



OUR MISSION

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

February 25, 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.)

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Cox

PRELUDE:

"I Will Lift Mine Eyes" (Based on Psalm 121)

Sanctuary Choir

Jake Runestad

I will lift mine eyes unto the hills. From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, He is the maker of heav'n and earth. He will not let your foot be moved. He Who keeps you will not slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not harm you by day nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil. He will keep your soul. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in From this day forth for evermore.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: we humbly pray that, by the truth of Your Word and the power of Your Spirit, You would reform Your Church and renew our lives. May Your Word be proclaimed boldly and be received with joyful faith. May Your Spirit awaken our hearts, illumine our minds, and strengthen our souls. May the light of Your gospel dispel the darkness of unbelief. Protect us, preserve us, and persevere within us, that we may continue to love and serve You, from generation to generation, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: From Psalm 121:1-2 (responsively)

"I lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?"

My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth."

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #115

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Concerns of the Church

IN THE HOSPITAL: Anne Spruill

RECUPERATING: Paul Mudrick, Anne Simmons

IN APPRECIATION: Thank you so much for highlighting the work of Freedom 4/24 at your Women's Retreat. Also, thank you for the donation you collected to help bring freedom and justice to other women around the world. Bringing an end to human trafficking is such an overwhelming task. We cannot do it alone, but together, with you, we can shine light on this and bring freedom. ~Joy Cover

ATTENDANCE February 18: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 324; 11:00 service: 380. Total: 704. Sunday School: 424. Evening Worship: 23.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, March 4: Head Deacon: Todd Matthews Assistant Deacon: Michele Dameron Morning Only: Mark Smith 8:30 am: Pheby Dameron, Chuck Spruill, Mike Straw, Rosemary Sulc 11:00 am: Lucy Harris, Ned Hudson, Ned Hudson, Jr., Daniel Lass

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes General Fund as of January 31, 2018 and Organ Chamber Wall Repair and Rebuild.

Calendar

Sunday, February 25

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) 5:30 pm SNL Grades 7th - 12th (Youth Center) 7:00 pm 20 Somethings (Country Gardens)

Monday, February 26

9:00 am Preschool 10:00 am Prayer Team (Family Room) 10:30 am Caregivers' Group Meeting (Library) 4:00 pm VBS Council Meeting (204)

Tuesday, February 27

6:30 am Dawn Patrol 6:36 am HS Boys' 636 (Biscuitville) 9:00 am Preschool 9:30 am Staff Meeting (204) 6:30 pm Trail Life 7:00 pm Young Life (O)

Wednesday, February 28

9:00 am Preschool 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers 4:15 pm GriefShare (205) 4:30 pm Praise Ringers 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes

Wednesday, February 28 (continued)

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, March 1

9:30 am CBS 9:30 am OASIS 5:30 pm ERC (Library) 6:00 pm Men's Oyster Roast/Shrimp Boil (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, March 3

1:00 pm Club 56 Laser Tag (Youth Center)

Sunday, March 4

8:00 am Pre-Service Prayer (Family Room) 8:30 am Worship with the Lords Supper 9:45 am College Hour 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Bearing Burdens (Library) 11:00 am Worship 3:30 pm CWMC (Library) 4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center) 4:45 pm RIMC Meeting (Library) 6:00 pm SNL Grades 6th - 8th (Youth Center)

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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 Shane Whelan | PASTOR OF STUDENT FAMILIES Peggy Bettcher | DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY Ann Knight | DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES Josh Dempsey | DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES Matt Bradner | REGIONAL DIRECTOR, CAMPUS OUTREACH Alisha Meador | CARE COORDINATOR

Announcements (continued)

YOUTH NEWS:

SNL: All 7th - 12th grade students are invited to the Youth Center tonight for a special all-youth Sunday Night Live! We will meet from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.

6:36: All high school boys are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday, February 27. The guys will join Shane at Biscuitville on Old Forest Road at 6:36 am.

RFN: All 7th-12th grade students are invited to come Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm to continue our study on The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis.

FNL: It's time for Friday Night Lights! All 8th grade boys are invited for dinner, games and fellowship on Friday, March 9 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. (Location TBA) Please let Josh know if your son would like to attend.

MODGNIK: 9th-12th grade Modgnik will take place from April 13-15! The cost is \$135. Sign up on the youth information table for a weekend of refreshing worship, fellowship, and teaching from the word of God.

CLUB 56 NEWS:

RFN: Come join us at RFN on Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm as we continue exploring the book of Ephesians.

