

Announcements

FOR OUR GUESTS: We invite you to visit our Welcome Table today in the Narthex (Lobby) for information about the life and ministries of Rivermont. A member of our Hospitality Team will be there to greet you and answer your questions.

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.

20 SOMETHINGS (21-30 YEAR-OLDS SINGLE/MARRIED W/OUT CHILDREN) will meet on Sunday, January 28th at 7:00 pm in Country Gardens (house behind Church). We will continue our study *For the Life of the World* on wisdom for the new year!

YOUTH NEWS:

6:36: All high school girls are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday, January 23. The girls will join Ciera at Panera on Old Forest Road at 6:36 am. See you there!

RFN: All 7th-12th grade students are invited to come Wednesday, January 24 at 6:30 pm for our study on *The Screwtape Letters*. This C. S. Lewis classic offers invaluable and often humorous insights on temptation, pride and the ultimate victory of faith over evil forces.

Club 56: What comes after salvation? Club 56 will find out continuing this Wednesday, January 24, at 6:30 pm when we explore the book of Ephesians at RFN this winter and spring. The Apostle Paul will show us what Jesus' death on the cross means for us: new life, new society, new standards and new relationships.

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.

RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: The menu for our RFN dinner on January 24th is Sloppy Joes. Make your reservations online at www.rivermont.org, fill out the reservation card and place it in the offering plate, email donna@rivermont.org, or call the church office: 846-3441. **Reservations are mandatory and should be made by noon on Monday, January 22nd.**

GRIEFSHARE will be held on January 24th 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.

Piano Recital: The Rivermont Congregation is cordially invited to an evening of classical music! Julia Sansone is performing a piano recital on Sunday, January 28, 4pm at the Lynchburg College Schewel Hall. The program will include works by Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Debussy and Liszt. She will be joined by her sisters, Charity Drewry and Amelia LaVanchy, and Dr. Rebecca McCord

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Ladies, please join us February 2 & 3 for a Winter Weekend of Study and Fellowship. Speakers Heather Hall, Janice Suddith & Shar Walker, will guide us as we study God's covenant plan for the salvation and restoration of His people looking at 'Women at the Well.' Dinner will be served Friday night and lunch on Saturday. Who should come? All Women of REPC & our community including college ladies & high school girls. More information is available on the church website. Register online or by calling the church office. Deadline for Registration is Monday, January the 29th. Questions? Email etwebb@gmail.com.

FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE: Calling all fathers and daughters! Our annual Father-Daughter dance is Friday, February 9 at 7:00 pm in our Cheatham Center. Glenn Shelton will once again provide the musical entertainment. Please bring a savory/salty, sweet or fruity snack to share, as well as \$5 per person. Also, if you'd like to help with the dance (decoration, setup), contact Denise Eubank at denise.eubank@sbcglobal.net.

Concerns of the Church

RECUPERATING: Carl Coleman, Marie Moore, Margaret Newland, Audrey Pritchett, Erle Thompson

PLEASE REMAIN IN PRAYER for Bob and Kitty Davenport. Bob is in the Skilled Nursing Care at Westminster-Canterbury. No visits at this time but you may send cards to: Westminster-Canterbury, 501 VES Road, WG 20, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO Norman and Linda Mintle in the death of Norman's mother, Bertha Mintle, who died on January 15 in Lakeland, Florida.

IN APPRECIATION: *I would like to thank my covenant family for all of your support after my surgery and during my recovery. My family and I were humbled by your outpouring of goodness and steadfast love for us. ~ Calvin, Michele & Pheby Dameron*

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, January 28: **Head Deacon:** Mark Smith
Assistant Deacon: Evan Harris **Morning Only:** Larry Langhans
8:30 am: Mark Faulconer, Dalton Foster, Rodney Foster, Richard Gilman
11:00 am: Steve McCann, Charlie Mitchell, Drew Neiderer, Jim Petrey

ATTENDANCE January 14: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 331; 11:00 service: 345. Total: 676. Sunday School: 484.

