





West Richmond Church of the Brethren

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November 10, 2024

25th Sunday after Pentecost

**Family of Christ, welcome to worship! May you sense
Jesus' presence and be strengthened in his love.**

Welcome

Prelude

At the Name of Jesus / Holy Is He Berry/Cloninger & Clydesdale

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GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* **Call to Worship (One/Many/ALL)**

Jonah, a reluctant prophet, ran from God's call.

Yet, God's love and grace pursued him.

In the depths of the stormy sea

Even there, God's mercy was present.

Through trials and tribulations, Jonah learned the true nature
of God's love.

A love that extends to all, even the most resistant hearts.

Let us come before God with open hearts and minds.

Ready to receive God's grace and mercy.

Let us embrace the challenges and uncertainties of life.

Knowing that God is always with us, guiding our steps.

Let us proclaim the good news of God's love to all the world.

Sharing the hope and peace that only God can provide.

**LET US WORSHIP GOD WITH GRATITUDE AND JOY, FOR GOD'S LOVE
ENDURES FOREVERMORE.**

* Opening Prayer

Our gracious God, we gather before you this day, humbled by the vastness of Your love and grace. Like Jonah, we may sometimes resist Your call, seeking comfort in our own plans. Yet, You pursue us with unwavering patience, drawing us closer to Your heart.

We acknowledge our limitations and the fragility of human life. In the midst of our struggles, we find solace in Your enduring presence. May we, like Jonah, learn to surrender to Your will, trusting in Your divine purpose.

Open our hearts to Your Word, that we may be transformed by Your truth. Grant us the courage to step out in faith, sharing Your love with the world. May Your Spirit guide us, comfort us, and empower us to live as faithful disciples.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

* Opening Song *As I Went Down to the River to Pray* #453 ^{VT}

*Refrain: As I went down to the river to pray,
 studyin' about that good old way,
 and who shall wear the starry crown,
 good Lord, show me the way.*

- 1- Oh, sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
 Oh, sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray. *Refrain*
- 2- Oh, brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
 Oh, brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. *Refrain*
- 3- Oh, children, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
 Oh, children, let's go down, down to the river to pray. *Refrain*
- 4- Oh, sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
 Oh, sinners, let's go down, down to the river to pray. *Refrain*

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Song

10,000 Reasons / Bless the Lord

#111 VT

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) by Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman
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Refrain:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul worships your holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

1- The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Refrain

2- You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.
your name is great and your heart is kind.

For all your goodness, I will keep on singing
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Refrain

3- And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come,
still, my soul will sing your praise unending
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Refrain

Pastoral Prayer

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

As we offer our gifts today, let us remember the story of Jonah.
Even in his disobedience, God's love and mercy prevailed. May
our offerings reflect that same love, reaching out to those in
need and sharing the hope of the Gospel.

Special Music

How Great Thou Art

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

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LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Jonah 3:1-10

Conversion of Nineveh

³ The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying,
² “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”
⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

⁶ When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸ Humans and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹ Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.”

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

* **Song**

Here I Am, Lord

#545^{VT}

I - I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make the darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

2- I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

3- I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will call the poor by name.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Sermon

“A Whale of a Tale”

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*** Song**

For the Healing of the Nations

#705^{VT}

For The Healing Of The Nations (Regent Square) by Fred Kaan, Henry Thomas Smart

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1- For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

2- Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care & goodness fear will die & hope increase.

3- All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

4- You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind.
For our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind
that by our response and service, earth its destiny may find.

* **Benediction**

Postlude

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Doris Akers

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** Please stand as able and led*



Our thanks to all who have helped to prepare and lead this morning's worship service, including:

- Ministers.....All Members**
- Pastor.....David Whitten
- Minister of Music Vanessa Morton
- Worship LeaderSusan Robertson
- Special Music Vanessa Morton
- Guitarist.....David Whitten
- Dir. of Media & Tech.....Kevin Beers

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, November 10

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (on site & online)
- 12:10 p.m. Congregational Business Meeting

Monday, November 11

Church Office Closed

- 3:00 p.m. Handbells

Tuesday, November 12

- 10:30 a.m. Ladies Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting (virtual)

Wednesday, November 13

- 9:30 a.m. Friendship Café
- 4:30 p.m. Raise-A-Voice
- 6:00 p.m. Yoga

Thursday, November 14

- 10:00 a.m. Piano tunings
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (virtual)

Friday, November 15

- 6:00 p.m. Family Movie Night

Next Sunday, November 17

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (on site & online)

PRAYER *list*

Those affected by Hurricanes Helene & Milton

Anna Welch

Franz & Izanne Neethling

Lib Kinzie

Betty Altic

Jimmy & AmyBeth Sink

Jamie Lynch

Becky Klein

Neria Shelton

Doris Boitnott

VIRLINA DISTRICT PRAYER: Please pray for the participants and presenters at the LEAD Conference, sponsored by the Church of the Brethren's Office of Discipleship and Leadership Formation, which will take place from November 15-17 in Ephrata, PA. Let us pray for those who are growing in leadership in our congregations and in our denomination.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING Our Fall CBM is being held after worship **TODAY**. We will hear reports from the Pastor, The Leadership Team, and our Directors; hold elections and vote on our 2025 Budget. *Please make sure you pick up an agenda with the reports if you didn't last Sunday.*



You can still join the West Richmond Church of the Brethren team or donate now. Jori Carter started a team for us on the CROP website.

