

Announcements

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.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Parents, today during the Sunday School hour, please take infant through 4th grade students to their new Sunday School room to meet their teachers! If you have not filled out the registration/permission form online, the teachers will have hard copies in the classroom.

ATTENTION YOUTH 8TH-12TH GRADERS – Praise Ringers, our advanced youth handbell choir, has ONE opening for the fall. Rehearsals will be each Wednesday afternoon from 4:30-5:10 beginning September 12. Some background in reading music is required for participation in this choir. Please contact Peggy Bettcher at pbettcher@rivermont.org for more information.

YOUTH NEWS:
Parents' Meeting: During the Sunday School hour today, there will be a youth parent meeting at 10:00am in the Quinlan room (the youth auditorium). We will be making fall announcements and handing out the semester's youth calendar.

Modgnik: 7th and 8th graders signed up for Modgnik will leave this Friday, September 7! We'll meet in the Rivermont parking lot at 6:00 pm to depart. Please eat dinner before you come as we do not plan to stop on the way. Look for more information, including a packing list, in your email this week!

SNL: Next Sunday, September 9, all 9th-12th grade students are invited to the first Sunday Night Live of the new school year! We'll meet at the Whelan home from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. A meal will be provided. Come out for a time of food, fun, and fellowship!

RFN: Next Wednesday, September 12, we will begin our RFN study on the book *Alive: Gospel Sexuality for Students*. The study will give students a biblical, gospel-centered framework to understand personal and cultural sexual issues. Dinner begins at 5:45pm and we'll meet for our study at 6:30 pm.

Club 56 RFN: Our study of the book of Mark begins Wednesday, September 12! By diving into the key themes of the "docu-drama" that is the book of Mark, Josh and his team will seek to help students get to know the true Jesus as He intends His people to know Him. Dinner begins at 5:45 pm and we'll meet in the Club 56 room at 6:30 pm.

GETTING TO KNOW RIVERMONT will begin September 9th. From 9:45 am to 10:40 am in Room #203 (during the Sunday School hour), Pastor Brett and Pastor Ron will host an eight-week introductory class about the life, mission, and ministry of Rivermont EPC. This class is designed for the curious, as well as for those desiring to pursue formal membership at Rivermont EPC. Please call Janet at the church office (846-3441) for more information or to register. You can also register online at <http://www.rivermont.org/gtkr-registration>.

CIRCLE 1 will meet on Tuesday, September 11, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Library. Our topic will be "A Prayer of Mary," examining Luke 1:39-56.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISERS:
Kroger Community Rewards program. You can support our Preschool every time you shop at Kroger and use your Kroger Plus card! Simply register online at krogercommunityrewards.com. Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register with our organization after you sign in. You can either type in our school's name or use our NPO account #91109.

Preschool Night at Mister Goodies. On September 11, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, everyone is invited to come enjoy some delicious ice cream and fellowship with our church and preschool families. Twenty percent of the proceeds from the evening will be donated to the Preschool.

Concerns of the Church

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE CELEBRATION – COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN:
 Former Rivermont Senior Pastor John Mabray and the Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Monroe, Louisiana invite you to celebrate with them in the dedication of their new sanctuary on September 30 at 5:00 pm. Pastor Emeritus Lowell Sykes will be preaching this worship service. As "a family of Christian faith, growing in God's grace, from generation to generation," Covenant Presbyterian praises God for His ongoing faithfulness and the prayerful support of REPC.

RECUPERATING: Zane Simmons, Cliff Thomas

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO Toni Termotto and family in the death of her mother, Shirley Campo, who died Tuesday, August 28.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: We welcome our 4-year-old children to begin attending Children's Church this morning. Our second graders will begin worshipping in the sanctuary with their families. For 8:30 and 11:00 programs, children ages Pre-K through first grade will meet in the ORANGE room, #115. Their lessons mirror sanctuary worship in an age appropriate manner.

Calendar

Sunday, September 2
 8:00 am Prayer for the Service (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship with the Lord's Supper
 9:45 am Sunday School Open House
 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
 9:45 am Bearing Burdens (Library)
 11:00 am Worship with the Lord's Supper
 3:30 pm CWMC (Library)
 4:45 pm RIMC (Library)

Monday, September 3
 Church Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 4
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol
 6:36 am HS Boys' 636 (Biscuitville)
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:30 am Circle #4 (Family Room)
 4:00 pm Shepherding & Care Mtg (Room 204)
 5:00 pm Relational Discipleship (Conference Rm)
 6:45 pm No Walls Prayer Mtg (All Nations Church)

