

The Worship of God

Twenty-Second 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.

November 10, 2019 Eleven o’clock in the morning

Meditation

“Salvation in this lifetime is a process—the healing and reconciling that is needed for creating right relationships within which compromised, impure, and sinful people—like us—can live within, in response to, and toward, the realm of God.”

—D. Ewart

Lighting of the Altar Candles Ella Ryan and Ben Blanchard

Voluntaries Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Jan Bender  
Trios No I & No VII Joseph Rheinberger

Introit Harold W. Friedell  
I have but myself to give;  
Let me to thy glory live.  
Let me follow day by day  
Where thou showest me the way.

\*Processional Hymn 457 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art  
Toulon

\*Call to Worship Sandy Rooney  
Come, let us praise God together!  
For God is great, and worthy of our praise!  
Let us tell stories of God’s power and majesty,  
of mighty acts throughout history:  
for God is great, and worthy of our praise!  
Let us remember the compassion God has shown toward us;  
faithful mercy and unfailing love, generation after generation:  
for God is great, and worthy of our praise!  
Let us pass these stories along to our children and grandchildren,  
so that they, too, may come to know and love our God.  
For God is great, and worthy of our praise!  
Let us worship our God together!

\*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

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 (pp. 506-507)  
Martha Lou Green

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 19:1-10 (p. 854)

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

Anthem Be Strong in the Lord Thomas Matthews  
Be strong, and of good courage, fear not, nor be dismayed:  
for the Lord God will be with thee; be strong!  
He will not fail thee nor forsake thee,  
until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord.  
Be strong, and of good courage, fear not, nor be dismayed:  
For the Lord God will be with thee; be strong!

Call to Prayer Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

How many times in our lives have we felt lost, alone, or abandoned?  
Yet there is one who will never leave our side. We can depend upon  
God’s loving presence to rescue us and heal our brokenness.  
Even though we have been battered and blown by storms and struggles, we  
can still place our trust in God’s abiding presence.  
It is the grace of God that has brought us through and will continue to  
be with us all our lives. Because we trust in God, we can pour out our  
heartfelt prayers in community.

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn of Devotion 251 Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure  
Winchester New

\*Offertory Sentences Rev. Anna Perry Miller

God of all time and space, we bring our gifts to your altar, knowing  
your presence with us transcends our time on earth. You are the God  
of the living, right here and in your heavenly kingdom. As we give, we  
pray that our gifts will be used for compassion, justice, and  
reconciliation. We pray that we might see a glimpse of your heavenly  
kingdom right here in our earthly days. We pray this in the name of  
Christ, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

Anthem at Offertory The True Glory Peter Aston  
There must be a beginning of any great matter,  
but the continuing unto the end until it be thoroughly finished yields the true glory.  
The greatest things are accomplished, and the greatest achievements won,  
by toil and by striving uninterrupted, toil as well of the body as of the spirit.

—Sir Francis Drake, Richard Hakluyt, Philippians 1:6

\*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 Lessons from the Wee Little Man 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 441 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord St. Thomas

\*Benediction

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary Chaconne Louis Couperin

We Welcome and Thank

David Gulick as today’s guest organist and choir director

Regular Church Business Meeting

Sunday, November 17 at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Please take notice that the River Road Church November Regular Business Meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 17, 2019 following worship. Among the items of business to be considered will be action on the report of the church’s Nominating Committee. In this report, persons are nominated to lead the church in 2020. We need a quorum of 100 to conduct the business of the church. All members are invited to attend. Thank you.

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 any time.

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 pencil pouches are in the narthex (foyer at the back of the Sanctuary).

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of all the women and men who served, or are serving, in the armed forces of the United States of America by Dean Decker. Thank you for your service.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by deacons Ron Benton, Laura Lee Chandler, Vivian Clingenpeel, and Keith Hare. Everyone is invited to attend, especially our guests in worship today.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBER Rev. James Freedman who joined our church family on November 3. We look forward to ministering alongside of you!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Emily King upon the death of her brother, Gardner P. “Tony” Damerel, in Chesterfield, VA on November 1.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to David and Leigh Ann Breckenridge upon the death of his mother, to Seth, Micah, and Hannah Breckenridge upon the death of their grandmother, Nelda Dorris Breckenridge, in Mississippi on November 3.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING envelopes are available in the pew racks. This year’s offering will go to Welborne UMC to help with their food pantry. Their pantry helps many people in our immediate community such as clients at CrossOver Healthcare Ministry, including our friends in the *Circulo de Costura* (sewing circle), as well as immigrants and refugees who live along the Patterson and Quioccasin corridors.