Go to: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/richmondva>

- click the button “Join or Start a Team” and -type “West Richmond Church of the Brethren” in the first search bar called “Find an existing team to join” -then click on the button “Join the Team”

If you just want to donate to our team and not join:

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- then click on the small link “Go to West Richmond Church of the Brethren’s Team Page”
- then click on the big orange “Donate Now” button.



LEADERSHIP TEAM The next virtual Leadership Team meeting is on **Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m.** Team members, please tell the chair if you can't attend.

CCAR Webinar

**Christian Nationalism,
and how people of faith
are called to respond
after the election.**

Join us for a presentation by
Roger Gench and a discussion.

**Thursday, November 14
7:00-8:30pm via Zoom**



Register HERE



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT We return to the fun on **Friday, November 15 at 6:00 pm** in the Gathering Room. If you would like to be a helper in November (popping popcorn, greeting attendees, making sure drinks are ready, or just being friendly), please, contact Kevin Beers.



COMMUNITY KITCHEN NEWS Our next day to serve will be **Tuesday, November 19** from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. If you are interested in serving or want more information about the work we do there, please see Ann Andrus.



THE STUDY CONTINUES! Pastor Dave leads a **Thursday evening**, online Bible Study at 7 PM, **through at least November 21**, entitled, "Bursting the Wineskins: Five Radical Sermons of Jesus". All you need is a Bible, notebook, a pencil, a way to get on Zoom, and a mind wanting to learn more about Jesus. Weekly email reminders are sent out.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88331889290?pwd=horj0m6sqi1y9emxJTlZPAzTlNF0uS.1> Please feel free to invite your family and friends.



A MEAL AT THE SHELTER We provide a meal to veterans at the Liberation Veterans Services (LVS) shelter. The next time to participate is **Tuesday, December 3**. If you would like to provide part of the meal (main dish, side dish, bread, dessert, drinks or ice) or donate cash, call Sandy Faw, Dolly Guyer or Susan Robertson. Extra hands welcomed. Details can be obtained from Susan Robertson.



LADIES NITE OUT The ladies are heading west for a pot luck meal at **6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 19** at **Pat Gangwer's home** (Powhatan). Ladies of all ages are invited to come out for dinner that evening. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room to get an idea of who's coming and what you're bringing. Please sign up by *Sunday, December 10* if you plan to attend, that way we know we have a place for everyone!



WE HAVE WIFI AVAILABLE! Please feel free to use our public networks for your mobile devices. Their names are WRCOB_Guest2 and WRCOB_Guest5 with the passcode: ChurchOftheBrethren, it's all letters EXCEPT for the "O," it's a zero. Need help? Contact Kevin Beers 804-363-3172.



GIVING CHOICES Please consider supporting our ministries by giving monetarily in one of the multiple ways available to you. **If you are at our in-person service, you can drop your gift in the offering plate when you enter the sanctuary.** Another way is to make a contribution directly from your bank account by going online and using the Bill Pay feature. You can even set up recurring payments, and it doesn't cost anything to transfer funds that way. Just be sure to type in OUR church's information: West Richmond Church of the Brethren, 7612 Wanyamala Road, Henrico, VA 23229, 804-288-6439. Or feel free to write a check and stick it in the mail to the above address. We also have online giving available. You can go to our website, www.wrcob.org and click "Support our ministry". Click the "Donate" button, or you can scan the QR code to go directly to the secure giving portal.



Greeter

Today.....Anna Welch
 11/17Dolly Guyer
 11/24Ann Andrus
 12/1Carol Goss

Worship Leader

Today.....Susan Robertson
 11/17Don Ziegler
 11/24Ann Andrus
 12/1Susan Robertson

Tellers

Today.....Joel & Dolly Guyer
 11/17Bob & Pat Gangwer
 11/24A. Andrus & J. Guyer
 12/1J. Goss & A. Newman

Fellowship Hosts

Today.....
 11/17
 11/24
 12/1

This Week

11/12....Annie Lipato
 Zack Hurst
 11/14....Sue (Mullins) Aigner
 11/15....Benson Etiendem
 11/16....Denise Diamond

Next Week

11/12....Annie Lipato
 Zack Hurst
 11/14....Sue (Mullins) Aigner
 11/15....Benson Etiendem
 11/16....Denise Diamond



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Attendance

Worship (total)31
 On Site31
 Visitors0
 Live stream.....N/A
 On-line views by 11/8N/A

Offering

Offering \$ 3,976.86
 Offering Y-T-D... \$ 111,160.07
 Needed Y-T-D... \$ 136,999.04