

Guest Registration Form

8:30 am

11:00 am

Today's Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Neighborhood _____

Daytime Phone _____

E-mail _____

Names of all family members:

*Please include ages of children

How did you find us? _____

Check all that apply:

- I am a first time guest
- I am a returning guest
- I am a guest of _____
- I would like to know how to become a Christian
- I would like to know more about church membership and baptism
- I would like to connect with a small group Bible study
- I would like to meet with someone for prayer
- I would like more information on the ministries of the church

Please detach this form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

Are you interested in becoming a member of HRBC? If you wish, someone from the church staff will gladly discuss with you several options for membership prior to your public decision:

- ◆ Profession of Christian faith and believer's baptism by immersion
- ◆ Transfer of membership from another Baptist congregation (this will include believer's baptism by immersion if you have not previously experienced it)
- ◆ Statement of previous Christian faith (and believer's baptism by immersion, if not previously experienced)
- ◆ Watchcare—your membership is retained in a previous church and fellowship is extended to you by HRBC

Sermon Notes

**"A Christmas Light Tour:
John's House"
John 1:1-5,14
Part 4 of Advent Series**

Series Recap:

- Mark's Gospel reminds us that hope is to be found in the manger only because it is found first on the cross.

- Matthew's Gospel anchors the birth of Jesus in God's promise to Abraham – it's a redemption story for all people.

- Luke's Gospel tells us the backstory to Jesus' ministry, the "gospel" before the "gospel."

Key Thoughts from John . . .

1. God has come among us to know us from _____ .

2. The Word became flesh that we might be _____ as the people we were _____ to be.

3. In our _____, we are not alone. The Word that was with God at creation is among us now.

A Word of Welcome to our Guests...

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today! The following information will be helpful to you:

- Water fountains and rest rooms with diaper changing facilities are conveniently located in the main lobby.
- Monitors for the hearing impaired are available upon request from the ushers.
- If you have not done so previously, please fill out the Guest Registration Form on the interior flap of this bulletin and place it in the offering plate.
- Worship Care is available for infants through pre-Kindergarten in the Children's Building during both Sunday morning worship services.
- Children may borrow a Worship Bag from the rack outside the worship area. Please return the bag following the worship service.
- Should you need assistance of any kind during the worship service, please feel free to call upon the ushers.
- We use gluten-free bread as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

You are invited to meet members of the ministerial staff in the foyer following the service.

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OUR PURPOSE

*Worshiping, Loving, Growing, Serving
in the name of Jesus Christ*

December 22, 2019

11:00 am

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Brahms

Welcome to Worshipers Aaron Everic

* Carol 85 "The First Noel" Traditional

* Bringing in the Banner of PEACE The Holland Family
(Celtic Symbol - Body, Mind and Spirit)

* Lighting the Candle of PEACE The Holland Family

* Response 89 (chorus) "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Wade

* Invocation Jim Townsend

Scripture Lesson John 1:1-5,14 Kate Wakeland

Pastoral Prayer Bob Lee

* Carol 86 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Brooks

Offertory Prayer Matthew Hensley

Offertory Anthem "Christ Is Born" Puccini

Phillip Brown tenor 1, Ned Dunford tenor 2, Morgan Riley baritone,
Gordon Rawls bass, United Praise, Christmas Choir

Children's Message Amanda Lott

Message **A Christmas Light Tour: John's House** Bob Lee

John 1:1-5, 14

* Carol 91 "Silent Night" Gruber

Celebration of Decisions

Go with God Staff

* Benediction Bob Lee

* Response 76 (chorus) "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Picardy

* Postlude "Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Brickman

* Congregation Standing

Christmas Eve Services, Tuesday, December 24

- 3:00 pm - Family Nativity Worship in the Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm - the Awakening Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center
- 11:00 pm - Candlelight Worship in the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Benevolence Offering

A benevolence offering will be collected during each Christmas Eve service. These funds are used to help those in need throughout the year. You may give cash or checks to an usher as you leave the Sanctuary or Family Life Center. You may also text your gift: text 'hrbc' to 73256 and designate "benevolence".

Church Office Hours

The church office will close at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 24. The office will be closed Wednesday, December 25, and Thursday, December 26. The office will open Friday, December 27 from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. The office will reopen Monday, December 30 at 9:00 am.

Christmastide Worship

We will worship together in one service only on Sunday, December 29 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. We will not have Sunday School that day.

End of Year Giving Reminder

End of year contributions are due to the church by December 31. Contributions must be received in person by close of business, given electronically by 11:59pm, or postmarked by December 31 to be considered tax deductible in 2019. Many members of HRBC tithe by giving appreciated stock. To learn more, please contact Karen Upson in the Church Office at finance@hrbcrichmond.org or 804-272-2072. Here are some ways to give:

- **Text** 'hrbc' to 73256. Standard text messaging rates may apply.
- **Download** the ChurchLife app and click on "Give".
- **Visit our website**, www.hrbcrichmond.org. Click on "Online Giving".
- **Mail** your offering to the Church Office (must be postmarked by December 31).