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING—We are anticipating a fall training program for new Stephen Ministers soon. Please call the church office, Joyce Gibson or David Breckenridge if you are interested in serving as a Stephen Minister. You are invited to take home the Stephen Ministry pew card as a reminder of this ministry of care.

COLLEGE STUDENTS OR PARENTS OF: Please let the church office know by November 20 what your mailing address is to receive care packages and other well wishes.

SANCTUARY VIDEO OPERATORS are needed to record worship services and special events. Interested children and youth in 5th grade and up are welcome to volunteer, too! Training will be provided on Sunday mornings. Please contact Cassandra Ducca ([cducca@rrcb.org](mailto:cducca@rrcb.org)) if you are interested in learning the video system.

Sun, November 10	<b>Reception</b> , 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall <b>Nominating Committee</b> , 12:15 p.m., LC 102 <b>Board of Christian Education &amp; Spiritual Formation</b> , 4:00 p.m., Parlor <b>River Road Camerata</b> , 4:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room <b>Chancel Bell Choir</b> , 5:00 p.m., Bell Room <b>Youth Choir</b> , 5:00 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room <b>Youth Snack Supper</b> , 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall <b>Adult Bible Study: Soul Feast</b> , 6:00 p.m., UC 232 <b>Youth Program</b> , 6:15 p.m., Youth Area
Mon, November 11	<b>Women’s Bible Study: Joyful Hearts</b> , 9:30 a.m., UC 232 <b>Veterans Day Celebration</b> , 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall <b>Yoga</b> , 5:45 p.m., LC 102 <b>Watercolor 101 Class</b> , 6:30 p.m., Assembly Room
Tues, November 12	<b>The Comma Club</b> , 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall <b>WMU Connectors</b> , 7:00 p.m., Vivian Clingenpeel’s Home
Wed, November 13	<b>Men’s Group: The Huddle</b> , 8:00 a.m., Reception Room <b>River Road Camerata</b> , 4:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room <b>Wednesday Night Dinner</b> , 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall <b>TFC-Kids: Pre-K to 5th Grades</b> , 5:45 p.m., UC 228 <b>TFC-Youth</b> , 6:00 p.m., Youth Area <b>Children’s Choirs</b> , 6:15 p.m., Rehearsal Rooms <b>TFC-Adults</b> , 6:15 p.m., Assembly Room <b>Finance Committee</b> , 7:15 p.m., Parlor
Thurs, November 14	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> , 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Sat, November 16	<b>Kitchen Work Day</b> , 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall Kitchen <b>Discovery Class Friendsgiving</b> , 4:00 p.m., Chapel Hall <b>Youth Dinner &amp; Game Night</b> , 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

**Thoughtful Faith Community — Wednesday, November 13, 4:30-7:00 p.m.**

**Dinner**, 5:15-6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
**Menu:** Turkey & Potato Croquettes OR Veggie Sausage & Gravy, Honey Butter Peas & Carrots, Cheesy Cornbread Stuffing, Pumpkin Cake w/ Cinnamon Butter Cream | **Kids Entrée:** Turkey Tenders & Potato Wedges

