

# Announcements

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Next Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 9:45 am (during Sunday School hour)  
9th graders - all adults encouraged to attend**

For the purpose of:

1. Electing a new class of Ruling Elders and Deacons
2. Electing a new class for the Officer Nominating Committee
3. Receiving as information financial updates
4. Demonstrating Alert Security System

**THE CROSS ARRANGEMENT IN THE SANCTUARY** today features the color purple, which is the liturgical color. It reminds us that we are called during Advent to prepare our hearts for the coming Incarnation. May this gift of nature's beauty remind us of God's glorious gifts that He so richly bestows on humankind.

**NAMES OF JESUS ADVENT CHAIN** packets are still available in Ann Knight's office.

**YOUTH NEWS:**

**636:** All high school girls are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday! The girls will join Ciera at the Old Forest Road Panera at 6:36 am.

**Middle School Christmas Party:** Next Saturday, December 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, all 5th to 8th grade students and their parents are invited to the Higeys home for our Christmas celebration! Please bring your favorite Christmas goodie or hot drink to share.

**High School Christmas Party:** Saturday, December 22, from 4:30 to 7:00 pm, all 9th to 12th grade students and their parents are invited to the Whelans' for our Christmas celebration!

**CIRCLE 1** will meet Tuesday, December 11 in the Library from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Our study will be "A Prayer of Jesus" taken from Matthew 26:36-46. Ladies, anyone is welcome to join us, even if you are unable to attend regularly!

**FLORAL FUND & CHRISTMAS MISSIONS PROJECT**

Christmas floral decorations in our Sanctuary are made possible through the contributions of members, in memory or in honor of loved ones. Contributions may also be made to the **Christmas Missions Project**, which will go to support REPC's City Life Fund. The City Life Fund helps our Rivermont/Lynchburg neighbors through an extraordinary financial crisis. If you would like to contribute to either fund, please clip and complete the form below and send it with your check to the church office, or drop it in the offering plate by Sunday, December 16. All contributions in memory or in honor of loved ones will be in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

**Floral Fund/Missions Project Contribution**

**Donor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor Of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory Of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Floral Fund \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Missions Project \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to REPC with notation:  
**"Floral Fund" or "Christmas Missions Project"**  
**Due 12/16/18**

# Announcements (Cont.)

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT:** Ladies, please join us for our annual Advent Teaching and Fellowship on Thursday, December 13. Bring a friend and meet us in the Cheatham Center at 7:00 pm. Please be sure also to bring a dessert to share. Come prepared in heart and mind for the season with a teaching from our guest speaker, Barb Bell!

**CHOIR CANTATA:** On Sunday, December 16 at 7:00 pm, our Sanctuary Choir and orchestra will present Vivaldi's "Gloria" and other Christmas anthems in the Sanctuary. Friends and neighbors are encouraged to attend. Nursery will be provided.

**RINGING THE SALVATION ARMY BELL:** Please sign up in the Cheatham Center to ring the Salvation Army Bell at the Kroger on Timberlake Road. Our ringing days are December 18 to 22, and December 24. Please call Brian or Lyn Nash with any questions at (434) 384-2071. Thank you in advance for answering this call to serve!

# Calendar

**Sunday, December 2** *First Sunday in Advent*  
 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)  
 6:00 pm Hanging of the Greens Service

**Monday, December 3**  
 DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS  
 9:00 am Preschool  
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)

**Tuesday, December 4**  
 DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS  
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol  
 6:36 am Girls' 636 (Panera)  
 9:00 am Preschool  
 10:30 am Circle 4 (Family Room)  
 4:00 pm Shepherding and Care Meeting (204)  
 5:00 pm RDC (Conference Room)  
 6:45 pm No Walls Prayer Meeting (All Nations Community Church)

**Wednesday, December 5**  
 DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS

**Wednesday, December 5 (continued)**  
 9:00 am Preschool  
 12:00 pm Elder Pool Lunch (Country Gardens)  
 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206)  
 4:30 pm Praise Ringers (206)  
 5:00 pm Building and Grounds Meeting  
 5:15 pm Carillon (206)  
 5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room)  
 5:15 pm New Song Choir (301)  
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, December 6**  
 9:30 am CBS (Sanctuary)  
 9:30 am OASIS (Quinlan Room)  
 5:00 pm MJC (Library)

**Saturday, December 8**  
 12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Hunton-Randolph Community Center)

**Sunday, December 9** *Second Sunday in Advent*  
 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
 8:30 am Worship Service  
 9:45 am Congregational Meeting  
 9th Grade and Above  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 8th Grade and Below  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Worship Service

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OUR MISSION

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

*First Sunday in Advent | December 2, 2018 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM*

# Order Of Worship

**PRELUDE:**

**"Away in a Manger"**

**Rivermont Chimes**

arr. John A. Behnke

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

**THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life. Grant us this, we pray, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, Who came to visit us in great humility, that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal. This we pray through Jesus Christ our coming Lord. Amen.

**THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Pastor Brett Eubank**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 43:3-5 (responsively)**

*Send out Your light and Your truth;  
 let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!  
 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,  
 and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.  
 Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
 and why are you in turmoil within me?  
 Hope in God;  
 for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.*

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #194 (vs. 1-4)**

**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

VENI EMMANUEL

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**8:30 am: Chuck and Anne Spruill together with their son Will**  
**11:00 am: Keith and Jennifer Mann together with their children Garrett, IvyElizabeth, and Grady**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1:3-5)

**\*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:1-2**

**\*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

*"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" (vs. 1,3)* ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

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

*"Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come."*  
(Revelation 1:4)

**THE SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**THE INTERLUDE:**

Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to the orange room, #115.

**THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:1-5** (page 1)

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**THE SERMON:** "The Revelation of Light" 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:** *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* (refrain) GLORIA  
Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o, Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o!  
(meaning, "Glory to God in the highest!" - Luke 2:14)

**THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:**

The Sanctuary Choir

*"When Will He Come?"* Don Besig

Amid the cold of wintertime the world awaits a King;  
And true believers long to know the peace that He will bring.  
With restless hearts we watch each day and faithfully prepare the way.  
When will our Savior come, when will He come?  
When will our Messiah come?  
As prophets have foretold, our God will send a Son.  
Soon we will behold the Chosen, Promised One.  
We will see a sign; the earth and heav'n will ring.  
The world will know His name and proclaim Him Lord and King!  
Amid these dark and troubled times we live with doubts and fear,  
But God will send Emmanuel to dwell among us here.  
And He will come to make things right, to fill our lives with hope and light.  
When will our Savior come, when will He come?  
When will our Messiah come?

Abigail Hartless – flute

**\*THE COMMUNION HYMN: #208** *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* ADESTE FIDELES

**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: #194 (vs. 5)**  
*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* VENI EMMANUEL

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE:** *"Lift Up Your Heads"* arr. Edward G. Mead

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

**1. A Revelation of God's Glory (vv. 1-3)**

**2. A Revelation of God's Joy (v. 4)**

**3. A Revelation of God's Redemption (v. 5)**

**THIS EVENING AT 6:00 PM - A SERVICE FOR:**  
***The Hanging of the Greens***  
**Special Music featuring:**  
Rivermont Youth Strings, Cherub Choir, and the Sanctuary Choir  
**Hanging of the Greens:**  
The Choir Decorations, The Poinsettias, The Sanctuary Greens,  
The Lighting of the Candles, Scripture Readings, Sermon by Pastor Ron Cox

## Concerns of the Church

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO** Linda Mintle and family in the death of her father, Bill Marquardt, who died on Wednesday, November 21. He was from St. Joseph, Michigan.

**ATTENDANCE:** Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 310; 11:00 service: 320; Total: 630.  
Sunday School: 335.

**THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE:** The offering for Freedom 4/24 from our Thanksgiving Day service was \$681. Attendance was 65.

**USHERS SERVING TONIGHT AT THE HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE:**  
6:00 pm: Kelly Crawford, Larry Langhans, Todd Matthews, Wayne Melancon

**USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9:** Head Deacon: Baxter Gordon  
Assistant Deacon: Ken Dunn Morning Only: Calvin Dameron  
8:30 am: Ben Reeves, Chuck Spruill, Will Spruill, Mike Straw  
11:00 am: Statham Gilliam, David Head, Brad Weaver, Ryan Webb

**PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:** Debby Hallgren  
Please pray for Rivermont member, Debby Hallgren, as she prepares to serve on a team with our ministry partner, Freedom 4/24, in Thailand from December 6 to 16. While there, she and her team will prepare for and host two Christmas parties for women in human trafficking.