Wednesday, September 5
 9:00 am Preschool
 5:00 pm Building & Grounds (Conference Rm)
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 6
 9:30 am CBS (Fellowship Hall)
 9:30 am OASIS (Quinlan Room)
 5:30 pm ERC (Library)

Friday, September 7
 7-8th Graders leave for Modgnik Retreat

Saturday, September 8
 12:00 pm Second Saturday Picnic with No Walls (HRCC)
 2:00 pm John George Memorial Service (Sanctuary, visitation in Cheatham Center)

Sunday, September 9
 8:00 am Prayer for the Service (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School
 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
 9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont Class (Rm203)
 11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Service
 11:00 am Worship
 6:00 pm 9-12 Graders SNL (Whelans' home)

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 Saturday 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

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 David Weber | SENIOR PASTOR
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OUR MISSION

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

September 2, 2018 | 8:30 AM ☞ 11:00 AM

Order Of Worship

The prelude is a time for the body of Christ to prepare spiritually 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: **"I Need Thee Every Hour"** arr. Emma Lou Diemer
 I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
 No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
 I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee;
 O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.
 I need Thee every hour, Most Holy One,
 O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.
 I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee;
 O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF 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 and 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 Shane Whelan

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 100 (responsively)**
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, He is God!
It is He Who made us, and we are His;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever.
And His faithfulness to all generations.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #1 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"** OLD HUNDRETH

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:1**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

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

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.

***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 31 (pages 139-140)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "A Holy War" Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR THE 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 Patria" 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: The Sanctuary Choir

"If You Search With All Your Heart" Craig Courtney

(Based on Jeremiah 29:11-14)

When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.
For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil;
Plans of hope and a future.
I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared.
I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to Me.

Heidi Terry - piano

***THE COMMUNION HYMN:**

"Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him?" (vs. 1-3)

(To the tune of: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus)

Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him? Is not thine a captured heart?
Chief among ten thousand own Him; joyful choose the better part.

Refrain: Captivated by His beauty, worthy tribute haste to bring;
Let His peerless worth constrain thee, crown Him now unrivaled King.

Idols once they won thee, charmed thee, lovely things of time and sense;
Gilded thus does sin disarm thee, honeyed lest thou turn thee thence.

(Repeat Refrain)

What has stripped the seeming beauty from the idols of the earth?
Not a sense of right or duty, but the sight of peerless worth.

(Repeat Refrain)

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. Contact the church office to setup a meeting with the pastors after reviewing the communion packet with your child. The packet is at www.Rivermont.org under Ministries/Children/Communion.

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:**

"Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him?" (vs. 7)

(To the tune of: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus)

Drawn and win and fill completely, till the cup o'erflow the brim;
What have we to do with idols who have companied with Him?

Refrain: Captivated by His beauty, worthy tribute haste to bring;
Let His peerless worth constrain thee, crown Him now unrivaled King.

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:** "Trumpet Tune in D-flat Major" William B. Fuhrer

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

SANCTUARY CHOIR TO SING AT THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The Sanctuary Choir is deeply grateful to God for the opportunity we will have on September 30 to share our ministry in song at the Washington National Cathedral in D.C. At 3:25 pm that Sunday, the choir will begin a 25-minute cappella prelude to the Cathedral's 4:00 Evensong service. We have chartered a coach for Rivermont members who would like to support us through attendance at our presentation. **We can still accommodate about 20 more individuals.** Seats are available at a bargain price of \$20.00 each. If you are interested in reserving a seat on the bus, please email Peggy Bettcher at pbettcher@rivermont.org.

The bus will leave Rivermont at 10:00 am that morning and arrive in D.C. at approximately 2:00 pm (bring bag lunch). Following the Sanctuary Choir concert and Evensong service, the bus will depart for dinner on your own at Wegmans in Gainesville VA. Arrival time in Lynchburg will be at approximately 11:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 329; 11:00 service: 320. Total: 649.
Sunday School: 381.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Head Deacon: Wayne Melancon
Assistant Deacon: Baxter Gordon
Morning Only: Russ Matney
8:30 am: Beth Doan, Jarrett Dodd, Stewart Dodd, Christopher Matney
11:00 am: Danny Boyers, Isaiah Bradner, Matt Bradner, Ryan Webb

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels of Lynchburg provides one hot, well-balanced meal five days a week to the elderly and younger disabled people who are unable to prepare meals for themselves, have no one to cook for them or are homebound. But, it's more than just a meal...it is a connection with people who care and people who check on them every day. Last year, 71,000 meals were delivered in the Lynchburg area by more than 950 volunteers. Pray that God would continue to provide volunteers to take meals to the recipients and check on them. Pray that the recipients would not only be able to remain independent but will see these meals and connections as a tangible expression of God's provision for them.

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.