

Sermon Notes

True Grace
1 Peter 5:12-14

1. True Grace Comes Freely (12a)

2. True Grace Empowers Holiness (12b)

3. True Grace Creates Family (13-14)

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Hermann Ulrich

PRAYING FOR CHURCH STAFF: Please continue in prayer as we have modified the Receptionist opening to a part-time position (9am - 2 pm Monday-Friday). Please see the website for the new job description; contact Kelly Nelson, our Church Business Administrator, with any inquiries.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK: Humberto Alferez with Sports Outreach

Humberto has made Sports Outreach his life's work as he and his team recruit, equip, and deploy young leaders in El Salvador and Honduras. Humberto and his team use sports ministry to share the gospel and alleviate human suffering. Through our partnership with Sports Outreach El Salvador, Rivermont is helping transform the Thomas Rodriguez neighborhood into a restored community. Let's pray for Humberto, his team, and our continuing partnership with God's work in Central America.

Welcome to Rivermont!

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to church, we are so grateful to the Lord that He has brought you to us this morning. We would love to connect with you more personally and we invite you to fill out a Connect Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Please visit the Welcome Table in the Narthex (lobby) to receive a special gift as our way of saying thanks for coming.

Next Steps to Connect:

We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to this church body.

- Attend a Sunday School class at 9:45 am between worship services.
- Join us for dinner and classes on Wednesday nights during the fall and spring.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Join one of our Life Groups which meet throughout the week in member homes.
- Sign up for our next Getting To Know Rivermont class at www.rivermont.org/gtkr.

If you would like more information about these opportunities, stop by our Welcome Table!

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, September 15

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 (Room 203)
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
6:30 pm 9th-12th Grade Book Club (Whelan home)

Monday, September 16

10:00 am Prayer Group (202)

Tuesday, September 17

6:30 am Dawn Patrol
6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)
7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

Wednesday, September 18

12:00 pm Sixty Plus Luncheon (Rivermont A)
3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers
4:30 pm Praise Ringers and Rivermont Chimes
5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub, Chapel, New Song Choirs
5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm Bible Studies
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 19

9:30 am Rivermont Oasis (Quinlan Room)
10:00 am Community Bible Study (FH)

Friday, September 20

5:30 pm Officers' Retreat (Sweet Briar College)

Sunday, September 22

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 (Room 203)
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Service
6:30 pm 20-Somethings Food & Fun (Eaton Home)
6:30 pm 9-12 Grade SNL (Youth Center)

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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

September 15, 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:

Gracious Lord, we humbly ask Your blessing upon this worship service, that by Your power we may worship You in spirit and in truth, and truly honor You. May Your glory be magnified, may Your name be exalted, and may we find our greatest joy in You. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us afresh: to strengthen the fainthearted, encourage the weak, comfort the suffering, and call us all into renewed faith and committed discipleship; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE: *"Sonata III – Andante Tranquillo"* Felix Mendelssohn

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Mike Palombo

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Peter 1:3-4; Psalm 95:2 (responsively)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead;

And to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading!

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #55

"To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Isaiah 44:22-23

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"There Is a Redeemer" (vs. 2) Melody Green

**Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

*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

THE INTERLUDE:

During the interlude, children ages 4 to first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to the Orange Room #115.

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 5:12-14 (page 1017)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"True Grace"* 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: *"Praise and Glory to the Father"* REGENT SQUARE

**Praise and glory to the Father, praise and glory to the Son,
Praise and glory to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One;
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run!**

THE PASTORAL PRAYER, 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 RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Sanctuary Choir

"The Prayer of Saint Francis" arr. Rene Clausen

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is injury, help me pardon. Where there is doubt, let me bring faith. Where there is despair, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let me bring light. Where there is sorrow, let me bring joy. O Lord, Master Divine, grant that I not so much seek to be consoled, as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, and in pard'ning that we are pardoned. For in dying we are born to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY: OLD HUNDREDETH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

O Lord, our gracious God, out of gratitude for Your grace to us in Jesus Christ, we give ourselves to You: all we have, all we are, all we hope to be. We pray that You will use these offerings; and that You will use us — our talents, our energies, our time and our possessions—for Your glory, for the strengthening of Your church, and for carrying forth Your mission at home and around the world. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE:

"Before the Throne of God Above" (See insert) BEFORE THE THRONE

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE: *"Trumpet Voluntary"* John Stanley

*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 in the Sanctuary today are given by Carwin and Mary Owens in celebration of the marriage of Anna Gray Owens to T. J. Vaught on September 14, 2019 at Rivermont EPC.