

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 9:30 am (during Sunday School hour)
9th graders – all Adults encouraged to attend

For the purposes of:

1. Electing a new class of Ruling Elders and Deacons
2. Electing a new class for the Officer Nominating Committee
3. Receiving as information possible financial updates.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today are given by Ingrid Marshall to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stan Marshall.

YOUTH NEWS:
SNL: All 7th - 12th grade students are invited to the Youth Center tonight from 6:00 - 7:30 pm for a special all-youth Sunday Night Live!

636: All high school girls are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday, November 28th. The girls will join Ciera at Panera on Old Forest Road at 6:36 am.

FNL: It's time for Friday Night Lights! All 7th grade girls are invited for dinner, games, and fellowship next Friday, December 8th, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Place TBD. Parents, please let Josh know if you would like to host!

NAMES OF JESUS ADVENT CHAIN: The members of the Children's Council have prepared materials for an Advent Chain. Children in Sunday School from Pre-K through fourth grade were given the materials last week. Packets are available today in the classrooms. There is a chain link with a name of Jesus and a Scripture verse for each day from December 1 to Christmas Day. We pray this Advent Chain will be a blessing as we are reminded of the beautiful names of our Savior. Please see Ann Knight if your child has not receive a packet.

HELP NEEDED: We are in need of two helpers to assist in cleaning the communion service. If you are willing to help, please contact Dot Barker at (434) 582-1321. Thank you.

ALL NATIONS CHRISTMAS MISSION OPPORTUNITY: Please stop by the Christmas Tree in the Cheatham to see how you can help a needy family this Christmas!

FLORAL FUND & CHRISTMAS MISSIONS PROJECT

Christmas floral decorations in our Sanctuary are made possible through the contributions of members, in memory or in honor of loved ones. Contributions may also be made to the **Christmas Missions Project**, which will go to support REPC's City Life Fund. Like our Body Life Fund, which helps members through an extraordinary financial crisis, the City Life Fund helps our Rivermont/Lynchburg neighbors through an extraordinary financial crisis. If you would like to contribute to either fund, please clip and complete the form below and send it with your check to the church office, or drop it in the offering plate by Sunday, December 17, 2017.

Floral Fund/Missions Project Contribution

Donor's Name: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Floral Fund \$ _____

Missions Project \$ _____

Please make checks payable to REPC with notation:
"Floral Fund" or "Christmas Missions Project"
Due 12/17/17

Announcements (continued)

HANGING OF THE GREENS, DECEMBER 3rd, AT 6:00 pm: Our Sanctuary will be adorned with Christmas greens as we sing hymns, hear Scripture readings and enjoy presentations by the youth strings and the Cherub Choir.

CIRCLE 4 will meet Tuesday, December 5th, in Country Gardens at 10:15 am. Following the meeting, there will be lunch off-site.

SAVE THE DATE: Join us for a Ladies' Advent Fellowship and Teaching by Barbara Bell on Thursday, December 7th in the Cheatham Center from 9:30 until 11:00 am. Light refreshments will be served.

THE GOSPEL COALITION has opened registration for their fourth TGC Women's Conference, **Listen and Live: Promised Grace for Rebel Hearts**. The conference will be held on June 14th - June 16th, 2018 in Indianapolis, Indiana. If you are interested in more information about attending or registering for this conference, please email Eleanor Webb at etwebb@gmail.com

LOST AND FOUND: We have accumulated a lot of coats, jackets, hats and more. These items will be taken to Goodwill by the end of this week. Please check the Lost and Found (located in the hallway beside John Knox) if you think anything may be yours. Thank you.

THE NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE for December/January/February is ready for pick-up. It will be located in the nursery commons or the hallway leading to the Cheatham area.

Calendar

<p>Sunday, November 26 8:00 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room) 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am College Hour 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room) 11:00 am Worship 4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center) 6:00 pm Youth SNL</p> <p>Monday, November 27 9:00 am Preschool 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room) 10:30 am Caregivers Group Meeting (Library)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 28 6:30 am Dawn Patrol 6:36 am HS Girls' 636 (Panera) 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 am Staff Meeting (204) 6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox) 6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox) 7:00 pm YL (Q-Room 208) 7:30 pm Session Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, November 29 9:00 am Preschool 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206)</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 29 (Continued) 4:15 pm GriefShare (Room 202) 4:30 pm Praise Ringers 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes (John Knox) 5:15 pm Carillon (206) 5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room) 5:15 pm Cherub Choir (308) 5:15 pm New Song (301) 5:45 pm Chrismon Dinner 6:30 pm Lighting of the Chrismon Tree 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Thursday, November 30 9:30 am CBS 9:30 am OASIS</p> <p>Sunday, December 3 8:00 am Pre-service Prayer 8:30 am Worship with the Lord's Supper 9:45 am College Hour 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Bearing Burdens (Library) 11:00 am Worship with the Lord's Supper 3:30 pm CWMC 4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center) 4:45 pm Rivermont In'l Ministries Meeting 6:00 pm Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)</p>
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Contact Us

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OUR MISSION

REPC SEEKS THE RENEWING OF LIVES THROUGH GOD'S COMPELLING LOVE
IN LYNCHBURG AND THE WORLD.

