Announcements

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today are given by Vance and Kathy Pickard to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Ryan Pickard and Christine Perry last Saturday, October 27.

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.

FOOD DRIVE will be held during the month of November to replenish the Food Pantry in our community. Find the bin across from the Library or downstairs near the Fellowship Hall to place your donations. The following non-perishable items, with an expiration date of November 2019 or later, are needed: jelly, peanut butter, soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned chicken, canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, crackers, cereal, pasta, and pasta sauce. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, contact Paulette Parker (434-384-1897) or Jay Spencer (434-384-3642).

FRUIT SALE: The deadline for participating in the Churches for Urban Ministry fundraiser has been extended! More information and order forms can be found in the Cheatham Center. Payments may be given to Ciera at the church main office until November 7. For questions, call Jane Henderson at (434) 841-0271.

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YOUTH NEWS:

NO SNL: There will be no 6th to 8th grade SNL this week. Students are encouraged instead to attend the No Walls Thanksgiving Service and Dinner tonight with their families!

NO 636: There will be no 636 this week. The boys will resume fellowship next week!

Rake and Run: All 7th-12th graders, join us Saturday, November 17 as we serve church members by raking their yards this season. We will meet at the church at 2:00 pm. Parents, please contact Shane or Josh if you are able to help with transportation and supervision. Students, don't forget to bring a rake and gloves! Pickup at the church is tentatively set for 6:30 pm; dinner will be provided.

PRESCHOOL NIGHT AT PANERA on Old Forest Road is tomorrow from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Take a flyer from the church or show the announcement found at rivermont.org/newsevents; this is required to ensure twenty percent of the proceeds is donated to the Preschool. If ordering online, use promotional code "PRFUND."

CIRCLE 4 will meet this Tuesday in Country Gardens at 10:00 am. Join us as Pastor Ron shares his experience about his summer trip to Israel.

RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT is our midweek gathering for fellowship and growth in Christ. For dinner, the cost is \$5 per person (9 and older), \$3 for children (8 and under), with a maximum cost to a family of \$22. The entrée for November 7 is tacos. To make your dinner reservation, visit our website, email or call the church office, or fill out a reservation card for the offering plate. Reservations must be made by noon on Monday, November 5.

SIXTY PLUS OR MINUS LUNCHEON is next Wednesday, November 14 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Ash Cutchin, father of Betsy Weaver. He will read from his book *Dog Tails*, *Fish Tales*, *and Other Misadventures*, a collection of outdoor short stories. Reserve your spot by signing up on the bulletin board beside the Library or calling the church office. Reservations must be made by noon on Monday, November 12.

Concerns of the Church

IN APPRECIATION: Dear Friends, I am grateful to all who showed concern and kindness during my recent illness and hospitalization. I was in error when I had said I have no family close by; I have a church full of family! Thank you for the meals, phone calls, visits, and cards. May My love and appreciation, Lucy Woodhall Harris God bless you abundantly!

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 352; 11:00 service: 323; Total: 675. Sunday School: 384.

<u>USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11</u>: Head Deacon: Todd Matthews

Assistant Deacon: Larry Langhans Morning Only: Alan Pettigrew 8:30 am: Terry Beckloff, Beth Doan, Jarrett Dodd, Stewart Dodd 11:00 am: Isaiah Bradner, Matt Bradner, Steve Cooper, Simeon Purvis

Calendar

Sunday, November 4 (All Saints' Sunday) Daylight Savings Time Ends

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)

8:30 am Worship with the Lord's Supper

9:45 am Sunday School

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)

5:00 pm No Walls Thanksgiving Service and Dinner (All Nations Community Church)

Monday, November 5

9:00 am Preschool

10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room) 4:00 pm Preschool Fundraiser (Old Forest Panera)

Tuesday, November 6 Election Day

6:30 am Dawn Patrol

9:00 am Preschool

10:00 am Circle 4 (Country Gardens) 4:00 pm Shepherding and Care Meeting (204)

(All Nations Community Church)

Wednesday, November 7

9:00 am Preschool

3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206)

5:00 pm RDC (Conference Room) 6:45 pm No Walls Prayer Meeting

4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes (John Knox)

4:30 pm Praise Ringers (206)

Wednesday, November 7 (continued)

5:00 pm Building and Grounds Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

5:15 pm Carillon (206)

5:15 pm Cherub Choir (308)

5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room)

5:15 pm New Song (301)

5:45 pm RFN Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 pm RFN Classes, Prayer Service

6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 8

7:00 am Community Prayer Breakfast (Phase 2)

9:30 am CBS (Sanctuary)

9:30 am OASIS (Quinlan Room)

6:00 pm Leadership Training (John Knox)

Saturday, November 10

9:00 am Youth Strings Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Hunton-Randolph Community Center)

Sunday, November 11 Membership Sunday

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)

