



OUR MISSION

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

March 4, 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:

"Thy Word"

Praise Ringers

arr. P. Bettcher

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me. And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus be my guide, and hold me to Your side, I will love You to the end.

"Cornerstone"

arr. P. Bettcher

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name. Christ alone; cornerstone, weak made strong; in the Savior's love. Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all. When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found, Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Our Father in heaven, Who sent Your only-begotten Son into the world, not to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved: we pray that You would be pleased to pour out Your Spirit upon us; that, with true repentance from our sins, we might take up our cross, deny ourselves, and faithfully follow Jesus Christ; in Whom alone we trust for our salvation, and in Whose holy name we pray. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Palombo

Concerns of the Church

IN THE HOSPITAL: Anne Spruill

RECUPERATING: Paul Mudrick, Anne Simmons

IN APPRECIATION: The family of William (Bill) Pugh sends their thanks for the many expressions of sympathy and support after Bill's death and also during the course of his illness. Our church community has helped to sustain us during this time of loss and has allowed us to celebrate Bill's life as he would have us do. Blessings. -The William (Bill) Pugh Family

ATTENDANCE February 25: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 359; 11:00 service: 344. Total: 703. Sunday School: 471.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, March 11: Head Deacon: Wayne Melancon Assistant Deacon: Mick Ritchie Morning Only: Baxter Gordon 8:30 am: Wistar Nelligan, Massie Ware, Dave Young, Ginny Young 11:00 am: Steve McCann, Charlie Mitchell, Drew Neiderer, Simeon Purvis

Calendar

Sunday, March 4 8:00 am Pre-Service Prayer (Family Room) 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 (Library) 4:30 pm Membership Interviews 4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center) 4:45 pm RIMC Meeting (Library) 6:00 pm SNL Grades 7th - 12th (Youth Center)

Monday, March 5 9:00 am Preschool 10:00 am Prayer Team (Family Room)

Tuesday, March 6 6:30 am Dawn Patrol 6:36 am HS Girls' 636 (Panera) 9:00 am Preschool 10:30 am Circle #4 (Country Gardens) 4:00 pm Shepherd & Care Meeting (204) 5:00 pm Relational Discipleship Mtg. (Conference Rm.) 6:45 pm No Walls Prayer Meeting. (All Nations Community Church)

Wednesday, March 7 9:00 am Preschool 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers 4:15 pm GriefShare (205) 4:30 pm Praise Ringers

Wednesday, March 7 (continued) 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes 5:00 pm Building & Grounds Mtg. (Conference Rm.) 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 8 9:30 am CBS 9:30 am OASIS

Friday, March 9 6:00 pm Youth FNL 8th Grade Boys (TBD)

Saturday, March 10 12:00 pm Second Saturday Picnic with No Walls (HRCC)

Sunday, March 11 Membership Sunday 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 Westminster Canterbury Service 11:00 am Worship 2:30 pm Queena Stovall Presentation (Sanctuary) 4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center) 7:00 pm 20 Somethings (Country Gardens)

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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 Julia Sansone | DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS AND ACCOMPANIST Alisha Meador | CARE COORDINATOR

Announcements (continued)

YOUTH NEWS:

SNL: All 6th - 8th grade students are invited to join us in the Youth Center for game night from 6:00 - 7:30 pm tonight, March 4. Come out for a time of fun and fellowship!

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

RFN: All 7th-12th grade students are invited to come Wednesday, March 7 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 this Friday, March 9 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm (location TBA). Please let Josh know if your son would like to attend.

STEAK N' SHAKE AND A MOVIE: All 7th-12th grade students are invited on March 16 to attend the Disney adaptation of the classic novel, A Wrinkle in Time, at Regal Cinemas. We will eat dinner at Steak n' Shake in the River Ridge Mall complex before we see the movie. Time TBA once show times for the film are released.

CLUB 56: Come join us at RFN on Wednesday, March 7 at 6:30 pm as we continue exploring the book of Ephesians. The Apostle Paul will show us all that Jesus' death on the cross means for us: new life, new society, new standards and new relationships.

