

Announcements

FLOWER CALENDAR: For those who wish to donate flowers for the Sanctuary, please sign up on the bulletin board beside the Library. If you have a special date in mind, be sure to place your name by your preferred date while it is available!

CRAFT SUPPLIES: The Preschool needs toilet paper rolls. Please save a few and leave in Ann's office. Thanks so much.

YOUTH NEWS:

Winter Retreat: Our Winter Retreat kicks off today! For all parents of students attending the retreat: Please drop your student off at Eagle Eyrie between 2:00 and 2:30 pm today. Pick up will be at 4:30 pm on Monday, January 15, or between 9:00 and 10:00 pm this evening if your student is not spending the night. Get ready to have a great time!

SNL: SNL will not be held tonight. It will begin on January 28 with an event for 7th-12th graders.

6:36: All high school boys are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday, January 16. The boys will join Shane at Biscuitville on Old Forest Road at 6:36 am. See you there!

RFN: All 7th-12th grade students are invited to come Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30 pm for the start of our study on *The Screwtape Letters*. This C. S. Lewis classic offers invaluable and often humorous insights on temptation, pride and the ultimate victory or faith over evil forces.

Club 56: What comes after salvation? Club 56 will find out starting this Wednesday, January 17, at 6:30 pm when we explore the book of Ephesians at RFN. The Apostle Paul will show us what Jesus' death on the cross means for us: new life, new society, new standards and new relationships.

20 SOMETHINGS (21-30 YEAR-OLDS SINGLE/MARRIED W/OUT CHILDREN): We will continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday beginning tonight at 7:00 pm. We will meet in Country Gardens (house behind Church). Tonight, we continue studying *For the Life of the World* on wisdom for the new year!

GETTING TO KNOW RIVERMONT: Pastor Brett and Pastor Ron will host an eight-week introductory class about the life, mission and ministry of Rivermont EPC during the Sunday School hour - today from 9:45 am to 10:40 am in Room 203. This class is designed for the curious, as well as for those desiring to pursue formal membership at Rivermont EPC.

VBS COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a VBS Council meeting on Monday, January 15 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in Room 204. We still need co-directors and several team leaders. Contact Ann Knight at ann@rivermont.org if you would like to know more about serving.

GRIEFSHARE CONTINUES FROM JANUARY-APRIL 11th: Griefshare will be held on January 17th at 4:15 pm in room 205 of the Discipleship Wing (from the back entrance the hall to the left). This 13-week support group will provide support and space for people to grieve together the loss of a loved one. Please contact Donna at the church office 846-3441 for more information.

RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT is our mid-week gathering where we enjoy fellowship around a meal and experience growth in Christ. RFN will resume on Wednesday, January 17. On our menu this week is fried chicken. Please sign up by noon on Monday, January 15. **Reservations are a must**, even if you were on a "standing" reservation list during the Fall. (*You are welcome to bring your own food, but you still need to let us know, so we can provide enough tables and chairs.*) Cost is \$5 for those 9 and older, \$3 for children ages 2-8, with a maximum cost to a family of \$22.

60 PLUS/MINUS: Come join us to hear Daniel Kaboli, a refugee from Iran, speak about what brought him to Lynchburg, the plight of fellow Christians in his former homeland and about his mission to create music for worship for Iranian churches around the globe.

We will meet on Wednesday, January 17, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. **Please make your reservations by Noon on January 15** on the sign-up sheet by the Library or by calling the church office. (846-3441)

CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP will meet Monday, January 22, at 10:30 am in the Library. We welcome all caregivers to attend for support and prayer.

Concerns of the Church

CONGRATULATIONS to Josh and Bethany Tripp on the birth of their son, Quinlan Alister, who was born on December 21st. Proud brothers are Caedmon and Braddock.

RECUPERATING: Marie Moore, Erle Thompson

IN THE HOSPITAL: Carl Coleman, Margaret Newland

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

- The family of Victor Aderton who died on December 23 in Williamsburg. A Celebration of Life will be held at 12:00 pm on February 10 at Williamsburg Community Chapel.
- Will Jenkins and Didi Bowles in the death of Didi's brother, Andy Bowles, who died in Lynchburg on January 11.
- John and Susan Flora in the death of Susan's brother, Dale Russell, who died on January 8. The funeral service will be held on Monday, January 15 at 10:30 in Columbus, Ohio.

