



OUR MISSION

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

March 18, 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: Rivermont Ringers "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship/The Heart of Worship" arr. Dan Edwards Come, now is the time to worship, come, now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to worship, come, just as you are before your God, come. One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God, one day ev'ry knee will bow. Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now. I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You, It's all about You, Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's all about You, It's all about You, Jesus.

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: Pastor Palombo

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Peter 1:3-4, Psalm 95:1-2 (responsively) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; And to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled and unfading! O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!"

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #17 "Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him" FABEN

Concerns of the Church

IN THE HOSPITAL: West Alley
RECUPERATING: Terry Beckloff, Mike Pogue, Anne Spruill, Mary Jane Sydnor
CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are extended to the family of Nancy Burks Freeman who died on Saturday, March 10.
USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, March 25: Head Deacon: Treasa Plude Assistant Deacon: Jeff Griffith Morning Only: TBD
8:30 am: Nick Adams, Chris Burch, Sherwood Day, Dave Dinsmore
11:00 am: John Blanks, Steve Cooper, Earl Weaver, Ryan Webb
ATTENDANCE March 4: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 257; 11:00 service: 414. Total: 671. Sunday School: 377.

Calendar

Sunday, March 18
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 Mission Service -No Nursery (Chapel)
Monday, March 19
9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Team (Family Room)
7:00 pm Youth Basketball (Heritage Baptist Church)
Tuesday, March 20
6:30 am Dawn Patrol
6:36 am HS Girls' 636 (Panera)
9:00 am Preschool
6:00 pm CPR Class (Quinlan)
7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)
Wednesday, March 21
9:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm 60 +/- Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers
Wednesday, March 21 (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 Last RFN Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir
6:30 pm Various Bible Studies
Thursday, March 22
9:30 am CBS
9:30 am OASIS
Sunday, March 25 Palm 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 Worship
11:00 am Confirmation Class Membership
4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center)
7:00 pm 20 Somethings (Country Garden)

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Announcements

YOUTH NEWS: Basketball: Come out Monday, March 19 to Heritage Baptist Church at 7:00 pm to support the Rivermont youth basketball team as they take on the No Walls team in the No Walls League Championship!

6:36: All high school girls are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday, March 20. 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 21 at 6:30 pm for the conclusion to our study on The Screwtape Letters.

CLUB 56: Come join us at RFN on Wednesday, March 21 at 6:30 pm as we conclude our exploration of the book of Ephesians.

FREE CPR CLASS: On Tuesday, March 20th, the MICU nurses from Centra will host a CPR training at REPC from 6:00-8:15 pm. This is not a certification, but will equip those in the class to feel comfortable with performing the lifesaving techniques of CPR on adults and children. If you would like to reserve one of the remaining slots, please contact our Care Coordinator, Alisha Meador at (434) 426-0787.

RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: The menu for our last RFN dinner on March 21 is Pork BBQ Sandwiches. 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 19th.

60 PLUS/MINUS: Come join our March 60+/- luncheon and hear about the making of the movie "The Shoeless Wonders." It is about a team of young boys from the Presbyterian Home who loved the game of football so much that even without shoes, they played year after year ... barefoot! Our own Cliff Thomas was a Wonder! Rebecca Rogers Nelson, who wrote the screenplay, will be sharing with us some "behind the scenes" action!

We will meet on Wednesday, March 21 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please make your reservations by noon on March 19 on the sign-up sheet by the Library or by calling the church office at 846-3441.

CHILDREN'S CROSS FOR EASTER gives children a meaningful way to participate in the Easter celebration. Any child may bring in a few flowers on April 1 to tuck onto the cross. The cross will be located in the center of the back patio. We will also have some flowers on hand for those who may need them. The Flower Guild welcomes you and your family to be a part of this delightful tradition.

NUSERY VOLUNTEERS GREATLY NEEDED on Easter Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway leading to the Cheatham area or see Toni.Thank you.

LOST AND FOUND: We have accumulated a lot of coats, jackets, hats and more. Please check the Lost and Found at its new location at the bottom of the steps near the entrance of the Fellowship Hall if you think anything may be yours.

EASTER LILIES AND EASTER MISSION OFFERING

Easter 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 Easter Missions, which will go toward Sports Outreach El Salvador in support of our relationship with the Thomas Rodriguez community. If you would like to contribute to either fund, please clip and complete this form. For all contributions received by March 26, the names of donors and those honored or memorialized will be listed in the Easter morning bulletin on April 1.

Donor's Name: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Floral Fund \$: _____ Missions Project \$ _____

Please make checks payable to REPC with notation: "Floral Fund" or "Easter Mission Project"

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** Romans 5:8 - 9 (*Page 942*)

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (vs. 1 & 3) 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)

SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES:

Chapel Choir

"See the Lilies" Brad Nix

Lori Flowers - Director; Abigail Hartless - Flute; Charis Jantomaso - 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 11:16 - 35 (*Page 120*)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "The Spirit of the Lord" 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:

Allen Miller

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

"And Can It Be"

arr. Dan Forrest

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?
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?
He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
Humbled Himself, so great His love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me.
And can it be, and can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?
No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
And claim the crown through Christ my own.
Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?
Amazing love, how can it be? Amazing love!

***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)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You did not spare Your own Son, but gave Him up for us all; and with Him, You have freely given us all things. Receive these offerings, we pray; and enable us, with all our gifts, so to yield ourselves to You that with body, soul, and spirit, we may truly and freely serve You, and in Your service find our perfect freedom and our deepest joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE:** #172

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder" ALL SAINTS OLD

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:**

"Rondo for Organ"

John Bull

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

On the journey home, we must trust

1. The spirit of power.

2. The spirit of revelation.

3. The spirit of authority.

4. The spirit of judgment.

5. The spirit of Christ.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: NOAH SYDNOR

Rivermont member, Noah Sydnor, son of Rivermont missionaries Paul and Reinhild Sydnor and grandson of long-time member Mary Jane Sydnor, is in Kenya this week on a Spring Break Mission Trip. Noah is a Nursing Student at Liberty, and he, along with other LU nursing students, are serving in an orphanage and children's clinic. Pray for wisdom and discernment as they see patients as well as discernment for Noah as he seeks the Lord's will for his future.

**SUNDAY EVENING AT RIVERMONT
MISSIONS SERVICE
TONIGHT at 6:00 pm in the Chapel
(No Nursery Provided)**

Prayer Usher Ministry - Prayer Ministry teams are available after each morning service for those who would like someone to pray with them about a personal need. The Prayer Ushers will meet you at the Family Room off the Cheatham Center. They will be identified with name tags. This ministry is available to visitors as well as members. All prayer requests are confidential.