8:30 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)

11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Worship Service

11:00 am Worship Service

5:30 pm 7th-8th Grade Girls' SNE (Petersen Home) 6:00 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Whelan Home)

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Saturday 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

David Weber | SENIOR PASTOR

Ron Cox | EXECUTIVE PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF Brett Eubank | PASTOR OF OUTREACH AND ASSIMILATION Mike Palombo | PASTOR OF RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP Shane Whelan | PASTOR OF STUDENT FAMILIES

MINISTRY STAFF

Peggy Bettcher | DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY Ann Knight | DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Josh Dempsey | DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES Matt Bradner | REGIONAL DIRECTOR, CAMPUS OUTREACH Julia Sansone | DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS AND ACCOMPANIST

Alisha Meador | CARE COORDINATOR



REPC SEEKS THE RENEWING OF LIVES THROUGH GOD'S COMPELLING LOVE

OUR MISSION -

IN LYNCHBURG AND THE WORLD.

All Saints' Sunday November 4, 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:

Rivermont Chimes

"I Love You, Lord"

Klein, arr. P. Bettcher

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what You hear.

May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty God, Who has knit together Your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Your Son, Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so as to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which You have prepared for those who sincerely love You; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. David Weber

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Ephesians 1:3-6 (responsively)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,

that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

In love, He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will,

to the praise of His glorious grace,

with which He has blessed us in the Beloved.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #342

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

REGENT SQUARE

THE SILENT 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, and failing to love our neighbor. Have mercy upon us; we are ashamed and sorry for the ways in which we have displeased You. Forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, Who loved us and gave Himself for us. Purify our hearts, and instill in us a holy hatred of our sins and the desire to turn away from them; that we may live in Your light and walk in Your ways, keeping Your commandments, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 32:1-2

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Crown Him With Many Crowns" (vs. 1)

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;

Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,

And hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.

*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: Galatians 4:4-7 (page 974)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Sons and Daughters!" Pastor Ron Cox

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"

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! Amen, Amen!

THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

New Song

GREATOREX

"Jesus, Only Jesus"

arr. Mary McDonald

Who has the pow'r to raise the dead? Who can save us from our sin?

He is our hope, our righteousness: Jesus, only Jesus.

And who can make the blind to see? Who holds the keys that set us free?

He paid it all to bring us peace: Jesus, only Jesus.

Holy King, Almighty Lord, saints and angels all adore.

I join with them, and bow before Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can command the highest praise? Who has the name above all names?

You stand alone. I stand amazed: Jesus, only Jesus!

You will command the highest praise. Yours is the name above all names.

You stand alone. I stand amazed: Jesus, only Jesus!

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem; and crown Him Lord of all!

Maryah Haley – Accompanist

*THE COMMUNION HYMN: (See Insert)

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Suzanne Toolan

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: #358

"For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE
(v. 3: Men and Boys; v. 4: Women and Girls)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all): "A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*POSTLUDE: "Jubilation on 'Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven'" Alice

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so. Lyrics and music reproduced under CCLI#64526.

SERMON NOTES

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- 2. The Purpose
- 3. The Privilege

ALL SAINTS' DAY

In the church liturgical year, November 1 is designated as All Saints' Day, on which Christians traditionally remember with thanksgiving the life and witness of the faithful Christian men and women who have gone before us, following Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. In the Communion Prayer this morning, we are remembering those saints of this congregation who have died since November 1, 2017. This is not a prayer of intercession for them, but a prayer of thanksgiving for their life and faithful witness, in the assurance that Christians who have preceded us in death are "away from the body and at home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). The Westminster Shorter Catechism (#37) summarizes the teaching of Scripture by stating:

"When believers die, their souls are made perfectly holy and immediately pass into glory. Their bodies, which are still united to Christ, rest in the grave until the resurrection."

(Hebrews 12:23; Luke 23:43; Philippians 1:21,23; 2 Corinthians 5:1-8; Romans 8:21; 1 Thessalonians 4:14)

David "Dee" Roberts November 24 Mike Reynolds May 26 Victor Aderton December 23 Mary Sue Hunter June 17 Barbara Shaughnessy December 27 Thomas "Don" Warters June 28 Robert "Bob" Davenport January 19 John George August 22 Helen Moser February 11 Peggy Weymouth September 20 William "Bill" Pugh February 15 Donald Lee, Sr. October 17 Nancy Freeman March 10

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: PERSECUTED CHURCH

Today marks the International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church as our brothers and sisters in Christ all over the world face staggering economic and physical persecution and, in many cases, death for their unwavering faith in Christ. Pray for our missionaries John and Carlene, Robby and Joyce, Tom and Jane, and Murli and Usha who minister in areas amid persecution. Pray for their protection and a winsome witness of the love of Christ to their neighbors, that God might use this witness to bring glory to His name and bringing many to faith in Him.

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