

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Twenty-Sixth 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 13, 2016

Eleven o'clock in the morning

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Madeleine McAllister and Emma Phelps

VOLUNTARY *Prelude and Fugue in D minor, BWV 539* J.S. Bach

INTROIT David Gulick

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Help Us Accept Each Other* (insert) LANCHASHIRE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Kim Crowley

Minister: Come with your questions, come with your awe!

**Congregation: For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.**

Minister: Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

**Congregation: For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.**

Minister: Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

**Congregation: For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.**

\*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

STEWARDSHIP STATEMENT Rev. Chester Phelps

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 1:26-31 (p.1) Bill Thurston

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: 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.**

*\*Congregation standing*

\*GOSPEL LESSON John 15:5-17 (p.878)

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Congregation: Praise be to You, O Christ.**

ANTHEM *Beautiful Savior*

F. Melius Christiansen

Fair are the meadows,  
Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in flowers of blooming spring.  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior!  
Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine.

*Victoria Jackson, soprano (VCU, Choral Scholar)*

CALL TO PRAYER Dr. Daniel Bagby

Minister: Lord, you know how often we have resented our work.

**Congregation: Forgive us, Lord, for our ingratitude;**

Minister: and you know how often we have neglected our abilities.

**Congregation: Forgive us, Lord, for our poor stewardship;**

Minister: and you know how often we have been careless in our studies and discipleship.

**Congregation: Forgive us, Lord, for not using our minds;**

Minister: and you know how often we have wasted our time on matters of no consequence.

**Congregation: Forgive us, Lord, for our heart's insincerity;**

Minister: and you have seen how shoddy some of our work has been.

**Congregation: Forgive us, Lord, for our carelessness;**

Minister: and you have heard how often we have said in our hearts that we do not care enough to do any better.

**Congregation: Forgive us, Lord, for not working with all our heart;**

Minister: and you know we've often worked only to please others.

**Congregation: Forgive us for failing to remember it is You we are serving.**

**All: Hear our prayer, and in the mercy of Jesus Christ,  
cleanse us for His name's sake. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN OF DEVOTION 450 *O Day of Peace* JERUSALEM

*Children in grades 1 - 2 may leave to continue worship in the Chapel.  
Please have children meet Rev. Crowley at the front of the sanctuary on the lectern side,  
bringing the children's bulletin and worship bag with them.*

\*OFFERTORY SENTENCES Rev. Libby Grammer

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY From *Christ on the Mount of Olives* Ludwig van Beethoven

Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son  
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs  
In holy songs of Joy.  
Man, proclaim his grace and glory,  
Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son  
Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

\*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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.**

SERMON

“Christian Stewardship”

Dr. Tom Graves

TIME OF REFLECTION

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN *All Who Love and Serve the City* (insert)

STUTTGART

\*BENEDICTION

Dr. Tom Graves

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY *Sonata on the First Tone (for an organ with a Royal Trumpet)*

José Lidon

## THE CHURCH STAFF

Daniel G. Bagby, Ph.D., *Minister of Pastoral Care*  
Herbert O. (Bert) Browning, Jr., D.Min., *Interim Preacher*  
Kimberly C. Crowley, M.Div., *Interim Minister to Children*  
Robert P. Gallagher, D.M.A., *Minister of Music*

Libby M. Grammer, M. Div., M.A., *Interim Minister of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation*  
Chester L. Phelps, Jr., M.A., *Interim Minister of Youth and Visitation*

Billy Burford, *Intentional Interim Church Administrator*  
Cassandra D. Ducca, *Communications Specialist* • Zelda Goode, *Cook / Housekeeper*  
Wendy Graves, *Preschool Administrative Assistant* • Kevin Harris, *Building Support Team*  
LeAnne K. Lane, *Office Manager* • Lyndsay McGreevy, *Preschool Director*  
Terri McMahan, *Administrative Assistant* • Chuck Ursiny, *Building Services Coordinator*  
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**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 wish to join the church, please indicate this to a staff member prior to the service so we may introduce you.

**THE SEASON OF PENTECOST** in the Christian year celebrates the existence of the church and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world. The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolic of the church's growth and mission.

**THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP** is our opportunity to welcome you to worship. During this time, please sign the register in the maroon binder as it is passed along the row. If you are our guest today, please include contact information.

**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 are intended to help children process what they are hearing and seeing as they worship with their families. Please return the bags so they can be used next week. Children in grades 1-2 may meet Rev. Kim Crowley at the front of the sanctuary on the lectern side during the Hymn of Devotion to continue worship in the Chapel.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Elizabeth and Herman Green, our parents and grandparents, by Martha Lou and Patrick Green.

