

# Sermon Notes

"Christian Giving"  
2 Corinthians 8:8-15

1. Christian Giving Must be Based on the Work of Christ
2. Christian Giving Must Follow the Example of Christ
3. Christian Giving Must be with Joy
4. Christian Giving Must be for the Poor
5. Christian Giving Must be for the Church
6. Christian Giving Must be for the Gospel
7. Christian Giving Must be in Submission
8. Christian Giving Must be in Proportion
9. Christian Giving Must be with Planned Regularity
10. Christian Giving Must be Worship

## All Saints' Day

In the church liturgical year, November 1 is designated as All Saints' Day, on which Christians traditionally remember with thanksgiving the life and witness of the faithful Christian men and women who have gone before us, following Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. In the Communion Prayer this morning, we are remembering this saints of this congregation who have died since November 1, 2018. This is not a prayer of intercession for them, but a prayer of thanksgiving for their life and faithful witness, in the assurance that Christians who have preceded us in death are "away from the body and at home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). The Westminster Shorter Catechism (#37) summarizes the teaching of Scripture by stating:

*"When believers die, their souls are made perfectly holy and immediately pass into glory. Their bodies, which are still united to Christ, rest in the grave until the resurrection."*

(Hebrews 12:23; Luke 23:43; Philippians 1:21,23; 2 Corinthians 5:1-8; Romans 8:21; 1 Thessalonians 4:14)

Ferd Kirshberger	January 17	Phoebe Fensterman	July 30
Mary Jane Sydnor	February 12	CJ Shaughnessy	August 14
Stephanie Locke	February 22	Harold Riley	August 14
Nathan Faidley	April 11	Erle Thompson	August 27
Pierre Guillermin	July 16	Ron Adams	August 29
Nancy Moore	July 18	Vic Uotinen	September 30

# Prayer Opportunities

**IN THE HOSPITAL:** Liz Broyles

**RECUPERATING:** Rosemary Sulc

## CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO:

- Josh Rutledge in the loss of his father, Jack Rutledge, who died October 18th.
- Norm Mintle in the loss of his father, Rev. Harold Mintle who died October 12th. Rev. Mintle was a career missionary to Latin America and lived in Lakeland, FL.
- Susan Wright in the loss of her brother, Kenneth Burnett who died October 19th. A celebration of Kenneth's life will be held from 2 until 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 3, 2019, at Oakwood Country Club, Lynchburg, Virginia.

**CHURCH STAFF POSITION:** We give thanks for Carlton Cash and his eight years of faithful service as our Properties and Building Manager. Carlton plans to retire in April 2020. Please continue in prayer as we look to hire our next Facilities Manager. The job description and application may be found on our church website. Please send your resume to Kelly Nelson, our Church Business Administrator.

## Coming Up This Week

### Sunday, November 3 (All Saints' Sunday)

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
8:30 am Worship Service with Communion  
9:30 am 20-Somethings Coffee Corner (Locke Commons)  
9:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am College Hour  
9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (203)  
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion  
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)  
6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

### Monday, November 4

9:00 am Preschool  
10:00 am Prayer Group (202)

### Tuesday, November 5

6:30 am Dawn Patrol  
9:00 am Preschool  
10:30 am Circle 4 (Country Gardens)  
12:00 pm Prayer and Fasting (Chapel)  
5:00 pm Relational Discipleship (Conference Room)

### Wednesday, November 6

9:00 am Preschool  
3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers  
4:30 pm Praise Ringers and Rivermont Chimes  
5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub, Chapel, New Song

### Wednesday, November 6 (continued)

5:45 pm RFN Meal (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30 pm Bible Studies  
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, November 7

7:00 am Community Prayer Breakfast (Phase 2)  
9:30 am Oasis (Quinlan Room)  
10:00 am CBS (Fellowship Hall)

### Friday, November 8

5:30 pm Men's Retreat (Eagle Eyrie)

### Saturday, November 9

7:00 am Men's Retreat (Eagle Eyrie)  
12:00 pm Second Saturday Picnic with No Walls

