

# 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.

**YOUTH NEWS:**

**SNL:** Today all 6th to 8th grade students are invited to dinner, games, and fellowship! We will meet in the Youth Center from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Pizza will be provided.

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

**Winter Retreat:** Join us and other Central Virginia church youth groups next weekend for our winter 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 this Tuesday 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, February 4.** 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 Chicken Alfredo.

**CIRCLE 1** will meet next Tuesday, January 12 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!

**FEBRUARY SAVE THE DATES:**

**Friday, February 22 at 7:00 pm:** All dads and daughters, join us for our Father-Daughter Dance!

**Thursday, February 28 at 6:00 pm:** All gentlemen are invited to join us for our Men's Brunswick Stew.

**SAVE THE DATES FOR TWO MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS IN MARCH:**

**Sunday, March 10 at 4:00 pm:** Blue Ridge Baroque, a chamber string ensemble, will present a concert in our Sanctuary. Our lovely harpsichord will accompany the ensemble.

**Sunday, March 31 at 6:30 pm:** The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will present selections from Parts II and III of Handel's *Messiah*.

See the bulletin board in the hallway near the Locke Commons for more information.

# Concerns of the Church

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Philip and Sarah Weston of Hertford, England in the birth of the daughter, Anne Radcliff, on Friday, January 25. The proud grandparents are Allen and Prue Miller.

**IN APPRECIATION:** *Dear Rivermont family, thank you for the gracious outpouring of support for our mission trip to Guatemala at the end of December. Your donations for the food bags allowed us to provide for 120 families in the mountain village of La Piragua. We were also able to distribute Bibles, clothing, and medicine and share the hope of the gospel. Your monetary and prayer support enabled us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to a weary people. Thanks again!*  
Sincerely, Jarrett, Claire, Harrison, and Stewart Dodd

# Calendar

**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  
4:00 pm 6th-8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

**Monday, February 4**

9:00 am Preschool  
10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)  
4:45 pm VBS Council Meeting (302)

**Tuesday, February 5**

6:30 am Dawn Patrol  
6:36 am Girls' and Boys' 636 (Panera)  
9:00 am Preschool  
10:30 am Circle 4 (Library)  
4:00 pm Shepherding and Care Meeting (204)  
5:00 pm RDC (Conference Room)  
7:00 pm No Walls Prayer Meeting (All Nations Community Church)

**Wednesday, February 6**

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

**Wednesday, February 6 (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, February 7**

9:30 am CBS (Fellowship Hall)  
9:30 am OASIS (Quinlan Room)  
5:00 pm MJC (Library)

**Friday, February 8**

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT (Eagle Eyrie)

**Saturday, February 9**

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT (Eagle Eyrie)  
10:00 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Hunton-Randolph Community Center)

**Sunday, February 10**

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT (Eagle Eyrie)  
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  
11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Worship Service

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**MINISTRY STAFF**

David Weber | SENIOR PASTOR  
Ron Cox | EXECUTIVE PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF  
Brett Eubank | PASTOR OF OUTREACH AND ASSIMILATION  
Mike Palombo | PASTOR OF RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP  
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Heidi Terry | SANCTUARY CHOIR ACCOMPANIST  
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Alisha Meador | CARE COORDINATOR

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OUR MISSION

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

February 3, 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:**

**"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"**

**Praise Ringers**

arr. Matthew Compton

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.  
Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry til you're better, you will never come at all.  
I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.  
Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

**THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:**

Almighty and everlasting God, Who governs all things in heaven and on earth: mercifully hear our prayers and receive our praises, and grant us Your peace by the power of Your Word and Spirit; to the glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Pastor Ron Cox**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 56:3-4,8-11 (responsively)**

*When I am afraid, I put my trust in You.*

**In God, Whose Word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?**

*You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in Your bottle. Are they not in Your book? This I know, that God is for me.*

**In God, Whose Word I praise, in the Lord, Whose Word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?**

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #523**

**"My Hope Is in the Lord"**

WAKEFIELD

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

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** Ephesians 1:7-8; Psalm 103:12

**\*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

*"There Is a Redeemer" (vs. 2)*

Melody Green

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.  
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

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

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

**THE SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES:**

**Chapel Choir**

*"He Came Down"*

Joseph M. Martin

Lori Flowers - Director; Rebecca Edmiston - Accompanist

**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 1:6-9 (page 1014)

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**THE SERMON:** "If Necessary"

Dr. David Weber

**THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

**THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, #27 (responsively):**

*What do you understand by the providence of God?*

The almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds, as with His hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty – all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by His fatherly hand.

**\*THE GLORIA:** *"Alleluia! Alleluia!" (vs.3)*

EBENEZER

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.  
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

**THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:**

**Sanctuary Choir**

*"Cry No More"*

Dan Forrest

In the shadow where we linger, in this darkness we call home,  
Where the sighs are deep and doubtful and our aspirations groan,  
All is not in vain, beloved, our travail is not unknown.  
Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last;  
Love Incarnate, hold Your children till the storm of life is past.  
Though we have not faith to seek Him, Christ Himself will draw us near,  
Deep, abiding rays of mercy cast their light on lonely fear.  
Cry no more, ye poor and weary, our redeeming Lord is here.  
Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last;  
Love Incarnate, hold Your children till the storm of life is past.  
Sure Defender, never failing, radiant Savior, holy Friend,  
Gift of glory, Hope of heaven, call us now to faith again!  
Alleluia! Blest compassion, grace is shining without end!  
Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last.  
Love Incarnate, hold Your children till the storm of life is past. Cry no more.

**\*THE COMMUNION HYMN: (See Insert)**

*"The Communion Hymn" (vs. 1-3)*

COMMUNION

**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. After reviewing the communion packet with your child, contact the church office to set up a meeting with the pastors. 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: (See Insert)**

*"The Communion Hymn" (vs. 4)*

COMMUNION

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

**\*POSTLUDE:**

*"Toccata for Organ"*

John Weaver

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

**1. A Refined Faith (v. 7)**

**2. A Refined Joy (v. 8)**

**3. A Refined Soul (v. 9)**

**ATTENDANCE:** Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 308; 11:00 service: 425; Total: 733.  
Sunday School: 363.

**USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10: Head Deacon:** Ken Dunn

**Assistant Deacon:** Mick Ritchie **Morning Only:** Sheree Britton

**8:30:** Beth Dunn, Warner Hall, Lola Provenzola, Thom Provenzola

**11:00:** John Blanks, Brad Weaver, Earl Weaver, Ryan Webb

**PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Tom and Jane, last name withheld for security**

Tom and Jane labor in a sensitive area in North Africa where they and their teammates are engaged in micro business enterprise startups, which are critical to help bolster their host country's economy and as a means of reaching Muslims for Christ. Their team welcomed a new family with three children (and a dog!) this month and the Lord provided for their housing furniture, etc. Let's pray for their adjustment and language learning. Jane recently met with three musicians to plan a Christian Music Concert for the spring. Pray also for our own Ashlyn who is raising prayer and financial support to join Tom and Jane's team this year.

**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.