LASER TAG: Get ready for an afternoon of fun and adventure in the Youth Center on Saturday, March 3! All 5th and 6th graders are invited to participate in a laser tag tournament that will take place right here at REPC from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. You won't want to miss this!

20-SOMETHINGS: Join us this evening, February 25th, at 7:00 pm in Country Gardens (house behind the church). We will begin a new study through Psalms. May the Lord shape us with deeper awareness of God's love and our calling as we learn to pour our hearts out to the Lord together!

RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: The menu for our RFN dinner on February 28 is Teriyaki Chicken. 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, February 26th.

MEN'S OYSTER ROAST AND SHRIMP BOIL: Calling all men! Come join us for an Oyster Roast and Shrimp Boil on March 1st at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy fresh seafood and fellowship as we hear a word from our Pastor, Dr. David Weber, about God's call for men! Sign-ups are in Sunday School and in the Locke Commons.

CIRCLE 4 will meet Tuesday, March 6th, in Country Gardens at 10:30 am.

THE ART OF QUEENA STOVALL: Join us on Sunday, March 11 from 2:30 until 3:30 pm in the Rivermont EPC Sanctuary. Queena Stovall's artwork will be presented along with storytelling from the heart of the Blue Ridge. She was a native of Amherst County, Virginia, who is known for painting colorful scenes from the rural life. She was a godly lady who loved Rivermont EPC and was a member for many years.

CIRCLE 1: Ladies, please join Circle 1 in the Library on Tuesday, March 13th from 10:00 am until noon.

WOMEN IN MINISTRY: Our annual EPC Presbytery Women in Ministry retreat will be held on Saturday, March 17 in Greensboro, North Carolina at Buffalo Presbyterian Church from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm. Our very own Barb Bell will be our featured speaker. There will be praise and worship, fellowship and a tasty lunch. REPC ladies are hoping to carpool as well as stay in Greensboro on Friday night for extra "girl time." You may RSVP at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ladies-spring-retreat-tickets-43045196341 or contact Linda Paulson at (434) 237-2407 for more information.

FOOD PANTRY: During the month of March, REPC will collect food items to replenish the Food Pantry. A bin will be available across from the Library and downstairs near the Fellowship Hall. The following non-perishable items (with an expiration date of one year or less) are needed: soup, peanut butter and jelly, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned chicken, macaroni and cheese, tuna, crackers, cereal, pasta and pasta sauce. We appreciate your support.

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" (vs.1) SAGINA

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

***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 9:1-14 (Page 117-118)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"A Passover People"* Dr. Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

THE PHILIPPIAN CREED based on Philippians 2:6-11 (in unison)
We believe in Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death — even death on a cross! Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name that is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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: Sanctuary Choir
"Salvation Is Created"
(Based on Psalm 74:12)
Salvation is created in the midst of the earth, O our God. Alleluia.

***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 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: #598** *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* CWM RHONDDA

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):**
"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

***POSTLUDE:** *"Sortie"* Cesar Franck

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

1. A Passover people are accounted by faith in God's Lamb. (vs. 1-5)

2. A Passover people are not accounted by man's perfection. (vs. 6-12)

3. A Passover people are not accounted by man's lineage. (vs. 13-14)

**PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:
SHARE EDUCATION SERVICES (KAY BAKER)**

REPC missionaries Ray and Kay Baker have served in Europe for 30 years. Much of that time for Kay has been dedicated to serving missionary families through SHARE Education Services. As a professional educator, she advises these families by helping them think through the unique challenges of educating their children in a foreign country. Every year they have a conference in Hungary and this year, Kay's husband, Ray, will be the Bible speaker all week. Additionally, new Rivermont member, Sam Cuidon, who grew up going to these conferences as a missionary kid, will be serving as a volunteer. Pray for health, unity and ministry fruitfulness for the Bakers, Sam and the SHARE team all throughout the conference, which is February 25 through March 2, 2018.

Announcements

THIS MORNING'S SANCTUARY CHOIR ANTHEMS are two of six that will be presented by our choir at the Washington National Cathedral in D.C. on Sunday, September 30. At 3:25 pm that afternoon, our choir will begin a 25-minute a cappella prelude to the Cathedral's 4:00 pm Evensong service. We are deeply grateful to God for the opportunity we will have to share our ministry in song while experiencing the joy of singing in the exemplary acoustic space of the cathedral. Please keep the choir in your prayers as we prepare for this presentation in the coming months.

RIVERMONT PRESCHOOL registration for the 2018-2019 school year for church family and community is now open. Contact Ann Knight with questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 25 – 29, 2018. Volunteers are needed to help with the different stations and to shepherd the children throughout the church. Please sign up at the VBS table in the Cheatham Center.