### Sunday, November 10

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
8:30 am Worship Service  
9:30 am 20-Somethings Coffee Corner (Locke Commons)  
9:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am College Hour  
9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (Rm 203)  
11:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Service  
12:45 pm 20-Somethings Lunch on the Run (Fifth & Federal)  
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)  
5:30 pm 7th-8th Grade Girls SNL (Emanuel Home)  
6:30 pm High School Girls' Book Club (Whelan Home)

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**OUR PASSION:** *the renewing of lives  
through God's compelling love  
in Lynchburg and the world.*

## ORDER of WORSHIP

November 3, 2019

## Preparation for Worship

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.*

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty God, Who has knit together Your elect in one communion and fellowship the mystical Body of Your Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so as to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which You have prepared for those who sincerely love You; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Shane Whelan

### PRELUDE:

Sanctuary Choir

#### *"My God, Accept My Heart This Day"*

Howard Helvey

My God, accept my heart this day, and make it always Thine,  
That I from Thee no more may stray, no more from Thee decline.  
Before the cross of Him who died, behold, I prostrate fall;  
Let every sin be crucified, and Christ be all in all.  
Anoint me with Thy heav'nly grace, and seal me for Thine own;  
That I may see Thy glorious face, and worship near Thy throne.  
Let every thought and work and word to Thee be ever giv'n:  
Then life shall be Thy service, Lord, and death the gate of heav'n.  
All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, while endless ages run.

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively): Psalm 124:8; 145:18-19

*Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.*

**The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.**

*He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him;*

**He also hears their cry and saves them.**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE:

*"The Earth, with All That Dwell Therein" (see insert)*

ST. ANNE

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 5:6-8

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

*"Before the Throne of God Above" (verses 1&3)*

BEFORE THE THRONE

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, My perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself I cannot die; My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

### \*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."  
(Romans 15:7)*

### THE SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (8:30)

### CHERUB CHOIR (11:00):

*"We Thank You, God"*

Glen and Susan Eernisse

Amy Hall - Director; Charis Jantomaso - Accompanist

### THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 8:8-15 (page 968)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

*"Christian Giving"*

Dr. David Weber

### THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

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 Ghost, 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 sitteth 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### \*THE GLORIA:

*"Alleluia! Alleluia!" (vs. 3)*

EBENEZER

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.  
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

### MOMENT FOR MEN'S RETREAT:

Paster Ron Cox

### THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

*"Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal"*

Sanctuary Choir

Craig Carnahan

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the father shore,  
As I hear those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.  
Alleluia, glory to the great I AM!  
And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,  
Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.  
Alleluia, glory to the great I AM!  
Souls have crossed before me saintly, to that land of perfect rest;  
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.  
Alleluia, praise the Lamb! Alleluia, glory to the great I AM!!

### \*THE COMMUNION HYMN:

*"My Worth Is Not In What I Own" (See insert)*

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Graham Kendrick

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session. After reviewing the Communion packet with your child, contact the church office to set up a meeting with the pastors. The packet may be found at [www.rivermont.org/communion](http://www.rivermont.org/communion).

#### The Words of Invitation and Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, concluding with The Lord's Prayer (in unison):

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

The Concluding Communion Prayer

### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (#358)

*"For All the Saints"*

SINE NOMINE

(verse 3: Men & Boys; verse 4: Women & Girls)

### \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):

**"A-men, A-men, A-men!"**

### \*POSTLUDE:

*"Piece Heroique"*

Cesar Franck

\*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.  
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## Prayer Ushers

Prayer Ministry teams are available after each morning service for those who would like someone to pray with them about a personal need, large or small. The Prayer Ushers will meet you at the Family Room off the Cheatham Center. They will be identified with name tags. This ministry is available to visitors as well as members. All prayer requests are confidential.

You can also share your prayer needs on a Connect Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate or one of the designated prayer boxes located outside the Library and in the Locke Commons.

## The Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers today are given by Bobbi and Dwight Oldham to the glory of God and in memory of Bobbi's mother, Doris.