



ST. JOHN'S RICHMOND

JANUARY 25, 2026

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(Evening Prayer Service, based on 1962 Book of Common Prayer)

WELCOME!

Dear Friends: Almost exactly 19 years ago, St. John's Richmond began Sunday services. And for almost that entire time, Krista Carter has been our Music Minister. She has helped us sing our praises to the living God with zest, humility, and joy. Tonight is her final Sunday leading us musically, and it is now time for her to take a rest, shift gears, and try something new. Krista and her family are not leaving SJR, but 19 years of Sundays and special seasonal services (minus a few maternity leaves) adds up to over one thousand services to pray, plan, prepare, and play for!

Over the years, Krista has demonstrated faith, hope, and love, persistence, professionalism, and vast kindness. She has integrated dozens of congregational musicians to help us sing to God and proclaim his gospel truth. But above all, Krista is relentlessly focused on glorifying the Lord, not herself. As we celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul, I can affirm that like the Apostle, Krista embraces the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus Christ our Lord, and has served him fully and faithfully to his glory and our good. Bless you, dear sister!

Warmly, Sean

TODAY'S SERVICE DETAILS

Lyrics and liturgy are on-screen & online.



BIBLE READINGS: Rev. Guy Bellerby
Ven. Sean Love

Daniel 2:1-23

Psalm 46

Daniel 2:24-49

CHILDREN (K-grade 6) begin in the service. After the Children's Focus, their class will meet upstairs for approximately one hour. On Communion Sundays, they will rejoin the adult service in time to receive Holy Communion.

YOUTH (grades 7-12) meet each Sunday, except for the first Sunday of the month, when they remain for the whole Holy Communion service.

PRAYERS: Nathan Carter

NOTICES

Save the date: On Saturday evening, March 7th we will have a Celebration of Thanksgiving for Krista. More details to follow.

Nominations for SJR Directors and Synod Delegates are now being accepted. You may nominate someone for either position using the printed forms available at the Welcome desk. The period for nominations closes February 15th. Our Annual Vestry Meeting is planned for Sunday February 22nd.

Wednesday Morning Prayer - simplified version - continues each week, 8:30am-9am on Zoom. Have a prayer request? Reach out to Chris at contact@stjohnsrichmond.com and this will be included in our prayers.

Midweek small group Bible Studies have resumed! Speak to Chris Wright or Ven. Sean if you want to join a group. Many at SJR have found this mid-week connection and encouragement indispensable.

OFFERING

We are very grateful for the financial support we receive from our church family! Please use the offering plate or give online, using the code. If you are visiting SJR, please simply be our guest.



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WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

OPENING HYMN *(All lyrics will be screen-shared)*

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

EXHORTATION

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore them who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

A DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS OF SIN *(said by the Minister)*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness, and live, has empowered and commanded his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins.

He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. Therefore let us ask God to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that what we do now may please him, and that the rest of our lives may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE *(Sung)*

O Lord, open thou our lips;

And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

(Standing)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Praise ye the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

SONGS

FIRST BIBLE READING *(Bible Readings are found on Page 1)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

PSALM OR CANTICLE *(found on Page 1)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

SECOND BIBLE READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed is a historic profession of faith in the faithfulness of God, and locates us in a community of faith stretching back to the early Church. It is a theological summary of apostolic doctrine, originating before the 4th century and ratified by the 7th.

SERMON

OFFERING SONG and PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

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 them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY & any additional **COLLECTS** *(all Collects will be screen-shared)*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

NOTICES

CLOSING HYMN

BENEDICTION

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night, and at the last a perfect end; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us this night and forevermore. **Amen.**

God reveals Nebuchadnezzar's weakness

God reveals His sovereignty