

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2021

*Today we worship via the internet. As you gather around your phone, computer, or tablet,
we encourage you to pause for a moment to become aware of God's presence.
Quiet your mind, listen to the voluntary, and prepare to worship God.*

Voluntaries

Gloria (from Mass for the Convents)

François Couperin

- I. *Plein Jeu*
- II. *Petite fugue sur le cromorne*
- III. *Duo sur les tierces*
- IV. *Cromorne en taille*
- V. *Dialogue sur la voix humaine*
- VI. *Dialogue sur les tierces et la basse sur la trompette*
- VII. *Recit de tierce*

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Welcome, Invocation, and Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

**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.**

Hymn

Peter, Andrew, Come, and Join Me

NETTLETON

1. Peter, Andrew, come and join me,
leave your nets behind today.
I will have you fish for people,
giving you the words to say.
Matthew, stow away your table:
you have kingdom work to do.
Leave for others Caesar's taxes;
I have greater need for you.
2. We have many miles to travel,
and our time is flying fast.
You will help proclaim the message
that good news has come at last.
Now I send you on a journey
to God's people, Israel.
Take no clothes and take no money,
sleep wherever faithful dwell.
3. Tell all people who will listen
that God's kingdom is at hand.
Heal the sick and cleanse the lepers,
cast out demons through this land.
Someday you may pause to wonder
how this journey came to be.
Think back when you heard me summon:
"Leave your nets and follow me."

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Children's Moment

Sandy Rooney

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.
Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.
He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.
He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.
The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.
They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

Solo

My Master Hath a Garden

Richard Hundley

My Master hath a garden
Full-filled with diverse flowers,
Where thou may'st gather posies gay
All times and hours.
Where nought is heard but paradise bird,
Harp, dulcimer and lute,
With cymbal and timbrel,
And the gentle sounding flute.
O Jesus, Lord, my heal and weal,
My bliss complete,
Make thou my heart thy garden plot,
True, fair and neat,
That I may hear this music clear,
Harp, dulcimer and lute,
With cymbal and timbrel,
And the gentle sounding flute.

Christopher Ahart, tenor

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

**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.**

Solo

from *Foundling Hospital Anthem*

G. F. Handel

Blessed are they that considereth the poor and needy:
the Lord will deliver them in time of trouble,
the Lord preserve them and comfort them.

Christopher Ahart, tenor

Sermon

A God Who Believes in Us

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Hymn

O Word of God Incarnate

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| <p>1. O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.</p> | <p>2. The church from you, dear Savior,
received this gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
on all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that, all life's voyage through,
amid the rocks and quicksands
still guides, O Christ, to you.</p> |
| <p>3. O make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of purest gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old;
O teach your wandering pilgrims
by this our path to trace,
till, clouds and storms thus ended,
we see you face to face.</p> | |

Benediction

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Voluntary

Dialogue sur les grands jeux (from Mass for the Convents)

François Couperin

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 103rd birthday of Mrs. Hazel Honaker, mother of the Rev. Paul Honaker.

We are grateful for your continued generosity to God through our church ministry. You may give securely online at rrcb.org/give-online or by mailing a check. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Notice Regarding Online Worship—Until further notice, worship will be online only in an effort to contribute to the safety of our congregation. Because of our desire to love and care for our congregation, coupled with rising COVID numbers in our area, we feel this is the most prudent approach. The Ad Hoc Re-Entry Task Force will continue to closely monitor the situation and make recommendations based on their findings.

- Sun, Jan 24 **Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy**, 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Life Sunday School Class, 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Faith Walk Sunday School Class, 9:45 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
New Horizons Sunday School Class, 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Worship, 11:00 a.m., rrcb.org/live
Shepherd-Holland Sunday School Class, 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Children & Youth Family Game Time, 4:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Wed, Jan 27 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
TFC-Adults: *Insight from Young Adults*, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Stewardship Committee, 8:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Thu, Jan 28 **Chancel Choir**, 7:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Sun, Jan 31 **Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy**, 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Life Sunday School Class, 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Faith Walk Sunday School Class, 9:45 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
New Horizons Sunday School Class, 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Worship, 11:00 a.m., rrcb.org/live
Church Business Meeting, 12:15 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

2021 Altar Flower Calendar—Anyone interested in reserving a Sunday on the 2021 Altar Flower Calendar, please call Betsy Lowery (804-338-4604) or visit rrcb.org/flowers. The cost is \$90.

Altar Flowers from worship will be available to pick up on Saturday mornings (January 16-February 27), beginning at 11AM at the North Parking Lot/Lower Commons entrance. Pick up a bouquet to take to someone for a special occasion, in need of care, or simply to brighten their day. There will also be a bin to return and/or donate small vases for future bouquets, as well as to return Advent Wreath trays.

TFC-Adults: *Insight from Young Adults* with RRCB College Students will be held on Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. A few of our college students will be joining us to talk about what they are learning as they are away at college. They will be answering a few common questions such as, “How has your time at RRCB prepared you for this stage of life?” followed by a question-and-answer time. Sign up at rrcb.org/tfc-ya to receive the Zoom link.

A Church Business Meeting, to include discussion and a vote upon the 2021 budget, will be held January 31, 2021 at 12:15 p.m. via the Zoom videoconference platform. Details for joining the meeting, along with a copy of the proposed budget, were mailed to church members on January 20. If you do not receive your mailing by January 27, please email the church office at info@rrcb.org. The Zoom waiting room will open at 12:00 p.m. to allow access to the meeting, with the business meeting beginning at 12:15 p.m. Please remember that we need a quorum of 100 to be able to conduct the meeting.

The Fellowship Fund experienced a record year in 2020 helping 452 families, most of whom are experiencing hardships due to ongoing pandemic. River Road Church members and the RRCB Endowment Fund blessed the Deacons with enough funds to expend more than \$113,000 to help these families in crisis in our community. With so many in need right now, we ask you to please consider making a gift to the Fellowship Fund. This fund is quietly administered by the Board of Deacons, with the support of the church staff, after a screening process. You may mail checks to the church office with *Fellowship Fund* in the memo, or make a gift online at rrcb.org/give-online. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you for worshiping with us!

At River Road Church, we are...

A community of believers coming from many faith traditions to worship and grow together in Christian fellowship, focusing on those aspects of faith on which we can agree rather than disagree as we journey together.

Baptist in heritage, espousing core Baptist truths as foundational to our faith journey: the centrality of Christ, the priesthood of all believers, the commitment to theological education, and the autonomy of the local church.

Encouraging of intellectual freedom—in pursuit of a thoughtful faith, seeking always to learn about God's nature and ways in the world, supporting a free pulpit and welcoming intellectually challenging sermons and educational programs.

Worshipping in reverence and beauty a transcendent God, following the liturgical style and augmented by the performance of traditional sacred music.

Serving God in our church, our community and the world by investing our energy and resources in ways that reflect the character and likeness of Christ and follow his teachings.



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