

The Worship of God

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Worship of God begins with the Opening Voluntary.
As you enter, pause for a moment to become aware of God’s presence.

September 15, 2019 Eleven o’clock in the morning

Meditation

“God runs toward us to forgive and heal us, even when we are running away. God adopts us into the family no matter where we come from, and in the joy of that love we do the same for others. God is so determined to bring together all of God’s children that God will do anything to draw us close... close to God’s heart... and close to one another.” —K. H. Keyl

Lighting of the Altar Candles Ella Ryan and Ben Blanchard

Voluntaries Pavana con su glosa Antonio de Cabezón
Prayer in F major, Opus 16, No. 2 Alexandre Guilmant

Introit George Thalben-Ball
I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep.
They shall be one flock, and one shepherd.

*Processional Hymn 263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise St. Denio

*Call to Worship Rev. Anna Perry Miller
Come! Come, all who are seeking God. Come! Enter into this place of warmth and comfort, and discover that God is seeking us!
We rejoice to have God find us here!
Come! Come in and experience God’s joy when we come together.
Here in this sanctuary, we worship the one who seeks after us!

*Invocation and Our Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Ritual of Friendship

Commissioning of the Bland County Mission Team

Litany of Comissioning Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze
Minister: God has commissioned every Christian to acts of service in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Today we set apart these friends who have responded to this call and are dedicating themselves now to fulfill this divine commission in Bland County.
Mission Team: We commit ourselves to this service in response to God’s call on our lives.
Minister: I encourage you, River Road church, to pray for each member of this team and for the persons who will receive their service.

*Please stand if you are able

Congregation: We join together in supporting you as you obey the commission of Jesus.

Mission Team: We acknowledge that we can do nothing without the strength of God, and we pledge ourselves to follow God’s will and commands as we embark on this journey.

Congregation: May the grace, peace, and wisdom of the Lord Jesus Christ go with you as you serve.

Mission Team: Use us, O God, in your service.

All: Amen.

Prayer of Commissioning

Stewardship Moment Rev. Anna Perry Miller

New Testament Lesson 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (p. 963) Kitty Davis
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri Hymn 579
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
World without end. Amen. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-10 (p. 850)

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ.

Anthem O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem Herbert Howells
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
They shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls
And plenteousness within thy palaces. —Psalm 122:6-7
Conducted by David Gulick

Call to Prayer Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost.
God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around.
Offering our prayers as the people of God,
let us rejoice in God’s faithfulness, wisdom, and mercy.

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Devotion 370 Just as I Am, Without One Plea Woodworth

*Offertory Sentences Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Anthem at Offertory Awake, My Heart Jane M. Marshall
Awake, my heart, and render
to God thy sure defender,
thy maker, thy preserver,
a song of love and fervor. Confirm my deeds and guide me;
my day with thee beside me,
beginning, middle, ending,
will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be thy dwelling
with joy and gladness swelling;
thy word my nurture given
to bring me on toward heaven.

*Presentation of Offerings Doxology, Hymn 592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children in grades 1-3 may meet Mrs. Sandy Rooney
at the front of the Sanctuary, on the pulpit side, to continue worship in the Chapel.

Sermon Sheep and Sweep Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Time of Reflection and Response

If you desire to become a member of River Road Church, you are invited
to come forward to the chancel steps at this time, and our pastor will meet you.

*Recessional Hymn 479 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

*Benediction

We have been found by our God.
So we will go search for those forgotten by the world.
We have been welcomed by Jesus,
and now we will go embracing the ones people look down upon.
We have been gathered as a community by the Spirit.
So now we will go be family to people who long to draw near to hope. —T. Shuman

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary Grand Chorus in D major, Opus 18, No. 1 Alexandre Guilmant

Worship Notes

The Lloyd Jackson Memorial Bland Mission Trip
September 15-22

The Bland mission team looks forward to spending the week in Southwest Virginia doing various construction projects. Wheelchair ramps are our specialty, as the coordinator in Bland saves the difficult ones for us to tackle. Electrical and plumbing jobs can be added to the list as the week progresses. Food pantry and clothes closet assistance is also provided by some of our team members. The Bland team is proud to continue to be a part of the Lloyd Jackson Memorial Bland Mission initiative.

2019 Bland Team members: Ron Benton, Ronnie Jones, George Davis, Julia Nixon, John Hays, Brock and Bonnie Livick, Sallie Sparks, Harper Alford, Steve and Betsy Lowery, Tom Gilsdorf, Scott Leake, and Bill Rusher.