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT: Please keep our youth and their leaders in your prayers as they attend the Winter Retreat today and tomorrow.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, January 21: **Head Deacon:** Shane Pinder

Assistant Deacon: Kelly Crawford **Morning Only:** Andrea Adams

8:30 am: Nick Adams, Jarrett Dodd, Stewart Dodd, Michael Emanuel

11:00 am: Lucy Harris, David Head, Ned Hudson, Ned Hudson, Jr.

ATTENDANCE January 7: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 285; 11:00 service: 326.

Total: 611. Sunday School: 337.

Calendar

Sunday, January 14

8:00 am Pre-Service Prayer (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship
9:45 am College Hour
9:45 am Confirmation Class Begins
9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (203)
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Pre-Service Prayer
11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Service
11:00 am Worship
2:00 pm Winter Retreat Parents Drop Youth Off At Eagle Eyrie
4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center)
7:00 pm 20 Somethings (Country Gardens)

Monday, January 15

9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Team (Family Room)
6:30 pm Leadership Training (John Knox)
7:00 pm VBS Council Meeting (204)

Tuesday, January 16

6:30 am Dawn Patrol
6:36 am HS Boys' 636 (Biscuitville)
9:00 am Preschool
6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)
7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

Wednesday, January 17

9:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm 60 +/- Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 17 (continued)

3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers
4:15 pm Griefshare (205)
4:30 pm Praise Ringers
4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes
5:15 pm Carillon
5:15 pm Chapel Choir
5:15 pm Cherub Choir
5:15 pm New Song
5:45 pm RFN Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir
6:30 pm Various Bible Studies

Thursday, January 18

9:30 am CBS
9:30 am OASIS

Sunday, January 21 (Sanctity of Life Sunday)

8:00 am Pre-Service Prayer (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship/MFM with Tom and Jane
9:45 am College Hour
9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (203)
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Pre-Service Prayer
11:00 am Worship/MFM with Tom and Jane
12:30 pm Luncheon with Tom and Jane (Fellowship Hall)
4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center)
6:00 pm Mission Service with Tom and Jane (Chapel)



OUR MISSION

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

January 14, 2018 | 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: **Julia Sansone and Amelia LaVanchy**
"Sonata for Piano and Violin in G Major, K.301" W. A. Mozart
1. Allegro con spirito

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:
Almighty and dear Father, Who has given Your only Son to be both the sacrifice for our sin and the example of the godly life to which You have called us: Grant us grace, we pray, that we may truly and thankfully trust in Jesus as our Savior, and also daily endeavor to follow in the steps of His most holy life, obeying Him as Lord; by the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Pastor Palombo**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 124:8 and 115:1 (responsively)**
Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.
Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your mercy and Your truth!

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #9 "All You That Fear Jehovah's Name"** PARK STREET

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: #521 (vs. 1)**
"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand. All other ground is sinking sand!

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***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 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: Numbers 3:11-17; 44-51; 4:46-49

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"The Firstborn"* **Dr. 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! A—men, A—men!

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

(8:30) DEACONS: Andrea Adams, Kelly Crawford, Ken Dunn, Larry Langhans, Russ Matney, Alan Pettigrew, Susan Pettyjohn, Mick Ritchie

(11:00) ELDERS: Randy Davy, Paul Denham, David Harker, Carey Roberts

The Words of Instruction

The Constitutional Vows of the Officers

***The Constitutional Vows of the Congregation**

The Prayer of Ordination and Installation

The Declaration of Ordination and Installation

The Welcome, Charge and Blessing

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:

"O Great God"

Sanctuary Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.
I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.
Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my ev'ry thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your name through me.

Julia Sansone – Accompanist

***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):**

Dear Father, in response to Your great gift to us, we offer ourselves to You, with thanksgiving and joy. Accept these tokens of our lives; bless and multiply them for the spread of the gospel, the strengthening of Your church, and the increase of Your kingdom, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See insert)**

"My Worth Is Not in What I Own"

Getty and Kendrick

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:**

"Fanfare for Organ"

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

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

1. We must have faith in our Representative.

2. We must have faith in our Redeemer.

3. We must have faith in our Replacement.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES ERIC VESS AND RAY BAKER: Pray for REPC missionaries Eric Vess (Advancing Native Missions) and Ray Baker (Greater Europe Mission-Sweden) as they leave tomorrow for Yangon, Myanmar, where they will be speaking January 19-21 at the Burma Leadership Conference for pastors. Pray that the Spirit of wisdom and truth would give them the necessary words to both encourage and equip these pastors as they serve faithfully in their local ministries. Pray for Eric and Ray and the attendees, for protection from the enemy who loves to distract and destroy. Pray also for Eric's trip to northern Myanmar and India following the conference to encourage and develop new ANM missionary partnerships.