

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!

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.

YOUTH NEWS:

FNL: All 7th and 8th grade girls are invited to the Phelps' home tonight, April 15th, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm for a night of fun and fellowship! Please let Josh know by email if your daughter would like to attend!

6:36: All high school girls are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday, April 17th. The girls will join Ciera at Panera on Old Forest Road at 6:36 am.

Q & A NIGHT: This Wednesday, April 18th, all 7th and 8th grade students will have the opportunity to ask questions and get answers about God, the Bible, and life! The event will take place at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center. A pizza dinner will be provided. You won't want to miss this night!

CLUB 56 RETREAT: All 5th and 6th grade students are invited to take part in a weekend of fun, fellowship, and worship on April 27 and 28! Students will share dinner and breakfast, hear the Word of God from guest speaker Julius Thomas, and even go to Putt-Putt Fun Center on Friday night! Sign up by emailing Josh at josh@rivermont.org.

MISSIONARY LUNCHEON: Following the 11:00 am service, there will be a covered dish luncheon for Joe and Duncan Maye and family in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us to hear more details of their work. The Mayes will also report during the Mission First Service this evening at 6:00 pm in the Chapel.

60 PLUS/MINUS: Come join us for the 60 +/- luncheon on Wednesday, April 18th at noon for a fascinating program! Julia Sansone and her sister, Charity Drewry, will present a piano recital featuring the works of Bach, Liszt, Rachmaninoff and Chopin. The luncheon will take place in the Fellowship Hall then we will move over to the choir rehearsal room (on the same level). Please remember to **sign up by noon on Monday, April 16** on the sign-up sheet by the Library, or by calling the church office at 846-3441.

OASIS: New spring classes focusing on prayer will start on April 19th in the Quinlan Room from 9:30 am – 11:00 am. All women of REPC and our surrounding community are welcome. On April 19th, Pastor David Weber will teach on prayer & meditation. On April 26th and May 3rd, Pastor Mike Palombo will lead us in a corporate prayer service. Childcare is available. If you are new to Oasis and in need of childcare, please call the church office to sign your children up for childcare. Any questions, contact Eleanor Webb at etwebb@gmail.com.

AUTISM RESOURCE FAIR: Centra Autism and Development Services is holding an Autism Resource Fair at the Alan B. Pearson Regional Cancer Center on Saturday, April 21st, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. This event is free and open to the public, with childcare available for up to one hour. Books and resources will be offered along with an opportunity to meet with local service providers, and activities for children in attendance. Any questions, please contact our Care Coordinator, Alisha Meador, at alisha.meador@gmail.com.

PRESBYTERY WOMEN OF THE MID-ATLANTIC: The Presbytery Women's Ministry of the Mid-Atlantic presents Women's Connection on Saturday morning April 28th from 8:30 am – 11:00 am at First Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, Virginia (right in our back yard). There will be a time of sharing from Joy Cobb beginning at 9:00 am along with a missions focus, singing, worship and prayer. All women are welcome. Any questions, contact Linda Paulson at ghpaulson@verizon.net or Eleanor Webb at etwebb@gmail.com.

"VOICES AND PIPES": On Sunday, April 29 at 7:00 pm the Sanctuary Choir will present a concert of the six selections that will be sung at the Washington National Cathedral in September. Also for your enjoyment, two organ selections will be played by Peggy Bettcher.

Announcements (continued)

THIS MORNING'S SANCTUARY CHOIR ANTHEMS are the last 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 that afternoon, our choir will begin a 25-minute a cappella prelude to the Cathedral's 4:00 pm Evensong service. We have chartered a coach for Rivermont members who would like to support us through attendance at our presentation. Seats will be available for \$20.00 each. The bus will leave Rivermont at 10:00 that morning and arrive in D.C. at approximately 2:00 pm (bring a bag lunch). Bring money for dinner at Wegmans in Gainesville VA. Arrival time in Lynchburg will be approximately 11:00 pm. If you are interested in reserving a seat on the bus, please email Peggy Bettcher at pbettcher@rivermont.org. All money will be due September 1. 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COUNTDOWN: Ten weeks before The King is Coming! June 25th – 29th. Registration for students begins April 22nd at the table in the Cheatham. Online registration will also be available. We want to be very intentional about safety for the children; therefore, pre-registration is required. Volunteers are still needed (students who are completing sixth grade this spring are welcome to volunteer). Sign up today!

Calendar

<p>Sunday, April 15: Newsletter Deadline 8:00 am Prayer for the Worship Service (Family Rm.) 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am College Hour 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm Mission Luncheon with Duncan & Joe Maye (Fellowship Hall) 4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center) 6:00 pm FNL 7th & 8th graders (Phelps' home) 6:00 pm Mission Service with Duncan & Joe Maye (Chapel)</p> <p>Monday, April 16 9:00 am Preschool 10:00 am Prayer Team (Family Room)</p> <p>Tuesday, April 17 6:30 am Dawn Patrol 6:36 am HS Girls (Panera) 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)</p> <p>Wednesday, April 18 9:00 am Preschool 12:00 pm 60 +/- Luncheon (Fellowship Hall/Choir Rehearsal Room)</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 18 (Continued) 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers 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 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir 6:30 pm Youth Q & A Night (Youth Center)</p> <p>Thursday, April 19 9:30 am CBS 9:30 am OASIS (Quinlan)</p> <p>Saturday, April 21 10:00 am Autism Resource Fair (Alan B. Pearson Regional Cancer Center)</p> <p>Sunday, April 22 8:00 am Prayer for the Worship Service (Family Rm.) 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am College Hour 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center) 6:00 pm Youth HS SNL (Whelan Home) 7:00 pm 20-Somethings (Country Garden)</p>
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Contact Us

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OUR MISSION

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

Second Sunday in Eastertide | April 15, 2018 | 8:30 & 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: **Sanctuary Choir**

"O Born Light of Light"
Morten Lauridsen

O nata Lux de lumine, Jesu Redemptor saeculi,
O born Light of light, Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
 Dignare clemens supplicum laudes preces que sumere.
Mercifully deem worthy and accept the praises and prayers of Your supplicants.
 Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis.
You Who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones,
 Nos membra confer effici, tui beati corporis.
Grant us to be made members of Your holy body.

