Welcome to Richmond's First Baptist Church

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October 25, 2026 | 11 a.m.
The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation For Worship

People have been making suggestions about what I should preach in this "final" sermon. Some think I should say all the things I have wanted to say over the past 40 years but didn't. Others think I should preach a powerful fire-and-brimstone sermon, just to see how it feels. Still others think this would be the perfect time to preach the sweet, sweet love of Jesus. Thank you for the suggestions, but I can't think of a better way to bring my time with you to a close than by asking you to do what the prophet Micah commands: Walk humbly with your God.

—Jim Somerville

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Invocation — Allison Collier

Handbell Prelude — *"Joyful, Joyful"* — arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Call to Worship *(from Micah 6:8 and Psalm 25)* — John Ng'ang'a

Leader: What does the Lord require of us?

People: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Leader: Who will show us the way?

People: The Lord, who leads the humble in what is right.

Leader: And how shall we follow?

People: With open hearts, willing hands, and trusting feet.

Unison: Let us worship the God who walks with us, every step of the way!

Hymn No. 71, *"Be Thou My Vision"* — SLANE

Parent/Child Dedication — Amanda Lott and Jim Somerville

Parker Bennett Miles, son of Marshall and Corey Miles
Born, October 21, 2022

Old Testament Reading, Deuteronomy 8:2-3; 11-18 *(Pew Bible OT page 206)* — Robert Thompson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Call to Prayer — *"Prayer for Humility"* — Mark Patterson
Adult Choir

Pastoral Prayer — Steve Blanchard

Hymn No. 281, *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* — BEECHER

Sharing the Faith — Karen Grizzard

Offertory — *"This Little Light of Mine"* — arr. Howard Helvey

One Accord

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

I'm gonna let it shine everywhere I go.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, all the time.

Doxology, Hymn No. 706 — OLD 100TH

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

Dedication of Gifts — Rusty Lee

New Testament Reading, Philippians 2:5-11 *(Pew Bible NT page 240)* — Matthew Hensley

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem — *"Recollection of Joy"* — Donna J. Butler

Adult Choir

I thank my God when I remember you, For He has blessed my life with yours.
With every prayer of mine for you, I'm filled with joy; For I hold you, I hold you in my heart.

And I pray that your love may abound yet more in knowledge
And in all judgment; that you may approve excellent things;
That you may be sincere being filled with the fruits of righteousness
Unto the glory and praise of God.

Grace to you and peace to you, from God our Father, Christ our Lord.
Oh, I thank my God when I remember you.

Sermon — Walk Humbly with Your God — Jim Somerville

Hymn No. 285, *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* — CWM RHONDDA

The Life of the Community — Jim Somerville

Charge and Benediction — Jim Somerville

Postlude — *"Toccata, from Symphony no. 5"* — Charles-Marie Widor

A prayer for our church
"God of open doors, of promises, of the yet-to-be, we ask You to shepherd Christy and Jim through the tender times of these coming days and weeks." Amen.

Today is our pastor, Dr. Jim Somerville's last Sunday. Please join us in celebrating his retirement and offering him our best wishes and gratitude for his many years of ministry to our church. Beginning next Sunday, Dr. Scott Spencer will serve as our guest preacher November - January following the Revised Common Lectionary Readings.

Scan the QR code for today's scripture readings.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Christopher Allen Johnson by the Johnson family
Mrs. Dorothy Marshall by the Marshall family

Flowers are also given in honor of Dickie Hamilton
on his 105th birthday by Cynia Katsorelos

Flowers are also given in honor of Richard and Ruth Szucs
on their 36th Wedding Anniversary by Juan Carlos Gascón, Jr.

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.
Restrooms are available in the Narthex near the Monument Avenue entrances.

*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 Chapel sign at the upper and lower piano-side doors.
After Children's Chapel in Suite 220, children will return to their pew during the final hymn.