**THE PEDESTAL FLOWERS** are given in honor of all the women and men who have served or are now serving in the United States Military by Dean Decker. Thank you for your service and sacrifice, which continue to provide us with freedom, security, and peace of mind.

**WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT** River Road Church member, Dr. Thomas H. Graves. Dr. Graves is President Emeritus of Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, having retired in 2007. He has pastored churches in North Carolina and Florida, and served on the faculty of Southeastern Baptist Seminary.

**THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP TODAY** is held in the Fellowship Hall hosted by deacons Peggy Stevens, Hilary Blanchard, Bob Shoemake, Ray Nelson, Charles O'Neal, and Marguerite Bostic. Everyone is invited to attend.

**NOVEMBER 20 IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY** ~ There are pledge cards in the pews, and this week each household will receive a letter and pledge card from the Stewardship Committee outlining the process for pledging your next year's tithes and offerings.

**A BUSINESS MEETING** will be held next Sunday, November 20 immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. A quorum of 100 is required to conduct the business of the church.

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING** ~ This year's offering will be designated to Oak Grove Elementary School to provide food for the students over the holidays. Envelopes can be found in the pew racks. You may also visit [www.rrcb.org/onlinegiving](http://www.rrcb.org/onlinegiving) to give online.

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS** ~ The church would like to send your college student a care package during exam week in December. We need their college address to make this possible. Please send the church the mailing address of your student by November 20. The youth will pack and mail the boxes the first week of December. Please contact Chester Phelps for additional information.

**LOSS: GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS** ~ On Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m., anyone who has experienced an important loss is invited to gather in the church parlor with Dan Bagby, Minister of Pastoral Care, to identify the dynamics of loss and grief, and compare notes on how to move through the holidays, sharing mutual support and care.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 13

**Reception**, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
**Nominating Committee**, 12:15 p.m., LC 102  
**Board of Christian Education & Spiritual Formation**,  
4:00 p.m., Parlor  
**Youth Handbell Choir**, 4:15 p.m., Bell Room  
**Youth Choir**, 5:00 p.m., Youth Choir Room  
**Youth Snack Supper**, 5:45 p.m.,  
**Youth Music and Program**, 6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 14

**Joyful Hearts**, 9:15 a.m., LC 102  
**Yoga**, 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room  
**Communications Committee**, 6:00 p.m., Offsite  
**Watercolor 101**, 6:30 p.m., LC 102

Wednesday, November 16

**Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room  
**Building & Property Council**, 4:30 p.m., Reception Room  
**Stephen Ministry**, 4:30 p.m., Parlor  
**River Road Camerata**, 4:45 p.m., Choir Room  
**Wednesday Night Dinner**, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
**Children's Choirs**, 6:00 p.m., Choir Room  
**Chancel Bell Choir**, 6:30 p.m., Bell Room  
**Wednesday Night Program**, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Room  
**Finance Committee**, 7:30 p.m., Parlor

Thursday, November 17

**FIXERS**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room  
**Book Lovers**, 7:00 p.m., LC 102

Saturday, November 19

**Youth Choir Jam Concert**, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary

~ News in the Pews ~

Following the lead of the pew cards, you are encouraged to pick up a copy of the *Connections*, our Sunday newsletter, entrance foyers of the Sanctuary or the Lower Commons, to find out more information about the events below and more!

~ ADVENTure Lunch ~

Sunday, November 27 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall ~ Prepare for the season of Advent with your children at this lunch and Advent wreath-making time!

~ Christmas Stores ~

Needed: Children's toys and clothes for the Church Hill Baptist Christmas Store.  
Drop off donations in Upper and Lower Commons by November 27.

**Wednesday Night Dinner & Program ~ November 16**

**CBF Global Missions: Refugee Women's Advocacy Coordinator, Uganda**  
**Missy Ward-Angalla**

Missy Ward-Angalla serves as CBF Field Personnel with refugee women at Refuge and Hope International in Kampala, Uganda. She and her husband Francis Angalla will discuss their work as missionaries among vulnerable women.

**Dinner Menu:** Spaghetti, Broccoli Florets, Garlic Bread, and Pumpkin Pie

**Dinner reservations are required each week.** Please make your reservation by tomorrow, Monday, November 14 at 11:00 a.m. You may make your reservation by calling the church office or filling out the form online ([www.rrcb.org/wednesdays](http://www.rrcb.org/wednesdays)). Reservation cards are no longer available in the pew racks. Weekly Costs: Adults & Youth - \$7/each; Children - \$3/each; Family Max - \$20