WELCOME TO RIVER ROAD CHURCH! Our congregation is an open fellowship gladly receiving those who wish to share in its life and community by request for baptism, statement, or transfer from another church. If you desire to become a member, you are invited to come forward during the *Time of Reflection and Response*, or speak with a minister at anytime.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS! We hope you feel especially welcome among us. During the *Ritual of Friendship* portion of our service, you will hear about upcoming opportunities and ministries as well as expressions of concern. In these moments, please locate and sign the friendship register in the maroon guestbook, passing it along your row. You are asked to offer some contact information so that we might further welcome you. Take notice of those who sign in around you, that you might greet one another following the service.

THIS IS THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST in the Christian year. Having celebrated the birthday of the church through the giving of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we enter the Season after Pentecost for 24 weeks, to celebrate the existence of the church and recall her mission in the world. The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolic of the church’s growth and mission.

TO ENHANCE WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN, age-appropriate children’s bulletins and worship bags are in the narthex (foyer at the back of the Sanctuary).

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Evans Geiser by Susan Geiser Phillips and Family.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by deacons Cynthia Lantz, Richard Seward, Joe Teefey, and Sarah Wilkinson. Everyone is invited to attend, especially our guests in worship today.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Tom and Wendy Graves on the death of his mother, Helen Cannan Graves, on September 6 in Asheville, NC. A service will be held September 28 in Louisville, KY.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS — Two Wednesday dishwashers are needed beginning in October. Dishwashers volunteer once per month and are typically done by 7:00 p.m. Contact Betty Damon at *badamon25@gmail.com* if you are interested. One more Wednesday night lock up volunteer is needed to lock up once each month. Lockup takes about 20 minutes following the Wednesday night TFC programs. Contact Daniel Ingram at *danielingram@rrcb.org* if you are interested.

Together As One (1 Cor. 12:25-27)
Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Baptist Missions
River Road Church Goal: \$3,000

Burmese minister and WMUV Board Member, Roi Ji Marip, has led many Burmese refugees to Christ through her ministry in Harrisonburg, VA. She requests your prayers for one Burmese refugee in her church, Aung La Htun, who waited sixteen years in a refugee camp in Thailand before he was granted refugee status and allowed to come to America. Through many difficulties of learning English and getting a job, with his church’s support he was finally able to bring his family to America. Pray for Aung Htun and his family and other refugees in Harrisonburg and give to the Alma Hunt Offering. Specially marked envelopes are in the pew racks.

Women’s Bible Study: Joyful Hearts
Mondays, September 16-December 11
9:30 a.m. in LC #102

Book: *What’s So Amazing about Grace?* by Philip Yancey
Women of all ages and stages are invited to participate in a time of Bible study and fellowship on Monday mornings! A one-time fee of \$8.50 will be collected at the first meeting to cover the cost of books and other materials. Please contact Kitty Davis (804-285-9782) to sign up. She will be happy to answer any questions. Don’t miss this time of fellowship and spiritual growth!

- Sun, September 15

Reception, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Children’s Parent Meeting, 12:15 p.m., Reception Room
River Road Camerata, 4:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Chancel Bell Choir, 5:00 p.m., Bell Room
Youth Choir, 5:00 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room
Youth Fall Kickoff, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Board of Administration, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room
- Mon, September 16

Women’s Bible Study: Joyful Hearts, 9:30 a.m., LC 102
Yoga, 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room
Communications Committee, 7:00 p.m., UC 230
Endowment Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Parlor
- Tues, September 17

WMU Connectors Potluck & Program, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Wed, September 18

Men’s Group: The Huddle, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
Building & Property Council, 4:30 p.m., UC 230
River Road Camerata, 4:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Stephen Ministry, 4:30 p.m., Parlor
Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall
TFC-Kids: Pre-K to 1st Grades, 5:45 p.m., UC 232
TFC-Kids: 2nd to 5th Grades, 5:45 p.m., UC 228
TFC-Youth, 6:00 p.m., Youth Area
Cherub Choir, 6:15 p.m., UC 232
Carol Choir, 6:15 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room
Crusader Choir, 6:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
TFC-Adults, 6:15 p.m., Assembly Room
- Thurs, September 19

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room

Thoughtful Faith Community — Wednesday, September 18, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Dinner, 5:15-6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Menu: Ancho Lime Chicken OR Baked Chile Relleno, Black Bean Succotash, Herbed Rice, Mexican Chocolate Brownies | **Kids Entrée:** 3-Cheese Quesadillas

River Road Camerata, 4:30-5:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
TFC-Kids, 5:45-6:15 p.m., UC 228 & 232: Missions Education
TFC-Youth, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Youth Area: Games & Dessert
Cherub Choir, 6:15-6:45 p.m., UC 232: preschool & kindergarten
Carol Choir, 6:15-7:00 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room: 1st and 2nd grades
Crusader Choir, 6:15-7:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room: 3rd-5th grades
TFC-Adults, 6:15-7:00 p.m., Assembly Room:
The Value of Liberal Arts in Higher Education with Dr. Mark Biddle
Dr. Biddle has been with us at River Road Church previously, is an Old Testament scholar, friend to many here, and a wonderful resource for us.