THE SILENT PRAYER FOR PREPARATION:
 Lord, as we prepare to worship You this morning, we would meditate and dwell on Your wonderful faithfulness. Great indeed is Your faithfulness. There is no shadow of turning with You. We pray that You would open our eyes this morning so that we might see You more clearly, and our ears that we may hear Your voice more clearly. Open also our hearts that we may eagerly respond to do what You call us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP, Psalm 46 (responsively)
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble;
Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
God in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #7
"From All That Dwell Below the Skies" DUKE STREET

THE CALL TO CONFESSION : Psalm 130:1-4 (responsively)

Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord!

O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy.

If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from Your ways; in wasting Your gifts; in forgetting Your love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. We are ashamed and sorry for the ways in which we have displeased You. Forgive us, for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, Who loved us and gave Himself for us. Cleanse us from our secret transgressions, and instill in us a holy hatred of all our sins. Grant us the renewing power of the Holy Spirit, that we may live in Your light and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, Amen.

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** 1 Peter 2:24

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"Before the Throne of God Above" Vs. 1 & 3 Cooke and Bancroft

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest Whose name is love, and ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."
(Romans 15:7)

THE SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

(11:00 am)

Cherub Choir

"No Mountain High Enough"

Charles Kirby

Whitney Palombo - Director; 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: Pre-K/K meet in RED room, #114; First Grade meet in ORANGE room, #115;

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Numbers 13 (*Pages 121-122*)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Future Faithfulness"

Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, #1 (responsively)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

My only comfort is that I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. At the cost of His own precious blood, He has fully paid for all my sins, and has set me free from the dominion of the devil. He also watches over me so well that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. Indeed, all things must work together to His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly ready and willing from now on to live for Him. 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!

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:

"Abide With Me"

Sanctuary Choir

arr. Moses Hogan

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
O Thou Who changes not, abide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. Amen.

***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 and eternal God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer thanks and praise for the multitude of Your blessings upon us; for what do we have that we have not received? These gifts which we now offer are the gifts of Your own hand, and they all belong to You. With these gifts, therefore, we would offer ourselves, entirely and joyfully, to the praise of Your glorious grace; for we are not our own: we have been bought with a price, by Him Who loved us and gave Himself up for us. So may the offering of this substance and the offering of our lives be blessed for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the world and the glory of Your name forever and ever. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE:** #600

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

HE LEADETH ME

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

1. Remember His Promises.

2. Acknowledging Hardships.

3. Trusting His Victory.

Concerns of the Church

IN THE HOSPITAL: Mary Jane Sydnor

RECUPERATING: Erle Thompson

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul and MaryByrd Denham on the birth of their grandson Hampton Brooks Denham, born April 9. Proud parents are Tucker and Merritt Denham.

IN APPRECIATION: *We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has loved and supported us during Mike's recovery from heart surgery. Most of all, thank you for your prayers. He still has several months to go for complete wellness. God bless you all!*
~ Vicky & Mike Pogue

MODGNIK: Please be in prayer for the students and leaders attending High School Modgnik. This is their annual spring retreat held at the Rockbridge Young Life camp.

ORGAN WALL REPAIR UPDATE: Thanks to the generosity of the REPC family, the \$250,000 fundraising goal for the organ chamber wall repair and rebuild has been met. Thanks be to God! The Session appreciates your patience for this repair, which includes a 3 1/2 story structure that is roughly thirty-two feet wide and eighteen feet deep. The three story sturcture includes rooms in the nursery area, back entry way and the foundation below. Currently, the integrity of the two side walls (east and west) are being tested before they are finally sealed. The masonry brickwork for the exterior walls should begin by late May!

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 22: **Head Deacon:** Baxter Gordon

Assistant Deacon: Treasa Plude **Morning Only:** Andy Morse

8:30 Guild Members: Warner Hall, Keith Mascher, Ron Meng, Ben Reeves

11:00 Guild Members: Drew Neiderer, Jim Petrey, Simeon Purvis, Sam Rose

ATTENDANCE APRIL 8: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 305; 11:00 service: 358.
Total: 663. Sunday School: 394.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: JOE AND DUNCAN (GAY) MAYE

In the summer of 2017, former Rivermont member Duncan Maye (daughter of Kell and Gina Gay) and her husband Joe planted a church in the Woughtown neighborhood in urban Winston-Salem, called Rise Church (www.risechurchws.org). Responding to God's call to this community, God has given them a heart to see it "rise up" to new life in Christ Jesus and to live out His purpose for their life. To learn more about their work, please join us for a covered-dish luncheon following the 11:00 am worship service in the Fellowship Hall and/or attend our Mission First Service tonight at 6:00 pm in the Chapel.

SUNDAY EVENING AT RIVERMONT

MISSION SERVICE

TONIGHT at 6:00 PM in the Chapel

(No Nursery Provided)