

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:

SNL: All 9th through 12th grade students are invited to the Whelan home tonight, April 22, at 6:00 pm for Sunday Night Live! Come for a time of food, fun and fellowship. Dinner will be provided! Parents can pick your child up between 8:00 pm and 8:30 pm.

6:36: All high school boys are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday, April 24th. The guys will join Shane at Biscuitville on Old Forest Road at 6:36 am.

The Edge: Final numbers for the Edge are due this week! If your current 6th, 7th or 8th grader would like to attend the Edge conference with a great group of friends, let Josh know as soon as possible. Date: June 18-22, cost: \$295 (scholarships available).

CLUB 56 RETREAT: All 5th and 6th grade students are invited to take part in a weekend of fun, fellowship and worship this weekend, 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.

WELCOME CAMPUS OUTREACH SUMMER PROJECT LEADERSHIP TEAM: This morning concludes a weekend leadership retreat for the staff and students who will serve in a leadership role at the upcoming Campus Outreach "ALPHA Project" in Virginia Beach. The ALPHA Project is an 18-day "life-giving leadership intensive" aimed at raising up the next generation of Christian leaders. We are privileged to have this team at the 11:00 am service. Please pray for these young leaders as God prepares them in the coming months to serve others this summer.

20-SOMETHINGS will meet tonight, April 22 at 7:00 pm in Country Gardens (House behind the church). We will discuss Psalm 37 and delighting in God as we discern God's call.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COUNTDOWN: Nine weeks before The King is Coming! June 25th – 29th. Registration for students begins TODAY, April 22nd at the table in the Cheatham. Online registration is also available at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/repc2018> starting TODAY. 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!

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.

RIVERMONT YOUTH CHOIR CONCERT: On Sunday, May 6 a special concert featuring Rivermont's three youth handbell choirs and three youth vocal choirs will be presented in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER DINNER: Our annual Youth Fundraiser will be Sunday, May 6th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A meal will be provided and all donations will go towards the transportation costs for our student ministry summer conference.

Concerns of the Church

IN THE HOSPITAL: Ron Adams

RECUPERATING: June Beaver, Mary Jane Sydnor, Erle Thompson

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul and Gail Mudrick on the birth of their granddaughter, Waverly Alexandra Mudrick, born April 14. Proud parents are Colin and Berkley Mudrick.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 29: Head Deacon: Evan Harris

Assistant Deacon: Susan Pettyjohn Morning Only: Todd Matthews

8:30 Guild Members: Jay Hutt, Brian Nash, Lyn Nash, Wistar Nelligan

11:00 Guild Members: Andrew Shields, Brad Weaver, Earl Weaver, Ryan Webb

ATTENDANCE APRIL 15: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 298; 11:00 service: 374.

Total: 672. Sunday School: 367.

| General Fund as of March 31, 2018 | |
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| Budget to date: | \$1,343,243 |
| Ahead of Budget: | \$ 415 |
| Year-to-date Contributions: | \$1,343,658 |
| Year-to-date Expenses: | \$1,258,126 |
| Contributions over Expenses | \$ 89,364 |

Calendar

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
 4:00 pm El Salvador Meeting (204)
 4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center)
 6:00 pm Youth HS SNL (Whelan Home)
 7:00 pm 20-Somethings (Country Garden)

Monday, April 23
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Prayer Team (Family Room)
 10:30 am Caregivers' Meeting (Library)
 4:30 pm Preschool Council Meeting (204)

Tuesday, April 24
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol
 6:36 am HS Boys (Biscuitville)
 9:00 am Preschool
 9:30 am Staff Meeting (204)
 6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 pm Young Life (Q)

Wednesday, April 25
 9:00 am Preschool
 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers

Wednesday, April 25 (Continued)
 4:30 pm Praise Ringers
 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes
 5:15 pm Carillon
 5:15 pm New Song
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 26
 9:30 am CBS
 9:30 am OASIS

Friday, April 27
 5:30 pm Club 56 Retreat (Youth Center)

Saturday, April 28
 9:00 am Women's Connection (Roanoke, VA)
 8:00 am Club 56 Retreat (Youth Center)

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 8:00 am Prayer for the Worship Service (Family Rm.)
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 11:00 am Worship
 5:30 pm SNL 7th - 12th graders (Youth Center)
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Concert "Voices & Pipes" (Sanctuary)

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 David Weber | SENIOR PASTOR
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 Matt Bradner | REGIONAL DIRECTOR, CAMPUS OUTREACH
 Julia Sansone | DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS AND ACCOMPANIST
 Alisha Meador | CARE COORDINATOR



OUR MISSION

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

Third Sunday in Eastertide | April 22, 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.)

PRELUDE:

"Come, Lift Your Hearts on High"

Rivermont Ringers

Dan R. Edwards

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

THE SILENT PRAYER FOR PREPARATION:

Our heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your grace and mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins, and the promise of life everlasting. For His sake, send forth Your Holy Spirit upon us, to warm our hearts, to enlighten our minds and to strengthen our souls, so that we may truly worship You and be renewed in faith for further service to Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Whelan

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP, Psalm 95:1-3 (responsively)

"Oh come let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God.

and a great King above all gods."

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #472

"Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched"

BRYN CALFARIA

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 Peter 2:24

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: #535

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

EBENEZER

***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:

"From the Ashes"

New Song

Lloyd Larson

I was drowning in the darkness; He brought light and I could see.
Left alone, I sat in silence; He called out and spoke to me.
When my failure held me captive, He appeared to set me free.
From the ashes, He created something beautiful in me.
Rejoice! He brings good news! The lost are found. The blind can see.
The forgotten are remembered. Ev'ry pris'ner is set free.
Give thanks, my soul. He comes to you with healing in His wings.
And from the ashes of my life, something beautiful He brings.
I believe my life was over, and He offered one more chance.
I was paralyzed by sorrow, and He taught my feet to dance.
He arranged the broken fragments of my heart more perfectly.
From the ashes, He created something beautiful in me.

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 14 (Pages 122-123)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Justice and Mercy" **Dr. David 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 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:

"An Offering"

Sanctuary Choir

Dan Forrest

O Christ, who spared not any cost, nor any grace withheld,
But poured forth Your redeeming blood in love unparalleled;
What would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss
That I may taste the fellowship that brings me near the cross?
Why should I cling to gifts You give? Why grasp in foolish pride
What You Who gave Yourself for me now bid me lay aside?
To know You is my highest gain, worth any sacrifice,
A treasure worthy to possess at any earthly price.
Yet if behind my open hands, my heart shrinks from the cost,
Teach me nothing offered You is ever truly lost.
A hundred-fold reward awaits in one glimpse of Your face,
My sacrifice forgotten in the riches of Your grace.

***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):**

Father, in response to Your great gift to us, we offer ourselves to You with thanksgiving and joy. Accept these tokens of our lives; bless and multiply them for the spread of the gospel, the strengthening of Your church, and the increase of Your kingdom, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #650**

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

MY REDEEMER

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:**

"To God Be the Glory"

arr. Robert J. Hughes

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

1. The depth of sin's rebellion.

2. The depth of God's Justice.

3. The depth of God's mercy.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: STEVE AND JOAN TINSLEY

Long-time members Steve and Joan Tinsley continue serving the 200+ missionaries of Kontaktmission as the Directors of Member Care. They serve these missionaries through the ministry of encouragement and support through phone calls, skype calls and personal visits. Pray for their upcoming monthlong trip to Ukraine and Russia, starting on April 25 as they visit Kontaktmission missionaries and follow up with the church in Orenburg, where they served for eight years.

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.