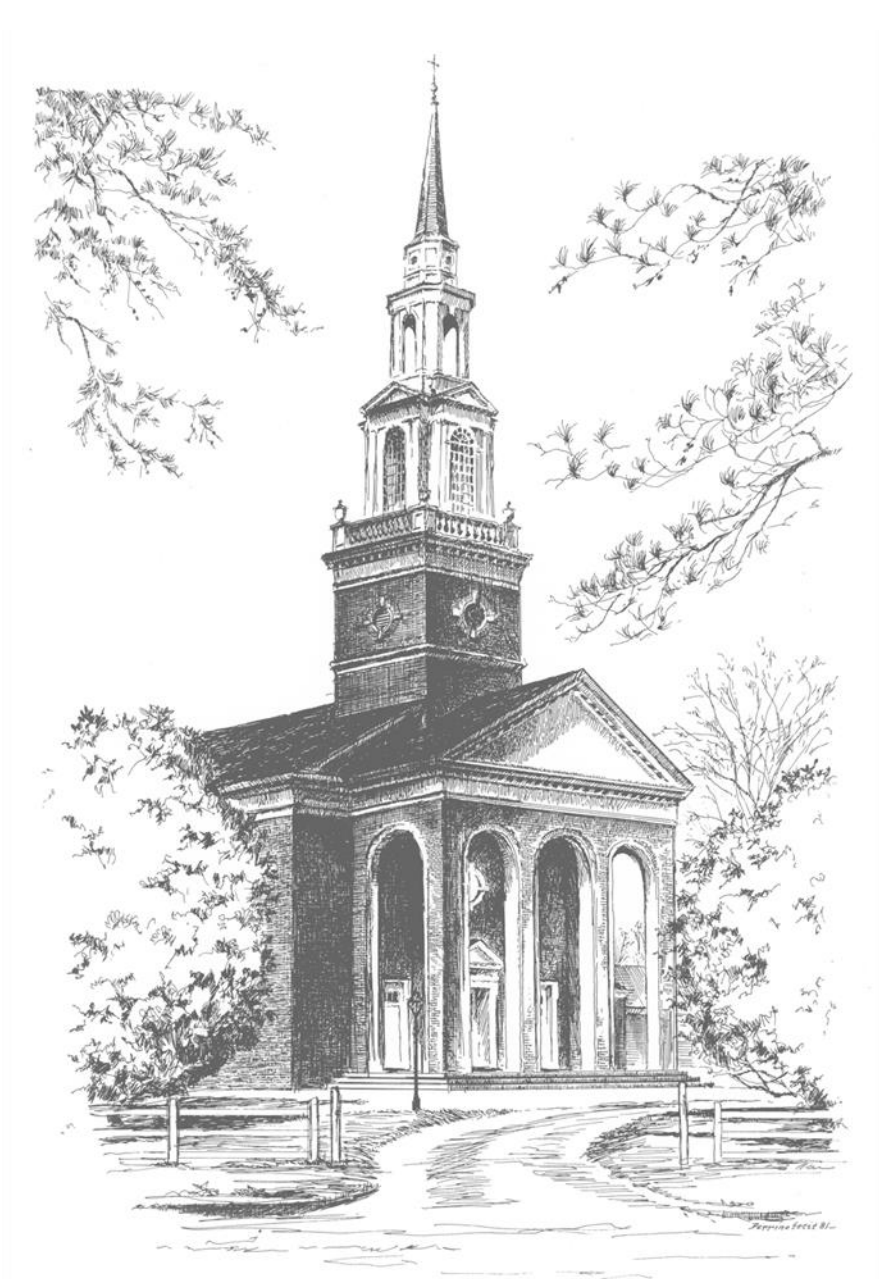
**River Road Camerata**, 4:30-5:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room  
**TFC-Kids**, 5:45-6:15 p.m., UC 228: Missions Education  
**TFC-Youth**, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Youth Area: Games & Dessert  
**Cherub Choir**, 6:15-6:45 p.m., UC 232: preschool and kindergarten  
**Carol & Crusader Choirs**, 6:15-7:00 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room: 1st – 5th grades  
**TFC-Adults**, 6:15-7:00 p.m., Assembly Room: Wealth and Poverty in the Bible and Today: Borrowing, Lending, and Bribery with Rev. Dr. Samuel L. Adams

Long before the term “income inequality” entered our contemporary vocabulary, the Rev. Dr. Samuel L. Adams delved into the subject as it was in biblical times. Dr. Adams will speak on the economies in the biblical world and what the Old and New Testaments have to say about financial matters today; topics such as borrowing and lending, inequality, tithing, and the charging of interest.

Dr. Adams is the Mary Jane and John F. McNair Chair of Biblical Studies and Professor of Old Testament at Union Presbyterian Seminary. He earned a B.S. (*cum laude*) from Davidson College, a MDiv from the University of Chicago Divinity School, and a PhD from Yale University. As an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), he has served churches in New Haven, Conn., Chicago, and here in Richmond.

**Catch Your Breath Brunch**  
**Saturday, November 23, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at The Colonies Clubhouse**

River Road ladies you’re invited, before the holidays, for a *Catch Your Breath Brunch*. Bring a covered dish to share. We will enjoy a wonderful meal and friendship, pausing for a few thoughtful moments and a deep breath. RSVP by calling the church office or filling out the form online at [rrcb.org/ladiesbrunch](http://rrcb.org/ladiesbrunch).



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**PASTORAL LEADERSHIP**

Daniel E. Glaze, D.Min., *Pastor*  
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Anna Perry Miller, M.A.C.E., *Associate Pastor for Adult Discipleship*  
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