The Comma Club Trips — Open to All Adults!

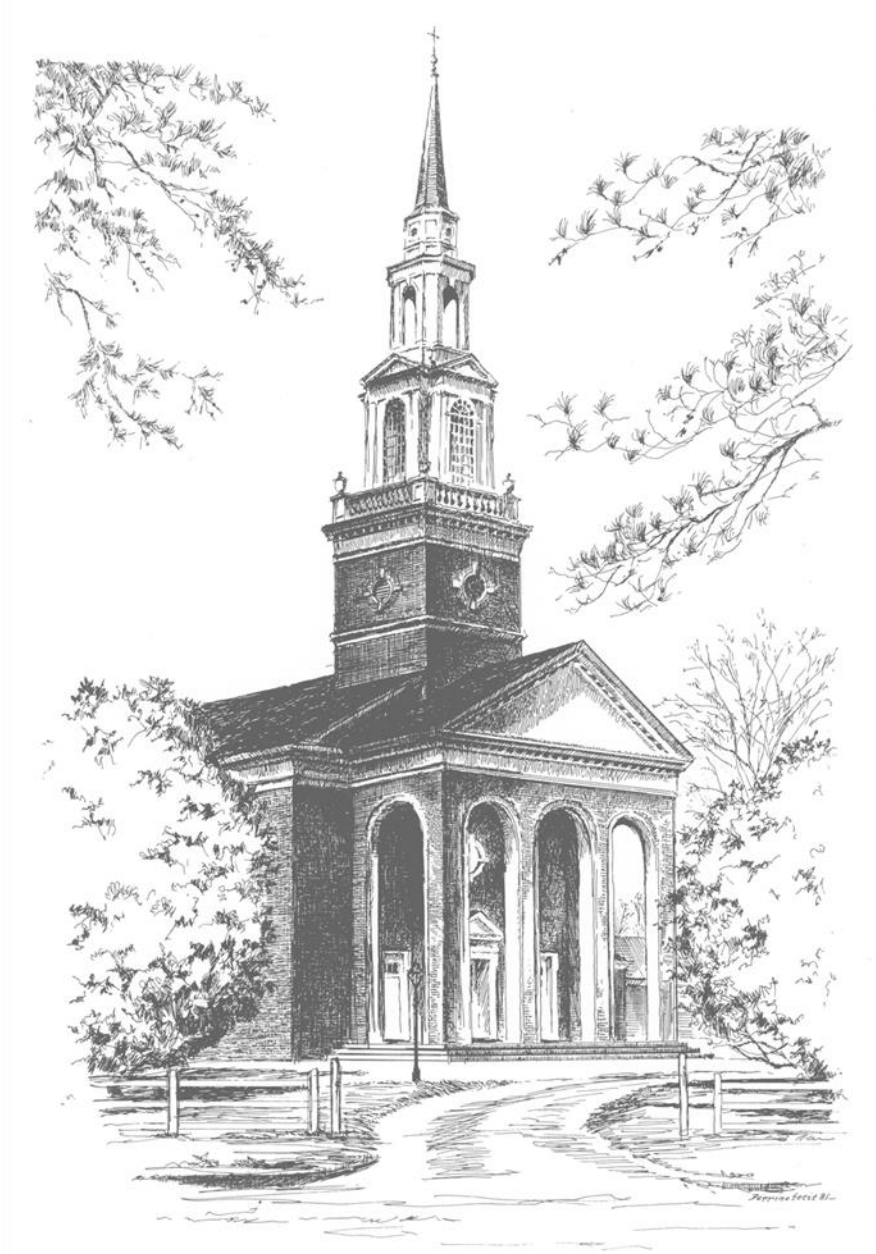
The Comma Club is planning two trips that require early reservations to secure group pricing. For more information and to sign up, please see Fred Anderson at the Reception in the Fellowship Hall.

400th Anniversary of Africans in Virginia (1619-2019)
Tuesday, October 8, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Motorcoach trip to the Black History Museum and Virginia Historical Society. Catered lunch by Mama J’s at the BHM. The cost is \$55/person and the deadline to sign up is today. Please make checks payable to RRCB with “Comma Club Oct. trip” in the memo line.

“The Melody Lingers On: The Songs of Irving Berlin”
Sunday, January 26, 2:30 p.m. at Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center

Discounted tickets are \$12.75/person with reserved seating and are on hold until October 8. Lunch and carpool options are to be determined. Please make checks payable to RRCB with “Comma Club Jan. trip” in the memo line.



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