

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 to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard E. Ruble by his wife Pam and their family. *"Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me into glory." Psalm 73:24*

Sermon Notes

1. Sabbath Rest Promised (10)
2. Sabbath Rest Needed (11)
3. Sabbath Rest Experienced (12-13)
4. Sabbath Rest Applied (14-16)
5. Sabbath Rest Celebrated (17)

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Harold Hankins, Vic Uotinen

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO: Dottie and Ron Hendricksen in the death of Dottie's brother, Frank Rawley, Jr, who died Saturday, September 21.

CHURCH STAFF POSITIONS: Please continue in prayer for the two staff positions currently open. The job description and application for both may be found on our church website. Please send your resumes to Kelly Nelson, our Church Business Administrator.

- Part Time Receptionist (9am - 2 pm, Monday-Friday)
- Part Time Female Student Ministry Assistant. If you have questions about the position please contact Shane Whelan

IN APPRECIATION: Thank you to the congregation for partnering with No Walls Ministry for Hurricane Dorian relief in the Bahamas. All Nations Church member Marcia Miller lost family and friends in the storm and we were able to contribute to the supplies that Marcia will take to Florida and ship to her relatives and friends who are still suffering.

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 Digital Connect Card by scanning the QR code into your mobile device. You can also fill out a Connect Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You can also drop it off at the Welcome Table in the Narthex (lobby) and receive a special gift as our way of saying thanks for coming.

Next Steps:

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 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.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, September 29

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)
5:00 pm Israel 2020 Planning Meeting (John Knox)
5:30 pm 7th-8th Grade Boys' SNE (Caldwell Home)
6:30 pm 9th-12th Grade Book Club (Whelan Home)

Monday, September 30

10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)
6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)

Tuesday, October 1

6:30 am Dawn Patrol
10:30 am Circle 4 (Country Gardens)
4:00 pm Shepherding Meeting (Room 204)
5:00 pm Relational Discipleship Meeting (Conference Room)
6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)

Wednesday, October 2

3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers
4:30 pm Praise Ringers and Rivermont Chimes
5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub, Chapel, New Song
5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm Bible Studies
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir
6:30 pm Officers' Training Class (Room 204)

Thursday, October 3

9:30 am Rivermont Oasis (Quinlan Room)
10:00 am Community Bible Study (FH)
6:30 pm Men's Cornhole Tournament

Sunday, October 6

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 (Room 203)
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
6:30 pm SNL 7th-12th Graders (Youth Center)



RIVERMONT
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

September 29, 2019

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Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

O Lord my Lord, this is Your day, the heavenly command of rest, the open door of worship, the record of Jesus' resurrection, the seal of the Sabbath to come, the day when Your people unite in endless song. I bless You for the throne of grace, that here favor reigns; that open access to it is through the blood of Jesus; that the veil is torn aside and I can enter the holiest and find You ready to hear, waiting to be gracious, inviting me to pour out my needs, encouraging my desires, promising to give more than I ask or think. But while I bless You, shame and confusion are mine: I remember my past misuse of sacred things, my irreverent worship, my base ingratitude, my cold, dull praise. Sprinkle all my past Sabbaths with the cleansing blood of Jesus, and may this day witness deep improvement in me. Give me rich abundance the blessings the Lord's Day was designed to impart; May my heart be fast bound against worldly thoughts or cares; flood my mind with peace beyond understanding; my meditations be sweet, my acts of worship life, liberty, joy, my drink the streams that flow from Your throne, my food the precious Word, my defense the shield of faith, and may my heart be more knit to Jesus. Amen. (The Valley of Vision)

PRELUDE: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

arr. Dale Wood

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.
Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too;
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to heaven, at His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: from Matthew 11:28-30 ESV

Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE:

"O Day of Rest and Gladness" (See insert)

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*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: I Timothy 1:15; I Peter 2:24

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs. 1,4)

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."
(Ephesians 2:13)

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: Luke 13:10-17 (page 872)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Sabbath Rest"

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:

"Gloria Patri"

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end! Amen, Amen!

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:

"Is He Worthy?"

The Sanctuary Choir

Peterson, Shive, arr. Dan Forrest

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain."

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.

Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do.

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is. Is a new creation coming? It is.

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave;

He is David's Root, and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy, is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is!

Worthy is the Lamb. Does the Father truly love us? He does.

Does the Spirit move among us? He does.

And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? He does.

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave;

He is David's Root, and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

From ev'ry people and tribe, ev'ry nation and tongue,

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God, to reign with the Son.

Is He worthy, is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory? He is!

Soloists – Doug and Julie Haley

*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):

Almighty and gracious Father; we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness to us and over all creation; but above all we give thanks for the gift of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, in Whom alone we have life and peace and everlasting joy. In His name, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and entirely; and we pray that You will bless and multiply these tokens of our lives, and use them for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the earth; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #103

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

THE POSTLUDE:

"Toccata in G"

Theodore Dubois

Assisting in worship:

Violin I – Yevgeniy Dovgalyuk

Viola – Kate Dovgalyuk

Violin II – Christy Solomon

Cello - Elise Solomon

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