

Announcements

TWENTY-SOMETHINGS is our young professionals ministry serving young adults ages 21 to 30, single or married with no children. Today at 12:30 we will have a covered dish luncheon in Country Gardens. Fried chicken will be provided so please bring a side dish to share. We will talk about ways our church can serve you and you can serve the church and community.

YOUTH NEWS:

SNL: Tonight all 9th to 12th grade students are invited to a night of dinner and fellowship. We will meet at the Whelans' from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

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

Winter Retreat: Join us and other Central Virginia church youth groups for our weekend retreat themed "Now I See!" The retreat is for all 6th to 12th grade students and will run from Friday, February 8 to Sunday, February 10. Cost is \$100 per student.

CIRCLE 4 will meet Tuesday, February 5 at 10:30 am in the Library. We will be studying chapter two of the book of Habakkuk.

RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT, which is our midweek gathering for fellowship and growth in Christ, continues this Wednesday. For dinner, the cost is \$5 per adult (9 and older), \$3 per child (8 and under), with a maximum cost to a family of \$22. College students may eat for free if they show their college ID. **All those wishing to attend dinner this week must make a reservation by noon tomorrow, January 28.** To make your reservation, visit our website, email or call the church office, or fill out a reservation card for the offering plate. The entrée this week will be Sloppy Joes.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT: Join us this weekend for our Winter Conference! Beginning at 5:00 pm on Friday and at 9:00 am on Saturday, April Weber and Jan Suddith will teach on our topic "Fruitful." Registration is \$20, which includes dinner on Friday and brunch on Saturday (scholarships are available). Please register by calling the church office or online at rivermont.org/womens-retreat. Email Eleanor Webb with questions at etwebb@gmail.com. **Registration deadline is tomorrow, January 28.**

RIVERMONT PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for new students ages 1 to Pre-K for the 2019 to 2020 school year **begins on February 15.** Please see Ann Knight with questions about our Preschool.

ATTENDANCE JANUARY 6: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 277; 11:00 service: 348; Total: 625. Sunday School: 382.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3: Head Deacon: Kelly Crawford
Assistant Deacon: Susan Pettyjohn **Morning Only:** Eleanor Webb
8:30: Jay Hutt, Keith Mascher, Ron Meng, Hermann Ulrich
11:00: Jim Petrey, Simeon Purvis, Sam Rose, Andrew Shields

Concerns of the Church

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO Marilyn Kirshberger and family in the death of her husband, Ferd Kirshberger, who died Thursday, January 17. A memorial service will be held for him today at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary followed by a visitation in the Cheatham Center.

Calendar

Sunday, January 27

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (203)
9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm 20-Somethings Lucheon
3:00 pm Ferd Kirshberger's Memorial Service
6:00 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Whelan Home)

Monday, January 28

9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)
10:30 am Caregivers' Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, January 29

6:30 am Dawn Patrol
6:36 am Girls' 636 (Panera)
9:00 am Preschool

Wednesday, January 30

9:00 am Preschool
3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206)
4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes (John Knox)
4:30 pm Praise Ringers (206)
5:15 pm Carillon (206)

Wednesday, January 30 (continued)

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, January 31

9:30 am CBS (Fellowship Hall)
9:30 am OASIS (Quinlan Room)

Friday, February 1

5:00 pm Women's Winter Weekend Conference (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, February 2

9:00 am Women's Winter Weekend Conference (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, February 3

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 Getting to Know Rivermont (203)
9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
11:00 am Worship with the Lord's Supper
6:00 pm 6th-8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)



OUR MISSION

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

January 27, 2019

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:

"Partita on 'Christ Is My Life' "

Johann Pachelbel

("For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Philippians 1:21)

Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with Thy grace
That Satan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
Abide, O dear Redeemer, among us with Thy Word
And thus now and hereafter true peace and joy afford.
Abide with heav'nly brightness among us, precious Light;
The truth direct and keep us from error's gloomy night.
Abide, O faithful Savior, among us with Thy love;
Grant steadfastness and help us to reach our home above.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Most holy God, Who has created us and Who sustains us through Your mighty hand of providence; we pray that this morning You would send forth Your light and Your truth, that they would lead us and guide us, so that You would be honored in the praises of us, Your people; in Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 16:2,5-6 (responsively)**

*I say to the Lord,
"You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."
The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
You hold my lot.
The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.*

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #297**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

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***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** John 3:16, 1 John 4:9-10

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (vs 1, 3) TOWNEND

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.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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

*"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, to the glory of God."
Romans 15:7*

THE ANTHEM FOR PREPARATION FOR THE WORD:

New Song

"By Faith" Getty and Townend, arr. Nichols

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.
We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.
By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth.
We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail.
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.
We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith, not by sight.

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: 1 Peter 1:4-5 (page 1014)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "A Secure Inheritance" 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:** "Praise and Glory to the Father" REGENT SQUARE

Praise and glory to the Father, praise and glory to the Son,
Praise and glory to the Spirit: ever Three and ever One;
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run!

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: Sanctuary Choir

"Adoration" Bach/Gounod, arr. Fettke

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature! Son of God and Son of man!
Light of my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
Fair the morning sunshine, fair the ev'ning moonlight,
Bright and beautiful are all the sparkling stars in space.
Jesus is brighter, Jesus is purer.
Jesus shines in radiant beauty, shines in boundless love and grace.
Lord of all creation, we offer praise and adoration now and forever. Amen.

***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):**

Almighty Father of everlasting love, we give You thanks for the gift of life, for the blessings of Your providence, and for the promise of Your presence with us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Spirit. We praise You for all the spiritual blessings which You have lavished upon us through Your Son, our Savior - for the gift of new birth, new life, the forgiveness of sins, our adoption as Your children, and the hope of glory! All praise, honor, and glory be to You, the Sovereign God of life and life everlasting. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #345** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" AUSTRIAN HYMN

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** "Grand Choeur - Sortie pour Noel" Cesar Franck

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

1. God is guarding our inheritance for us. (v. 4)

2. God is guarding us for our inheritance. (v. 5)

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Hattie Eshleman

Hattie left the States this month to begin her eleven-month ministry with The World Race. After a grueling trip of over 80 hours by various modes of transportation, she and her team arrived at their first location in the Ivory Coast of Western Africa. The very first evening God opened the door for Hattie to share His Word with the believers who gathered, and the message He gave through her was exactly what they needed to hear: that God loves all people of all nations. They had believed that God just loves the white man. Let's pray for the team's continued adjustments and for fruitful service.