November 26, 2017 | 8:30 AM ☺ 11:00 AM

Order Of Worship

The prelude is a time for the body of Christ to spiritually prepare to enter into His presence in worship. As the prelude begins, please assume a quiet, prayerful and reverent attitude of worship. (Please silence your mobile devices.)

PRELUDE: *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* arr. John Ferguson

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:
Almighty and everlasting God, in Whom alone is our peace and security: grant us this day to draw near to You in faith, with sorrowful repentance for all our sins, with humble trust in Jesus Christ the only Savior, with renewed resolve to honor and obey You, placing all our confidence and hope in You alone; all by the grace of the Holy Spirit, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Dr. Weber**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 34:1-4 (responsively)**
*I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall be continually in my mouth.*
**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**
*Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt His name together!*
**I sought the Lord, and He answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #302** *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"* MADRID

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(Before turning the page, please receive the Assurance of Pardon.)

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"Nothing but the Blood" (vs 1)

PLAINFIELD

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

***THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE INTERLUDE:

Children pre-K-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church.
8:30: Pre-K thru First Grade meet in the ORANGE room, #115
11:00: First Grade meet in ORANGE room, #115;
Pre-K/K meet in RED room, #114

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Colossians 4:2-18 (pg 985)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Declaring the Mystery of Christ" Pastor Whelan

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

THE APOSTLES' CREED (responsively)
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!"*

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.

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:

"Look at the World"

Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us: look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see: All the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing, all things come of Thee. Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, Valley and flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold. Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish Comes from the Lord in token of His love; We are his hands, stewards of all His bounty; His is the earth, and His the heav'ns above.

Charis Jantomaso - piano

***THE DOXOLOGY:**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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):

Gracious heavenly Father, we praise You for every good and perfect gift which comes down from heaven. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins! We praise You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, by Whom we are born anew and adopted as Your children through Jesus our Lord. With joy, we present ourselves as living sacrifices in Your service. Receive and bless this offering, for the sake of Your kingdom, and send us forth in the power of Your Spirit to live as witnesses of Jesus Christ, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #644**

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

ST. LEONARDS

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:** *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

arr. Diane Bish

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Dee Roberts

RECUPERATING: Barbara Shaughnessy

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 258; 11:00: service: 336.

Total: 594. Sunday School: 349. Evening Service: 26.

USHERS SERVING LIGHTING OF THE CHRISMON TREE NOVEMBER 29:

Head Deacon: Blair Nelligan **6:30 pm:** Wistar Nelligan

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3: **Head Deacon:** David Thornburg

Assistant Deacon: Lee Newland **Morning Only:** Clay Atkins

8:30 am: Alan Pettigrew, Thom Provenzola, Lola Provenzola, Ben Reeves

11:00 am: Earl Weaver, Ryan Webb, John Blanks, Danny Boyers

6:30 pm: Hermann Ulrich, Steve Cooper

SERMON NOTES

1. Purposeful Prayer

2. Wise Walking

3. Salty Speech

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: JULIUS AND SARA THOMAS

Julius is in his fifth year of serving on staff with Campus Outreach. He splits time between his alma mater, Randolph College, and Liberty University where God has given him a tremendous ministry to athletes (he played basketball) and international students. Pray for Julius as he meets with these students, that their conversations might produce gospel fruit. Also pray for Julius as he nears completion of his Master of Divinity Degree at Regent Seminary as well as a pastoral internship at Rivermont.

CHRISMON DINNER AND WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 29: Join your church family for the annual Lighting of the Chrismon Tree on Wednesday, November 29th. We will meet for a Pot Luck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45 to 6:30 pm. Please bring a dish that you can share with another family. (Ham and rolls will be provided.) At 6:35 pm, we will gather in the Cheatham Reception for the lighting of the Chrismon Tree. This service will include special music, an explanation of the ornaments, congregational singing, a brief devotional and the illumination of the Chrismon Tree. What a wonderful opportunity for the family of God to celebrate the first advent of our Lord Jesus Christ during this season. Friends and neighbors are always welcome.