

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 2, 2022

*As we gather together for worship, please pause for a moment to become aware of God's presence.
Quiet your mind, listen to the music, and prepare to worship God.*

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Maggie Beth Miller, Acolyte

Voluntary

Adagio cantabile

Giuseppe Tartini

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

*Processional Hymn 144

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

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| <p>1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood."</p> <p>3. Alleluia! Bread of angels,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.</p> | <p>2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?</p> <p>4. Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heaven your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.</p> |
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*Call to Worship

Sandy Rooney

Through Christmastide, we celebrate the coming of our Lord.

May we see that Christ continues to arrive in this world.

May our words birth Christ's comfort and healing when we speak.

May our hands contribute to creating and building a better world.

May our feet take us places where Light needs to shine in darkness.

May our minds be renewed by our fresh welcoming of Christ.

Be born in and through us, Christ our God.

In worship and service, we continue to celebrate your coming.

Welcome, 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.

** Please stand, if you are able.*

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

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 2:22-38

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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

Anthem

Nunc Dimittis

Harold W. Friedell

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.

Pastoral Prayer

Sandy Rooney

*Hymn of Devotion 176

The Earth and All That Dwell Therein

CAITHNESS

1. The earth and all that dwell therein,
with all its wealth untold,
belongs to God, who founded it
upon the seas of old.
2. O who shall stand before the Lord
on Zion's holy hill?
The clean of hand, the pure of heart,
the just who do God's will.

3. O everlasting doors, giveaway,
Lift up your heads, O gates!
For now, behold, to enter in
the King of glory waits.

4. Who is this glorious king that comes
to sit upon the throne?
The Lord of Hosts, that one is king
Of glory, God alone.

*Offertory Sentences

Sandy Rooney

Anthem at Offertory

Arise, Shine

Donald Pearson



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The congregation is invited to sing the refrain.

Refrain: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

[Repeat Refrain]

For over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

[Refrain]

Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

[Refrain]

Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls salvation, and all your portals praise.

[Refrain]

The sun will no more be your light by day;
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

[Refrain]

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

Extraordinary Among the Ordinary

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Invitation to Holy Communion

The Blessing and Giving of the Bread and Cup

Time of Reflection and Response

*Take a moment to consider how the Spirit is leading you to respond to worship and the Word proclaimed this day.
If you desire to follow Christ as a disciple, or 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

Jesus, Light of Joy

LAUDA ANIMA

Jesus, light of joy, surround us;
let your splendid glory shine:
source of every earthly blessing,
heaven's everlasting sign.
Alleluia, alleluia,
we adore you, light divine.

With the saints we lift our voices,
God of power, God of might.
All creation shines with glory,
singing praises day and night:
alleluia, alleluia,
holy, holy, holy light.

*Benediction

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Improvisation on "Lauda anima"

Dr. Robert Gallagher

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.

Poinsettias will be available after worship. If you would like to take one home, please stop by the chancel steps to pick one up.

2022 Altar Flower Calendar is now available. The cost of the flowers is \$90. **Immediate dates available are January 23, February 6, February 13, February 20**, as well as dates throughout the year. You can also sign up by calling Betsy Lowery, or online at rrcb.org/flowers, and Betsy will mail you a letter of explanation and the form needed for your wording.

Drop off items for the **First Sunday Food Share** on **Sunday, January 9, 12-2PM** at the Lower Commons entrance. Donations will be delivered to the Church Hill Wellness Center and the South Richmond Baptist Center. To view a full shopping list, please visit rrcb.org/foodshare.

Sun, Jan 2 **Worship**, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live
Mon, Jan 3 **Church Office Closed**
Tue, Jan 4 **Young Adult Lunch Gathering**, 12:00 p.m., Panera Bread
Wed, Jan 5 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
Thu, Jan 6 **FIXERS**, 8:30 a.m., Plaza

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