

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.

MISSIONS LUNCH WITH TESSA SYDNOR: Join us at 12:30 pm today for a missions lunch at Milano's Restaurant with Tessa Sydnor.

YOUTH NEWS:
SNL: Tonight from 6:00 to 7:30, all 6th to 8th grade students are invited to join Shane in the Youth Center for games and fellowship.

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.

SIXTY PLUS OR MINUS: A group of men in a crosstown Bible study realized they must be doers of God's Word and not hearers only (James 1:19-27). Join us this Wednesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall to hear Andy Flowers tell what this group of men decided to do next! Make your reservation by noon tomorrow, March 18 on the sign-up sheet by the Library or by calling the church office.

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, March 18.** 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 Baked Ziti.

REPC 2020 ISRAEL TRIP: Join us next Sunday, March 24 at 4:00 pm in the John Knox Room for an informational meeting about Rivermont's planned trip to the Holy Land in March of 2020, which will be led by Pastor Ron Cox and REPC elder Bruce Bell.

CLUB 56 FNL: Next Friday, March 29, all 5th and 6th grade students are invited to join Josh in the Youth Center for games and fellowship from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 213; 11:00 service: 277; Total: 490. Sunday School: 322.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 24: **Head Deacon:** Mick Ritchie
Assistant Deacon: Dave Faidley **Morning Only:** Mike Emanuel
8:30: Beth Doan, Jarrett Dodd, Stewart Dodd, Wistar Nelligan
11:00: Ray Ganthner, Brad Weaver, Earl Weaver, Ryan Webb

Concerns of the Church

RECUPERATING: Erle Thompson

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Murli and Usha Menon
 Murli is the founder and director of Impact of Hope International (IOHI) in his native India. He is also the founder and director of the South Asian Institute of Leadership and Culture Studies, a three-year Bible college that prepares and sends students into ministry positions in India. IOHI also facilitates church planting, conducts creative outreach to various professional groups, manages humanitarian relief efforts, provides training for lay leaders, and cares for under-privileged children in group homes. Pray that the Lord will sustain and bless their ministries to church planters, national leaders, and children in group homes. Let's also pray for Murli and Usha's daughter Natasha who was married in January.

Calendar

Sunday, March 17
 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 Worship Service
 3:30 pm CWMC (Library)
 4:45 pm RIMC (Library)
 6:00 pm 6th-8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)
 6:00 pm Mission First Service

Monday, March 18
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)
 5:00 pm Nominating Committee (Library)

Tuesday, March 19
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol
 6:36 am Girls' and Boys' 636 (Bojangles)
 9:00 am Preschool
 4:45 pm VBS Council Meeting (302)
 6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)
 7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
 7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

Wednesday, March 20
 9:00 am Preschool
 12:00 pm 60 +/- Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 20 (continued)
 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206)
 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes (John Knox)
 4:30 pm Praise Ringers (206)
 5:15 pm Carillon (206)
 5:15 pm Cherub Choir (308)
 5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room)
 5:45 pm RFN Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 pm RFN Classes, Prayer Service
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 21
 9:30 am CBS (Fellowship Hall)
 9:30 am OASIS (Quinlan Room)

Saturday, March 23
 5:30 pm Confirmation Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 24
 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 Worship Service
 4:00 pm Israel Trip Info Meeting (John Knox)
 5:30 pm 7th-8th Grade Girls' SNE (Mann Home)
 6:00 pm High School SNL (Whelan Home)
 7:00 pm 20-Somethings (Country Gardens)

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OUR MISSION

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

March 17, 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: **Carillon Handbells**
 arr. Brenda E. Austin

"What a Wondrous Love Is This"
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

"Contemplation on 'Beautiful Savior'" arr. Matthew Compton
 Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
 Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:
 Almighty and everlasting God, in Whom alone is our peace and security: grant us this day to draw near to You in faith, with sorrowful repentance for all our sins, with humble trust in Jesus Christ the only Savior, with renewed resolve to honor and obey You, placing all our confidence and hope in You alone; all by the grace of the Holy Spirit, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Pastor Brett Eubank**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 34:1-5,8 (responsively)**
I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!
I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #53**
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** 1 John 1:9

***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 SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES:

Chapel Choir

"You Renew My Soul"

Ruth Elaine Schram

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 2:1-3 (page 1014)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "To Become an Infant" 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:

The Sanctuary Choir

"A Debtor to Mercy Alone" John Hudson

A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on, my person and off'ring to bring.
The terrors of law and of God with me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view.
The work which His goodness began, the arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is Yea and Amen, and never forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now, nor all things below or above,
Can make Him His purpose forgo, or sever my soul from His love.
My name from the palms of His hands eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains, in marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure, as sure as the earnest is giv'n.
A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing.

***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 God, our heavenly Father, You did not spare Your own Son, but gave Him up for us all; and with Him, You have freely given us all things. Receive these offerings, we pray; and enable us, with all our gifts, so to yield ourselves to You that with body, soul, and spirit we may truly and freely serve You, and in Your service find our perfect freedom and our deepest joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #646**

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" QUEBEC

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:** *"Fanfare"*

Jacques-Nicholas Lemmens

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

1. An Infant in Our Innocence (v. 1)

2. An Infant in Our Dependence (v. 2)

3. An Infant in Our Desires (v. 3)

SUNDAY EVENING AT RIVERMONT

MISSION FIRST SERVICE

TONIGHT at 6:00 in the Chapel

Tessa Sydnor will present on her mission work in Germany.
Dr. Jarrett Dodd will present on his family's recent mission trip to Guatemala.
(No Nursery Provided)

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.