer practices including Lectio Divina, Examen, journaling and prayer. The group will use the book, *Creating a Life with God* by Daniel Wolpert. To join the study, email Ralph Starling at radicalgrace4us@gmail.com

• **Quarterly Business Meeting and New Member Celebration | November 5 | 6 p.m. | Flammig Hall** | We will welcome our newest members and review important church business at our Quarterly Business Meeting. We hope you will make a point to be there.

• **Charlotte Acres Volunteer Day | November 8 | 1-3 p.m.** | Get out in the garden and help us with our fall harvest! **Register Now.**

• **Deacon Ordination | November 30 | 3 p.m. | Sanctuary**
Come celebrate the ordination of our new deacons!

• **Register Now!** All registration forms for upcoming events are in one place on the website! Scan the QR code to view the forms or go to fbcrichmond.org/sign-up. You can also sign up on the FBCNow! app.



• **Ladies Christmas Tea** | Tickets to the Christmas Tea will go on sale on **Sunday, November 9** in the Sanctuary Commons. The event is scheduled for December 13, from 2-4 p.m. You may purchase your tickets anytime from **9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Due to the limited number of seats available, tickets must be purchased in person or by your proxy. Checks, cash or credit are accepted and tickets are \$20 per person. Questions? Contact Judy Watkins at 804.385.3388 or jhwnana8@gmail.com

• **Advent Art | Nov 5, 12, 19 | 6-7 p.m. | Room 210B** | Bring your creativity and experiment with different ways of looking at Advent, art, and the world around us during this season! Kristen Peyton will lead three sessions, helping individuals find their creative style. We will work with drawing, sketching, and basic art concepts as we explore Advent from the ground up! Cost is \$10 to help cover supplies. Space is limited to 16 participants. **Register now.**

• **5th Sunday Forum: Baptist Principles | November 30 | 9:45 a.m. | Flammig Hall** | Join us for our final 5th Sunday series of 2025 focused on what it means to be Baptist. Each session has focused on one of the "Four Fragile Freedoms." This month's will be on Religious Freedom. Mark your calendar for the final session, November 30.

• **Hats off Sunday | November 30** | Compassion Ministry is collecting hats and gloves for the cold winter months for those in need. Please drop off your items at the cart outside the Mulberry Entrance.

• **OPERATION JOY: Christmas assistance takes shape in a variety of ways!**

• Shop for a family for the South Richmond Baptist Center's Christmas Store. Contact Kim Wicks, wicks@fbcrichmond.org or 804-358-5458, ext. 122, **by November 9**, and tell her how many children you'd like to shop for. You'll receive a wish list for your child. Most shoppers spend about \$75 per child. You can deliver your gifts to the South Richmond Baptist Center on December 1, 2 or 3. If you prefer, a WMU member will deliver them on your behalf.

• Compassion Ministry is collecting Walmart gift cards to assist families in need who are referred to us by our partner agencies. This year, we're collecting \$35 Walmart gift cards for families and \$20 Starbucks gift cards for teachers at Laburnum Elementary. You may leave the cards at the Mulberry reception desk or in Steve Blanchard's mailbox. **Due December 1.**

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Advent Begins

November 30

All the events in one place!
Visit our website fbcrichmond.org