

Announcements

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in honor of Taylor Thornburg and Henry Overos, who were married yesterday, August 11.

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.

20 SOMETHINGS will meet this Sunday at 7 pm in Country Gardens (house behind the church). We will explore Psalm 16 and discuss the importance of seeking joy in God’s presence and pleasures forevermore at His right hand!

SUMMER MEN’S DAWN PATROL: Tuesday, August 14th at 6:30 am we will have our August Men’s Dawn Patrol meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Eric Vess will be speaking and breakfast will be provided.

CIERA DEMPSEY will be our new Receptionist / Communications Coordinator beginning August 20! Please welcome Ciera and let her know you're excited she is part of our staff!

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN Wednesday, August 22, at 6:30 pm in the Choir room. This choir is open to singers high school age and above. If you are not currently a member of the Sanctuary Choir but have some previous choir or other vocal experience, this would be the opportune time for you to join us! Choir members sing in the service that they normally attend (not both services). Free childcare is available. Please speak with Peggy Bettcher for more information.

SERVE THE 'BURG - Join us for our third annual Serve The 'Burg event on Saturday, August 25th. This is our opportunity as a church family to serve our ministry partners who serve the city. We'll meet at 8:30 am on the back terrace of the church before being sent out to various worksites around the city. We'll wrap up our projects around lunchtime. Sign up on our website at www.rivermont.org/stb.

YOUTH NEWS:

Back-to-School Lake Party: Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will not hold our Back-to-School Bash at the Olmsted lake. Instead, our Back-to-School Bash will take place in the form of our annual youth families’ picnic on Sunday, August 26, at 5:30 pm. All 7th-12th graders and their families are invited to Peak’s View Park for a time of food, fellowship, and kickball! More details to come!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION SUNDAY - Infant through 4th grade parents, on September 2, be sure to take your children to their new Sunday School room to meet their new teachers! This year, you can fill out the Information/Dismissal form online on the church’s website, under Ministries/Children/Sunday School at <http://rivermont.org/ssregform>. The teachers will have hard copies of the form, if you don’t have a chance to fill out the information sheet online.

OASIS this fall will be studying *Women of Faith from the Old Testament* by Mary Davis and *Ruth from Poverty to Plenty* by Tim Chester. "Through the lives of these women of faith we learn about God, ourselves, the great problem with this world, and what God is doing about it!" We will have a time of corporate gathering and small group discussion. Register online or by calling the church office. The Fall Semester begins Thursday, September the 6th@ 9:30 am. Questions? Email Andrea Adams daadams@comcast.net.

Concerns of the Church

RECUPERATING: Phoebe Fensterman (rehab), Norma Roberts, Peggy Weymouth

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 331; 11:00: service: 320. Total: 651. Sunday School: 337.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 19: **Head Deacon:** Michele Dameron **Assistant Deacon:** Susan Pettyjohn **Morning Only:** Ron Adams **8:30 am:** Josh Alley, Clay Atkins, Terry Beckloff, Mike Straw **11:00 am:** Daniel Lass, Steve McCann, Charlie Mitchell, Drew Neiderer

NURSERY CLOTHING NEEDED: It is that time of year when you have to go through all the children’s clothes to see what fits and what won’t work anymore. Please consider donating those items to our nursery for emergency use. We need clean, gently-used clothes for infants through 4 years old. Please bring to the nursery commons area.

Calendar

Sunday, August 12

8:00 am Prayer for the Service (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Westminister Canterbury Service
7:00 pm 20 Somethings (Country Gardens)

Monday, August 13

10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)
5:30 pm Personnel Committee Mtg (Ron's Office)

Tuesday, August 14

6:30 am Dawn Patrol (Fellowship Hall)
4:00 pm Shepherding & Care Meeting (Room 204)

Tuesday, August 14 (cont.)

5:30 pm MSC
6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, August 16

5:30 pm Administrative Mtg (Conference Room)

Sunday, August 19

8:00 am Prayer for the Service (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
6:00 pm Mission Service (Chapel, no Nursery)

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Brett Eubank | PASTOR OF OUTREACH AND ASSIMILATION
Mike Palombo | PASTOR OF RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP
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OUR MISSION

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

August 12, 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: "Sheep May Safely Graze" J. S. Bach

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION: Lord, as we come to worship You this morning, may Your Spirit open our hearts and our understanding to see both our own desperate need and Your gracious provision for our salvation in Jesus Christ. Open our eyes also to see Your greatness and glory more clearly. Convict us, convert us, cleanse us and consecrate us, so that we may willingly and wholeheartedly give ourselves to You and to Your service. Enable us now to worship You in spirit and in truth. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Whelan

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively) Psalm 95:6-7**
*Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.*

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #4**
"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART
(Women – verse 4; Men – verse 5)

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: John 10:14-15**
(Before turning the page, please receive the Assurance of Pardon.)

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs. 1 & 4)

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.
He breaks the power of reigning sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed 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)

THE SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE INTERLUDE:

Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church.
8:30 and 11:00: Children meet in the ORANGE room, #115

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Numbers 26-27 (pages 134-136)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "The Good Shepherd" Dr. David 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:** *"Glorify Your Name"* Donna Adkins
Father, we love You, we praise You, we adore You: Glorify Your name in all the earth! Glorify Your name, glorify Your name, glorify Your name in all the earth! (Repeat, using: Jesus and Spirit)

THE MOMENT FOR MISSION

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Dora Purvis and Meghan Lambert

" 'Domine Deus' from Mass in C Minor"

W. A. Mozart

Domine Deus, rex coelestis, Deus pater omnipotens.
O Lord, God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
Domine fili unigenite Jesu Christe.
O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, filius patris.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

***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)

Dear Father, in response to Your great gift to us, we offer ourselves to You. We bring these gifts as expressions of our gratitude and love. Accept them, we pray, and bless them for the sake of the gospel and the increase of Your kingdom, to the glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #599**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

SHEPHERD

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:**

"Trumpet Voluntary"

John Stanley

1. The Good Shepherd Numbers the Sheep (Num 26)

2. The Good Shepherd Pastures the Sheep (Num 27:1-11)

3. The Good Shepherd Leads the Sheep (Num 27:12-23)

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

SERVE THE 'BURG Saturday, August 25 8:30 am-lunchtime

Serve the Burg began as a youth mission "trip" a couple of years ago as our youth invested a week of their summer to bless (and be blessed by) the lives of some of the most marginalized and vulnerable people in our city. It is now expanding to include the whole church as we serve some of the physical needs of our ministry partners, including The Free Clinic, Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center, No Walls Ministry and Rush Homes. Please pray that many from our church would join us and that we would have good weather, servant hearts, and a deepened love for our city. To sign up to serve, go to the Mission Table in the Cheatham Center.

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.

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