Ministry Leadership Staff

The Ministry of Christian Community
Rev. Robert E. Thompson, Minister of Pastoral Care
Becky Payne, Pastoral Care Associate

The Ministry of Christian Formation
Dr. Allison Collier, Senior Associate Pastor
Rev. Amanda Lott, Minister to Children & Families
Rev. Chris Wondree, Minister to Students & Families
Mukshah Phom, Youth Ministry Associate
Carter Abbitt, Children's Ministry Associate
Alex Hamp, Preschool Administrator
Rev. John Ng'ang'a, Pastoral Resident

The Ministry of Communication
Allen Cumbia, Director of Communication Technology
Beth Davis, Director of Communication
Emma Tilley, Graphic Design and Communication Associate
Rodney Macklin, Audio/Video Production Technician

The Ministry of Christian Invitation
Dr. Matthew Hensley, Associate Pastor
Lee Byerly, Recreation Director

The Ministry of Christian Compassion
Rev. Steve R. Blanchard, Associate Pastor
Michael Lacy, Compassion Ministry Assistant

The Ministry of Christian Worship
Dr. Philip L. Mitchell, Associate Pastor
Rev. Ruth Szucs, Music Ministry Associate
Eunice Kim, Pianist
Dr. Brent te Velde, Organist

The Ministry of Support
Kim Boys, Interim Business Manager
Bonnie Wilmoth, Facilities Director
Christine Johnson, Food Services Director
Rev. Rusty Lee, Director of Stewardship

Dr. James G. Somerville, Senior Pastor

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 28 | 5-7:15 p.m.
Flamming Hall

• **Newcomer Orientation | November 1 | 9:45 a.m. | McDaniel Room |** Come learn more about our mission and discover the next steps for connecting with the life of the church!

• **First Sunday Fellowship | November 1** | Next Sunday, visit the Gathering Spaces after the 11 a.m. service for cookies, lemonade and time to fellowship with friends!

•**Hope After Loss - Grief Support | Meets First Sundays | Next meeting is November 1 |** We are here for you in life's hardest moments. Join a group and find support! There are many other support groups: Visit ***fbcrichmond.org/support*** for the full list!

•**Youth Fall Retreat | November 20–22 | New Life Camp | Register by November 1 |** Students are invited to a weekend together in Raliegh, NC. We'll spend the weekend building friendships, worshiping together, having fun, enjoying God's incredible creation, and growing in our faith. For more details visit ***fbcrichmond.org/connect/youth/events/*** or contact Hope Cumbia at ***HCumbia@fbcrichmond.org*** with questions.

• **"Advent Art" with Rev. Anna C Miller of Wild Compass Creatives | Nov 4 & 11 |** Find your creative side and be prepared for the upcoming season of Advent through 2 all new offerings! Cost is $10 total and covers both weeks. Space is limited to 16 seats in the room. ***Register now!***

• **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.

• **Trunk or Treat | October 28 | 5-7:15 p.m. in Flamming Hall |** Join us for a trunk full of treats and a $5 hot dog supper (hot dog, chips, cookies, and water; max $25 per family)! Costumes are welcome – just keep them friendly and non-scary! This event is for all ages, so invite a friend and bring the whole family! Please ***register*** to let us know you are coming. We still need a few more volunteers. If you would like to host a table or game, please email Amanda Lott.

• **Canadian Brass Concert | November 29 | 7-9 p.m. | Sanctuary |** We are thrilled to welcome Canadian Brass on Sunday, November 29. Widely regarded as "the world's most famous brass group," the ensemble has performed everywhere from Carnegie Hall to television specials and international tours spanning North America, Europe, Asia, and beyond. They'll be in Richmond for one night only and you don't want to miss it! Tickets are $65 for General Admission and $50 for students (please call the church at 804-355-8637 for the Student code). ***Register Now*** and invite a friend!

• **Upward Basketball Registration Open! |** Every year, RFBC hosts Upward Basketball (Boys and Girls, rising 1st-rising 6th grade) and Cheerleading (Girls, K5- rising 6th grade). Visit ***fbcrichmond.org/recreation*** for more information and sign up. ***Register by November 7.***

• **Spread a little Christmas Joy! |** Again this year RFBC members will have an opportunity to provide gifts for the South Richmond Baptist Center's Christmas Store. Contact Kim Wicks, wicks@fbcrichmond.org or 804-358-5458, ext. 122, **by November 1**, and tell her how many children you'd like to shop for. You'll receive a wish list for your child. Each shopper will purchase one article of clothing and two toys. You can deliver your gifts to the South Richmond Baptist Center on December 1. Or, if you prefer a WMU member will deliver them on your behalf.

For a full list of upcoming events, visit ***fbcrichmond.org/upcoming-events*** And stay up to date through our weekly newsletter, **First Family News**, every Monday in your email inbox. Visit ***fbcrichmond.org/news*** to subscribe!