



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

All Saints' Sunday

*The Worship of God begins with the Opening Voluntary.
The congregation is asked to keep silence during this time for prayer and meditation.*

November 2, 2014

Eleven o'clock in the morning

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Taylor Bostic & Brian Price

VOLUNTARY *Prelude in E flat major, BWV 552*
Elegy

J.S. Bach
C. Hubert H. Parry

INTROIT

George Thalben-Ball

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 526 *For All the Saints*
Stanza 3 will be sung in harmony.

Sine Nomine

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Daniel Bagby

Minister: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

Congregation: We praise You, O God, for Your timeless care.

Minister: Lord, You have been our shade, guarding us against the heat of circumstances that threaten to consume us.

Congregation: We praise You, O God, for renewing our lives.

Minister: Lord, You have been our shepherd, guiding us to right paths amid dangers, toils and snares.

Congregation: We praise You, O God, for Your faithfulness and compassion, enabling us to rejoice and be glad all our days.

*INVOCATION AND 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.**

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Michael Clingenpeel

ANTHEM *(from Songs of Farewell)*

C. Hubert H. Parry

My soul, there is a country
Far beyond the stars,
Where stands a winged sentry
All skilful in the wars:

There, above noise and danger
Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles
And One, born in a manger
Commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious friend
And, O my soul, awake!
Did in pure love descend
To die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither,
There grows the flow'r of Peace,
The Rose that cannot wither,
Thy fortress and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges,
For none can thee secure
But One who never changes,
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

--- Henry Vaughan (1621-1695)

EPISTLE LESSON I John 3:1-3 (p. 990)

Emily Sumner

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Parry

I know my soul hath power to know all things,
Yet she is blind and ignorant in all:
I know I'm one of Nature's little kings,
Yet to the least and vilest things am thrall.

I know my life's a pain and but a span;
I know my sense is mock'd in ev'rything;
And, to conclude, I know myself a Man,
Which is a proud and yet a wretched thing.

---John Davies (1569-1626)

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:1-12 (pp 785-786)

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord.

Congregation: Praise be to You, O Christ.

*HYMN OF DEVOTION *(see insert) Give Me the Wings of Faith to Rise*

(Children in Grades 1 and 2 may leave for Children's Worship)

*OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Rev. Sheryl Johnson

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Parry

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore.
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise.
Cold age deafs (deafens) not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:
Glory there the sun outshines whose beams the blessed only see:
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite (spirit) to thee!

---Thomas Campion (1567-1620)

*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Doxology

**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.**

MEDITATION

“Who We Are - What We Will Be”

Dr. Michael Clingenpeel

ANTHEM

Parry

There is an old belief,
That on some solemn shore,
Beyond the sphere of grief
Dear friends shall meet once more.
Beyond the sphere of Time and Sin
And Fate's control,
Serene in changeless prime
Of body and of soul.
That creed I fain would keep
That hope I'll ne'er forgo,
Eternal be the sleep,
If not to waken so.

---John Gibson Lockhart (1794-1854)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Dr. Michael Clingenpeel

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people; we confess our sin in word and deed, in omission and neglect. We earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous to us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful God; for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THANKSGIVING

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Congregation: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name; evermore praising You, and saying:

SANCTUS

George Thalben-Ball

BLESSING AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Dr. Michael Clingenpeel
Mr. Clint Hubbard

BLESSING AND GIVING OF THE CUP

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 210 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

St. Anne

*BLESSING

Dr. Michael Clingenpeel

SILENT PRAYER

(Congregation seated)

VOLUNTARY *Fugue in E flat major (St. Anne)*

J.S. Bach

Congregation standing* **Seating of those waiting*

Assisting with Communion ~ Mr. Clint Hubbard, Board of Deacons Chair

The anthems in the service today are taken from a larger work by
C. Hubert H. Parry entitled *Songs of Farewell*.

THE CHURCH STAFF

Michael J. Clingenpeel, Ph.D., *Pastor* • Daniel G. Bagby, Ph.D., *Minister of Pastoral Care*
Robert P. Gallagher, D.M.A., *Minister of Music*
Sheryl A. M. Johnson, Th.M., *Interim Minister of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation*
Michael P. Kellett, Jr., M. Div, *Minister with Children and Youth*

Sandra L. Bassett, *Pastor's Secretary* • Billy Burford, *Intentional Interim Church Administrator*
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IN MEMORIAM

“I am the Resurrection and the Life”

William Joseph Wood
November 8, 2013

Doris Oglesby Cosby
December 10, 2013

W. Harrison Daniel
December 30, 2013

Stuart Lee Williams, Sr.
January 29, 2014

Gloria Pollard Thompson
February 3, 2014

Sarah Easley Drummond
February 7, 2014

Robert B. Carter, Jr.
February 10, 2014

Ellen Pentecost Stanton
February 14, 2014

Juanita Hodnett Chandler
March 2, 2014

Robert Ryland Musick
March 19, 2014

Dorothy Davis Lawrence
May 14, 2014

Frances Elkins Jones
June 25, 2014

Garland Wayne Gammon
June 27, 2014

Helen Stephenson Davis
August 17, 2014

Sylvia Humphreys Stubblefield
September 9, 2014

Ann Pavey Garrett
September 20, 2014

Doris Reiningger DeHart
October 2, 2014

(Members deceased from November 1, 2013 to October 31, 2014)

We remember also the immediate families in our congregation
of those who have entered into their eternal rest.