12Two New Year's Eve Lock-in

All students 6-12 grade, join us for a night of fun and no sleep! Ring in the new year here at Huguenot Road from 8:00 pm New Year's Eve to 8:00 am New Year's Day. This event is free. We hope you and a friend will come. Parents, you can help us with this event by providing drinks and snacks; please email aaron@hrbcrichmond.org for details.

Winter Lecture Series—Learning to Listen

Beginning Wednesday, January 8, we will welcome Dr. Art Wright and Dr. Mark Biddle to lead our 2020 Winter Lecture Series. How we disagree and how we treat those with whom we disagree says a lot about who we are and what we believe about others. Come learn how Christians can model Christ-like listening as we engage with different viewpoints in a time of hyper polarization.

Sunday, December 22		
8:30 am	the Awakening Worship	Family Life Center
9:45 am	Bible Study for all ages	
11:00 am	Classic Worship	Sanctuary
6:15 pm	Awakening Band Rehearsal	Family Life Center
7:30 pm	New Life Arabic Church	Family Life Center
Monday, December 23		
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
10:00 am	Morningside Ministry	Morningside
7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	209
Tuesday, December 24		
10:30 am	Morningside Ministry	Morningside
3:00 pm	Family Christmas Eve Worship	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Awakening Christmas Eve Worship	Family Life Center
11:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship	Sanctuary
Wednesday, December 25		
Church Office Closed - Merry Christmas!		
Thursday, December 26		
Church Office Closed		
7:30 pm	Families Anonymous	209
8:00 pm	Hope Fiends - Narcotics Anonymous	122
Friday, December 27		
Church Office Closes at 12:00 noon		

How Do I Know 'Weather' We're Open?

During these months of possible inclement weather, we want you to have the latest information on potential closings at HRBC. We will announce closures and changes due to inclement weather on:

- Facebook.com/hrbcrichmond
- Twitter.com/hrbcrichmond
- Instagram.com/hrbcrichmond
- Email - sign up to receive the Milepost and important information at www.hrbcrichmond.org
- Major local news stations

Offering Envelopes

Your 2020 offering envelopes are available for you to pick up in the Commons. If you do not see your envelopes, please call the church office at 804-272-2072.

Worship Care Volunteers Today	
Sue Hurley	Ashley Huffman
George Pickral	Craig Lott
Kristin Francisco	Melanie Lloyd
Kim Ferrell	

Worship Care Volunteers December 29, 2019	
Amanda Lott	Sherri Ryan
Jodi Seitz	Abigail Montgomery
Lesley Montgomery	Rob Robinson
Frankie Ashley	

By the Numbers 12/15/2019	
Bible Study	252
Morningside	36
Total	288
Classic Worship	253
the Awakening	101
Total	354
Ministry of Giving through 12/15: (Fiscal year began July 1, 2019)	
Weekly Budget Offering:	\$31,788
Receipts FYTD:	\$514,125
Expenses FYTD:	\$495,104
Pr. Year Receipts FYTD:	\$421,187
Int'l Missions Offering:	\$7,151

REMEMBER IN PRAYER OUR FAMILY OF FAITH:	
Al Arrington	Frank Lepore
Linda Arthur	Fay Lewis
Doris Bradham	Gordon Malloch
Betty Connell	Mina McAllister
Shirley Dunn	Elaine McCracken
Mark Dunn	Preston Minton
Bob Galaspie	Michaela Morris
Stewart Goff	Katie Ralcewicz
Diane Hansen	Ron Snead
Marjorie Hetrick	Hugh Stevens
Margaret Ann Hutcheson	Elu Taylor
Chung Kwon	Dot Thacker
Lynn Lanzillotti	Matt Wilkerson
	Bobby Vann

Sympathy to:
Rachel Jones in the death of her maternal grandmother, Peggy Goodread.
Betty Woodie in the death of her brother, Brady Jones.

Upcoming Sermons	
December 29	"A Christmas Light Tour: Our House" Isaiah 61:10 - 62:2
January 5	"Setting the Table for 2020" Ephesians 1:3-14
January 12	"The Last Mile" Acts 10:34-43

Please tear off and place in the offering plate.

Submit online prayer requests and sign-up to receive a twice weekly prayer list in your inbox at hrbcrichmond.org/prayer-request/.

Prayer Requests
Please pray for

Weekend On Call Pastor
To reach the weekend on call pastor, call **804-489-9436**
Dec. 20-22 Amanda Lott
Dec. 27-29 Jim Townsend



HRBC Café will resume January 8.
Adult meals: \$7
Kids meals: \$4
Maximum family: \$24
Reservations due by noon Monday, January 6, either online, through the app, or to the church office.