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

RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: The menu for our RFN dinner on March 7 is tacos. 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, March 5th.

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. Queena 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, you are welcome to join us in Circle 1 when we meet on Tuesday, March 13 at 10 am in the library. We will use Acts 4:32-5:11 as our text as we learn about Sapphira.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: Join us for Preschool Night at Mi Patron, Village Courts Shopping Center, on Tuesday, March 13, from 5:00 until 9:00 pm. 10% of proceeds will be donated to the Preschool. Our Preschool offers three mornings a week for children ages 1 through Pre-K. We have two teachers per classroom and offer a curriculum that prepares for Kindergarten. There's plenty of free play, Bible stories and monthly memory verses.

WOMEN IN MINISTRY: Ladies, there is still time to register to attend the annual EPC Presbytery Women in Ministry retreat. It will be held on Saturday, March 17, at Buffalo Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, NC, from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm. Please use the following link to register: https://pmawomenspringretreat.eventbrite.com/. The cost is \$15. Barb Bell will be our featured speaker, so plan now to come and enjoy rich teaching, fellowship and praise and worship. Contact Linda Paulson at 237-2407 for questions or more information.

THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP! The Nominating Committee needs your suggestions for potential nominees to the offices of Ruling Elder and Deacon for the Class of 2021. Your participation is very important to the process of officer nomination and election. Please prayerfully consider which members you would like to suggest, then fill out a form with your suggestions and deposit it in one of the drop-boxes by April 1st. Both the forms and drop-boxes may be found in the Cheatham Center and in the Locke Commons.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 68:1-4 (responsively)**

"God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate Him shall flee before Him!

As smoke is driven away, so You shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!

But the righteous shall be glad;

they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

Sing to God, sing praises to His name;

lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts; His name is the LORD; exult before Him!"

***THE HYMN: #291**

"See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph"

RUSTINGTON

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Colossians 1:21-23 (Page 983)**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" (vs. 5)

HYFRYDOL

**Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.**

***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 9:15 - 10:36 (Pages 118-119)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "March Forth" 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 RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

"Lift Up a Song to the Lord"

New Song

Larry Shackley

Lift up a song to the Lord; raise your voices in praise to our God.
Let all the people rejoice; sing a new song to the Lord!
He is full of compassion, love as deep as the sea.
Mercy high as the heavens spreads its wings over me.
We will dwell in His presence to the end of our days.
Raise up your hands to the skies, and lift up your eyes, and give Him the praise.
Sing hallelujah to the Lord. Tell of His greatness in all the earth.
Sing hallelujah evermore!

Maryah Haley – Accompanist; Abigail Hartless – flute

***THE COMMUNION HYMN: #420**

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER:

If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session.

The Words of Invitation and Institution

**The Prayer of Consecration, 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 Distribution of the Bread and Cup

The Concluding Communion Prayer

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #605**

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

ALL THE WAY

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:**

"Presto from Organ Concerto No. 5"

G. F. Handel

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

1. We march forth with the Lord's presence.

2. We march forth at the Lord's command.

3. We march forth in the Lord's providence.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

RIVERMONT AREA EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Being persuaded that the love of Christ compels us to share our food with the hungry in our neighborhood, our church participates with several area churches in the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry, located at nearby Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The pantry is a collection point and distribution center for supplying a three-day supply of food for individuals and families in need in the Rivermont area. During March, we have a spring food drive underway to stock the pantry. Please leave donated food in any of the drop-off boxes at Rivermont church. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please pray for this ministry, and please consider volunteering a few hours of your time when it is our church’s turn to staff the pantry with volunteers. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Paulette Parker at 434-384-1827 or Jay Spencer at 434-610-0011.

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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. In addition to collecting food items, monetary gifts are also welcomed! Checks should be made payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and in the memo line state from Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church. We appreciate your support.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Join us for the Sunday School College Hour at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall as we continue our series *Force for Good*. College Hour is a combination of teaching and small group discussion that is facilitated by the Campus Outreach staff.

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.