“May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, and light perpetual shine upon them.”

TODAY IS ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY in the Christian year. All Saints’ Day, November 1, is also known as All Hallows’ Day, its eve gave us the term Halloween. In contemporary understanding, it celebrates the saintly status of all Christian people. The liturgical color is white, signifying that it is Christ who lives in the saints. Today we are celebrating Holy Communion and remembering those departed in the past year. The Chancel Choir is singing C. H. Hubert Parry’s *Songs of Farewell*.

THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP is River Road Church's opportunity to welcome guests to the worship service. During this time, everyone is requested to sign the register in the maroon binder as it is passed along the row. If you are our guest today, please do us the favor of including a phone number, e-mail or address so we may welcome you personally.

TO ENHANCE WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN, children’s bulletins and worship bags for all ages are in the Narthex (foyer at the back of the Sanctuary). These bags enrich the worship of God, show that we care for and prepare for children, and that their presence in worship matters. Please return the bags so they can be used next week. Children in grades 1 and 2 may leave the Sanctuary during the Hymn of Devotion. They will be met in the Narthex and taken to the Chapel to continue their worship with our Minister with Children and Youth.

THOSE WISHING TO JOIN THE CHURCH may do so during a Sunday morning service. Prior to the service, please indicate to a staff member your desire to join. River Road Church is an open fellowship gladly receiving those who wish to share in its life and ministry by request for baptism, statement, or transfer from another church.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Chris and Charlotte McGee upon the death of his father, and to Christopher and Eleanor McGee upon the death of their grandfather Francis McGee on October 27.

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God and in memory of Elizabeth and Herman Green by Martha Lou and Patrick Green.

THE ROSES on the pedestal are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the departed members of River Road Church.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP TODAY will be held in the Fellowship Hall hosted by deacons Ashley Evans, Bettina Sandford, Bill Stanton, and Jennifer Freeman. Members and worship guests are invited to attend.

THE 2015 FLOWER CALENDAR will be in the Upper Commons after the worship starting November 16. It will also be available on November 30, December 7, 14, and 21. Anyone wishing to contribute altar flowers for a Sunday should see Betsy Lowery at that time. The cost is \$85. If you wish to secure a 2015 date before November 16, please call Betsy at 338-4604.

WE WILL RECOGNIZE OUR VETERANS with a Wednesday program on November 5 when they will be our guests for dinner. Over the years we have compiled a list of those in our church family who have served in the military. To confirm your own name is listed or that of someone you know, please contact Sandi Bassett in the church office or visit www.rrcb.org/veterans

THE FELLOWSHIP OFFERING is administered quietly by the Board of Deacons for members and those in the community who have special needs. Please help by contributing to this fund. You will find blue envelopes in the pew rack this morning.

COMING EVENTS

- Sunday, November 2 **CROP WALK**, 2:00 p.m., off site
Youth Bell Choir Rehearsal, 4:00 p.m., Bell Room
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 p.m., Choir Room
Board of Missions, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room
- Monday, November 3 **Joyful Hearts**, 9:15 a.m., LC 102
Watercolor Class, 6:30 p.m., UC 230
- Tuesday, November 4 **Men's Fellowship Breakfast**, 7:00 a.m., Reception Room
Evening Bridge, 7:30 p.m., Reception Room
- Wednesday, November 5 **Insurance Committee Meeting**, 1:00 p.m., Parlor
Stephen Ministry, 4:30 p.m., Church Parlor
Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Children's Choirs, 6:00 p.m., Choir Room
Youth Small Group, 6:00 p.m., Youth Area
Wednesday Night Program, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Room
Chancel Bell Choir, 6:30 p.m., Bell Room
Wednesday Night Program, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Mission Kids, 6:45 p.m., Various Rooms
- Thursday, November 6 **FIXERS**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
Job Support Group, 9:00 a.m., LC 102
Yoga, 5:30 p.m., Assembly Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Music Suite

FaithLink: Connecting Christian Faith with Contemporary Issues

As events unfold around the globe, FaithLink responds with a Biblical perspective. Sessions meet Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in LC 104.

FaithLink November 9: Organ and Tissue Donation ~ National Donor Sabbath is observed annually on Friday through Sunday two weekends before Thanksgiving for faith communities across the nation to focus on the critical need for organs, tissues, marrow, and blood, and their life-enhancing capabilities. What are the fears and misconceptions about organ and tissue donation? What are the benefits? How does our faith guide us as we consider whether we wish to become donors?

Wednesday Evening Program ~ The Virginia War Memorial

We will be joined by Rear Admiral John G. Hekman who will speak on the Virginia War Memorial and one of its outreach programs. Videos of veterans discussing their military experiences have been created and these videos are distributed to all the high schools in Virginia. We will watch a sampling of these videos.

Dinners are catered, so our attendance count needs to be in the week before. A few extra reservations for November 5 are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you wish to come, please call the church office as soon as possible.

~ Menu for Adults & Children on November 5 ~

Roast Beef with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Tossed Salad, Rolls, & Apple Cobbler

~ Menu for Adults & Children on November 12 ~

Roasted Turkey with Stuffing & Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Green Bean Casserole, Rolls, & French Silk Pie

Please make your reservation online, use the reservation card in the pew rack, call the church office, 804-288-1131, or e-mail susanyoung@rccb.org.

The reservation deadline for November 12 dinner is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 5.