Calendar

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 (Milano's)
4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center)
6:00 pm Mission Service with Tom and Jane (Chapel)

Monday, January 22
9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Team (Family Room)
10:30 pm Caregivers' Group Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, January 23
6:30 am Dawn Patrol
6:36 am HS Girls' 636 (Panera)
9:00 am Preschool
9:30 am Staff Meeting (204)
6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm Young Life (O)

Wednesday, January 24
9:00 am Preschool
3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers

Wednesday, January 24 (continued)
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 25
9:30 am CBS
9:30 am OASIS

Sunday, January 28
8:00 am Pre-Service Prayer (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship/MFM with Lori Flowers
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 Lori Flowers
4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center)
5:30 pm SNL - 7th-12th Graders (Youth Center)
7:00 pm: 20 Somethings

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OFFICE: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM-5:00 PM
Saturday 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

MINISTRY STAFF
David Weber | SENIOR PASTOR
Ron Cox | EXECUTIVE PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF
Brett Eubank | PASTOR OF OUTREACH AND ASSIMILATION
Mike Palombo | PASTOR OF RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP
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Matt Bradner | REGIONAL DIRECTOR, CAMPUS OUTREACH
Alisha Meador | CARE COORDINATOR



OUR MISSION

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

Sanctity of Life Sunday | January 21, 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:

"There Is a Higher Throne"

Dora Purvis, soloist

Getty/jarr. Lloyd Larson

There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb.
Believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.
Hear heaven's voices sing! Their thund'rous anthem rings
Through emerald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks and honor are
To God, our King who reigns on high, on high forevermore.
And there we'll find our home; our life before the throne.
We'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with Him.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Most holy God Who has created us and Who sustains us through Your mighty hand of providence; we pray that this morning You would send forth Your light and Your truth, that they would lead us and guide us, so that You would be honored in the praises of us, Your people. In Christ's holy name. Amen

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Whelan

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 139:13 (responsively)**

For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb.

I will praise You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #53**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure!
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

(Romans 15:7)

THE ANTHEM FOR PREPARATION FOR THE WORD:

New Song

"Be Still and Know"

Victor C. Johnson

(Adapted from Psalm 46:10)

Be still and know that He is God, be still and know that He is God.
He will comfort you, keep and strengthen you; be still and know that He is God.
In your time of tribulation He will be your strength.
In your moments of loneliness, He will bring you peace.

Maryah Haley – Accompanist

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 5 (Selected)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"The Chaos of Sin"

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:**

"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!

A MOMENT FOR MISSION:

Tom and Jane

(Last names withheld for security purposes)

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

"Beautiful Savior"

arr. David Allen

Beautiful Savior! King of creation! Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels in the sky.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

Julia Sansone – piano

***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 Father of everlasting love, we give You thanks for the gift of life, for the blessings of Your providence, and for the promise of Your presence with us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Spirit. We praise You for all the spiritual blessings which You have lavished upon us through Your Son, our Savior – for the gift of new birth, new life, the forgiveness of our sins, our adoption as Your children, and the hope of glory! All praise, honor, and glory be to You, the Sovereign God of life and life everlasting. May all that we have Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #529**

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

BEECHER

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:**

"Chaconne"

Louis Couperin

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

1. The chaos of corruption.

2. The chaos of transgressions.

3. The chaos of relationships.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

Tom & Jane (Last Withheld for security purposes.)

Tom and Jane are laboring in a sensitive area in North Africa where they and their team-mates are engaged in micro business enterprise startups. Such startups are not only critical to help bolster their host country's economy but also as a means of reaching Muslims for Christ. They are currently in the US reporting on their work to churches as well as recruiting workers for the field. Please pray that they might be able to recruit teachers and apprentices for two schools in the capital city. To learn more about Tom and Jane's ministry, please join us for a covered-dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 am worship service.

SUNDAY EVENING AT RIVERMONT

MISSIONS SERVICE

With Tom and Jane

TONIGHT at 6:00 pm in the Chapel

(No Nursery Provided)