

Announcements

THE LENTEN ARRANGEMENTS: This year's Lenten floral theme is based on Isaiah 11 where Jesus is pictured as a fruitful shoot from the stump of Jesse. Last week's unremarkable stump under the cross recalls this passage. As Easter draws near, watch the stump as it transforms. Note today that vines and greenery have begun to grow from it. A green scene small in scale will also appear in the Cheatham Center and on the mantel in the Locke Commons.

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.

TWENTY-SOMETHINGS: Come out to lunch today at 12:30 pm in the Youth House (white stucco house connected to the church). We will provide fried chicken and sides so please bring \$3 to help cover food costs. Twenty-Somethings includes men and women who are around the age of 20 to 30, single or married with no children.

REPC 2020 ISRAEL TRIP: Join us today 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. Pick up a flyer in the Cheatham Center or pastors' hallway and visit our website at rivermont.org/events for more information.

YOUTH NEWS:
SNE: Tonight from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, all 7th and 8th grade girls are invited to the Manns' for dinner and fellowship!

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 boys are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday! Students will join Shane at the Old Forest Road Biscuitville at 6:36 am.

RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT concludes 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 25.** 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 Pork Barbecue.

CLUB 56 FNL: This Friday 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.

CIRCLE 4 will meet in Country Gardens next Tuesday, April 2 at 10:30 am. We will welcome Sandy back! We look forward to seeing you all.

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 270; 11:00 service: 305; Total: 575. Sunday School: 308.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 31: **Head Deacon:** Susan Pettyjohn
Assistant Deacon: Patrick Yeatts **Morning Only:** Andy Morse
8:30: Mark Faulconer, Dalton Foster, Rodney Foster, Warner Hall
11:00: John Blanks, Danny Boyers, Isaiah Bradner, Matt Bradner

Concerns of the Church

- CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:**
- Mike Lovell and family in the death of his mother, Donna Lovell, who died Friday, March 1. She was from Loveland, Colorado.
 - Erika Matney and family in the death of her father, Russell "Eric" Jewett, who died Saturday, March 16. He was from Johnson City, Tennessee.

General Fund as of February 28, 2019	
Budget to date:	\$1,227,211
Behind Budget:	(\$54,407)
Year-to-date contributions:	\$1,172,804
Year-to-date expenses:	\$1,173,359
Contributions under expenses:	(\$55)

Calendar

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
 12:30 pm 20-Somethings Lunch (Youth Center)
 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)

Monday, March 25
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)
 10:30 am Caregivers' Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, March 26
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol
 6:36 am Boys' 636 (Biscuitville)
 9:00 am Preschool
 6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 27
 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, March 27 (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
 6:30 pm Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 28
 9:30 am CBS (Fellowship Hall)
 9:30 am OASIS (Quinlan Room)

Friday, March 29
 6:00 pm Club 56 FNL (Youth Center)

Saturday, March 30
 9:00 am Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
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 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
 11:00 am Worship Service
 2:00 pm Flower Workshop (John Knox)
 5:30 pm 7th-8th Grade Boys' SNE (Whelan Home)
 6:30 pm Handel's *Messiah* Presentation (Sanctuary)

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

Third Sunday of Lent | March 24, 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: **Praise Ringers**
"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
 arr. Arnold B. Sherman
 Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
 Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
 Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
 Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:
 Our heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your grace and mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins, and the promise of life everlasting. For His sake, send forth Your Holy Spirit upon us, to warm our hearts and to enlighten our minds and to strengthen our souls, so that we may truly worship You and be renewed in faith for further service to Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Pastor Mike Palombo**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 106 and 115 (responsively)**
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let Your glory be over all the earth!
That Your beloved ones may be delivered,
give salvation by Your right hand and answer me!
Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,
but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and faithfulness.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #38**
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" JOANNA

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
(Before turning the page, please receive the Assurance of Pardon.)

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (vs. 1) SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand!

THE RECEPTION OF CONFIRMANDS AND NEW MEMBERS: Pastor Shane Whelan

(11:00) Confirmands:

Mara Canning	Elizabeth Lass	Henry Scruggs
Natalie Dobler	Maddi Olsen	Jason Simmons
Dalton Foster	Caroline Petersen	Will Spruill
Hadley Hall	Caroline Phelps	Winston Weaver
Holter Hall	Pait Pierce	Luke Whelan

(11:00) New Members:

John Carter	Dietrich Fassero	Daniel Joshua	Connie Pearson
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***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:

(11:00)

Cherub Choir

"Clap Your Hands, All You People!" Lee Dengler
Amy Hall - Director; Charis Jantomaso - 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 2:4-8 (pages 1014-1015)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Christ, the Living Stone" Pastor Ron Cox

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from Colossians 1:15-20 (in unison)**

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

***THE GLORIA:**

"Gloria Patri" GREATOR EX

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 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

"Jesus Is the Living Stone" Mary McDonald
(Adapted from 1 Peter 2:4-8)

He is Jesus, Rock of Ages; our Messiah, the Prince of Peace;
Lord, our refuge, strength and power, and His love will never cease.
He is Alpha and Omega; the Beginning and the End!
Our Redeemer, Master, Savior, Jesus, Comforter and Friend.
Jesus is the firm foundation, for our sins His blood atones.
He's the Rock, the mighty fortress, Jesus is the Living Stone.
The foundation never wavered, like an anchor through ev'ry storm;
He's the Rock of our salvation; Jesus calms the raging storm.
Yesterday, today, forever, His love reaches ev'ry man;
From His birth to heaven's glory, Jesus Christ, the Great "I Am!"

***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 and gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness to us and over all creation; but above all we give thanks for the gift of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, in Whom alone we have life and peace and everlasting joy. Trusting in Him, our Savior, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and entirely, with joy and gratitude; and we pray that You will bless and multiply these tokens of our lives, and use them for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the earth; for the glory of Your name. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #342**

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" REGENT SQUARE

***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. Coming to Him, the Cornerstone

2. Being Built Up Like Living Stones as a Spiritual House

3. Believing Christ or Stumbling by Rejecting Him

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Lynchburg Daily Bread

Seven days a week, 365 days a year, a hot nutritious meal is served to the homeless and hungry of Lynchburg at Daily Bread. More than 45,000 meals are served at Daily Bread each year (located on Clay Street in downtown Lynchburg). Volunteers from the community come in every day to prepare, cook, and serve the meals. For more information and/or to volunteer your time at Daily Bread, visit their website at lynchburgdailybread.com.

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.