

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Transfiguration Sunday

February 27, 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

Ella Glaze and Ben Blanchard, Acolytes

Voluntaries

Prelude and Fugue in D major

Dietrich Buxtehude

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Grazioso

Georg Philipp Telemann

Chancel Bell Choir
Charles Todd, director

*Hymn 489

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace.

Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heaven on earth must be;
to my heart O enter thou;
let it be thy temple now.

Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee;
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee,
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Behold the breath within you, your presence here, your spirit at ease.

It is God who brought us here, who sustains our lives, and who calms our souls.

Behold the beauty of a winter sky, of laughter and joy, of the light in one another's eyes.

In the beauty of creation, we see God's goodness and love. We see and overflow with praise.

Behold, our God who is with us each and every moment of each and every day,

beckoning us to see and hear and know the steadfast love that accompanies us through life.

Behold, God is waking us up, filling us with gratitude, making our cups run over.

With thanksgiving, we behold the goodness, faithfulness, and blessings of our God, and we worship.

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.**

Bell Anthem

Prayer

Arnold B. Sherman

Chancel Bell Choir

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 28:10-22

Tom Kirkup

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed

** Please stand, if you are able.*

that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you."

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 9:28-43a

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

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

Anthem

God Be in my Head

John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be at my end and at my departing.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

*Hymn of Devotion

Pause a Moment, Feel the Wonder

HYMN TO JOY

1. Pause a moment, feel the wonder,
welcome now God's mystery!
Gift unmeasured, freely given,
teaching us what love can be.
We respond in sung thanksgiving,
we reply in whispered prayer,
to the God who seeks our friendship,
reaching out in tender care.
2. Children born unique and cherished,
nurtured always by God's breath,
clothed in love that never changes,
selfless love that conquered death:
in God's fam'ly, Spirit teaches,
patient father, God sustains,
gentle mother, Jesus with us,
faithful ever God remains.

3. Paradox of God's creation:
good and evil, joys and fears,
grieving hearts and celebrations,
laughter side by side with tears.
Hopeful still, we tell our children
of the grace that we have found.
Witness then their faith emerging,
as the circle comes around.

4. Maker, constant lover, keeper,
goodness, wisdom, sacred truth,
grant us always your abundance,
in our age as from our youth.
We are gathered at your table,
in your praise our voices swell.
Courteous Lord, we trust your purpose,
confident all will be well.

Used with permission. One License No. A-717620

*Offertory Sentences

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Anthem at Offertory

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Text: Charles Wesley
Music: Rachel Aarons

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return
Till Thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

*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

Awakened and Awestruck

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Time of Reflection and Response

*Hymn 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

*Benediction

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our deacons and our new deacon list, by Rick and Mary Beth Scherer.

We welcome Rev. Anna Perry Miller to the pulpit this morning in culmination of the Weekend of Wonder retreat and in celebration of Baptist Women in Ministry (BWIM) Month of Preaching. River Road Church has enjoyed a partnership with BWIM for many years and our pastor has previously served on their board of directors.

We extend congratulations to Deep Sawhney and Aashish Thakkar, who were united in holy matrimony on February 26, 2022 in the sanctuary of River Road Church.

We extend Christian sympathy to Seth and Libby Roberts upon the death of her mother, Patricia Brown, on February 22, 2022, in Richmond, and to Eleanor Roberts and Emelia Roberts upon the death of their grandmother. A private, family service will be held on March 5, 2022.

We extend Christian sympathy to Fred and Ann Bagwell upon the death of her sister, Becky Peters, on February 22, 2022 in Greensboro, NC.

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.

We prepare for the pivotal church season of Lent with our **Ash Wednesday Service of Worship on March 2 at 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel**. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the season of spiritual renewal leading up to Easter. On Ash Wednesday, we express sorrow for the ways we have not lived into the fullness of our calling, and we recognize our humanity through the receiving of ashes. The service will include the imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them. Please note this service will not be livestreamed.

Wednesday Night Supper—6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Reservations are required by 11AM on Mondays. Extra meals will not be available. Make your reservation online at rrcb.org/supper or call the church office. Meals are provided by Adam Schumm, the Director of Food Services at Second Baptist Church. We welcome his culinary skill and are grateful for his partnership in providing our Wednesday night meals. Please note that the menu options are set and meals are served as delivered by the caterer. If you have dietary restrictions, you may choose not to be plated with certain items as food is served. You are always welcome to bring your own meal and enjoy table fellowship with us.

Menu: Southern Beans & Greens Soup, Caesar Salad, Pulled Pork BBQ with Rolls, Coleslaw, Steak Fries, Cinnamon Apples, Blondie | **Kids Meal:** Grilled Cheese, Tater Tots, Apple Sauce

Costs: \$9 per person; Kids Meal \$5 per person; Household Max is \$25; *Meal prices are not age-based*

Sun, Feb 27	Worship , 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live
Mon, Feb 28	Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts , 9:30 a.m., LC 102 (Zoom option available) Yoga , 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Tue, Mar 1	Young Adult Gathering , 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Wed, Mar 2	Men's Group: The Huddle , 8:00 a.m., Reception Room Wednesday Night Supper , 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Ash Wednesday Service , 6:45 p.m., Chapel Chancel Choir Rehearsal , 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Thu, Mar 3	River Road Basketball , 7:35 p.m., Quioccasin Middle School

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

8000 River Road
Richmond, Virginia 23229
804.288.1131 rrcb.org

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Daniel E. Glaze, D.Min., *Pastor*
F. David Breckenridge, D.Min., *Minister of Pastoral Care*
Marnie L. Fisher-Ingram, M.Div., *Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families*
Robert P. Gallagher, D.M.A., *Minister of Music*
Daniel H. Ingram, M.Div., *Minister of Administration*
Anna Perry Miller, M.A.C.E., *Associate Pastor for Adult Discipleship*
Sandy K. Rooney, M.Ed., *Minister to Children and Their Families*
Beth Bailey, M.T., *Seminary Intern for Young Adult Ministry*
James H. Slatton, Th.D., *Pastor Emeritus* Michael J. Clingenpeel, Ph.D., *Pastor Emeritus*
E. Carl Freeman, Jr., Mus.B., *Minister of Music Emeritus*
Chester L. Phelps, Jr., M.A., *Minister of Youth Emeritus*