Sermon Notes

Church Life 1 Peter 4:8-11

1. Every Christian is called to love the Church through:

a. forgiveness (v. 8)

b. fellowship (v. 9)

2. Every Christian is called to serve the Church through:

a. words (vv. 10-11a)

b. works (v 11b)

Prayer Opportunities

IN HOSPITAL: Vic Uotinen

RECUPERATING: None

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

- Bill Johnson and family in the death of his father, Robert "Bob" Johnson, who died Saturday, May 4. He was from Lynchburg, Virginia.
- the family of Nancy Moore, who died Thursday, July 18. An email with memorial service details will be sent to the congregation this week.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK: DANIEL KABOLI

We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with Daniel, who is an Iranian pastor currently exiled from his home country. Daniel has been living in Raleigh while working on a Master's Degree at Southeastern Seminary, which he expects to complete next year. Additionally, he is part of a ministry there called Mojdeh, which prepares online theological resources for the Farsi-speaking people around the globe. So far there are 1,412 students enrolled in these classes. When not working for Mojdeh, Daniel is writing, arranging, and recording songs in Farsi, which are downloaded by Iranian Christians all around the world. So far he has put together 100 songs, which are available on his Telegram channel. This summer he has also been leading worship in Persian Churches located in Washington D.C. and Atlanta. Continue to pray that the Lord would bless Daniel's studies, his music, and his translation work for the sake of the gospel in Iran and around the globe.

Welcome to Rivermont!

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to church, we are so grateful to the Lord that He has brought you to us this morning. We would love to connect with you more personally and we invite you to fill out a Digital Connect Card by scanning the QR code into your mobile device. You can also fill out a Connect Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You can also drop it off at the Welcome Table in the Narthex (lobby) and receive a special gift as our way of saying thanks for coming.



Next Steps:

We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to this church body.

- Attend a Sunday School class at 9:45 am between worship services.
- Join one of our Life Groups which meet throughout the week in member homes.
- Sign up for our next Getting To Know Rivermont class at www.rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, July 21

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room) 8:30 am Worship Service 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am College Hour 11:00 am Worship Service 3:30 pm CWMC (Conference Room) 4:45 pm RIMC (Conference Room) 6:00 pm Mission First Service (Chapel)

Monday, July 22

10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room) 10:30 am Caregivers' Meeting (204)

Tuesday, July 23

6:30 am Dawn Patrol 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study

Tuesday, July 23 (continued) 6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 24 6:30 pm Prayer Service (Chapel)

Thursday, July 25

6:30 pm Youth Ultimate Frisbee 7:00 pm Women's Oasis Summer Bible Study

Sunday, July 28

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)

8:30 am Worship Service 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am College Hour 11:00 am Worship Service



OUR PASSION: the renewing of lives through God's compelling love in Lynchburg and the world.

ORDER of WORSHIP

July 21, 2019

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Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Gracious Lord, we humbly ask Your blessings upon this worship service, that by Your power we may worship You in spirit and in truth, and truly honor You. May Your glory be magnified, may Your name be exalted, and may we find our greatest joy in You. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us afresh: to strengthen the fainthearted, encourage the weak, comfort the suffering, and call us all into renewed faith and committed discipleship; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Sonata III – Adagio e dolce"

J. S. Bach

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Mike Palombo

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 32:1,10-11 (responsively)

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

whose sin is covered.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #55

"To God Be the Glory"

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THE CALL TO CONFESSION: Psalm 32:2 (responsively)

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 John 1:8-9

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" (vs. 5)

HYFRYDOL

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find; He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." (Ephesians 2:13)

THE SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE INTERLUDE:

During the interlude, children ages 4 to first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to the Orange Room #115.

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THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 4:8-11 (page 1016)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Church Life" Dr. David Weber

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"

GREATOREX

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:

Doug and Kayla Haley

arr. Tom Fettke

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art— Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; I praise You, Father, I worship Your Son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one. Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun. Heart of my own heart, whatever befall. Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart. Maryah Haley, piano

*THE DOXOLOGY:

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):

Gracious Father, we praise You for every good and perfect gift which comes down from heaven. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins! We praise You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, by Whom we are born anew and adopted as Your children through Jesus our Lord. With joy we present ourselves as living sacrifices in Your service. Receive and bless this offering, for the sake of Your kingdom, and send us forth in the power of Your Spirit to live as witnesses of Jesus Christ, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #699

"Like a River Glorious"

WYE VALLEY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*THE BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Rigaudon"

Andre Campra, arr. V. Fox

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so. Lyrics and music reproduced under CCLI#64526.

Prayer Ushers

Prayer Ministry teams are available after each morning service for those who would like someone to pray with them about a personal need, large or small. 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.

You can also share your prayer needs on a Connect Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate or one of the designated prayer boxes located outside the Library and in the Locke Commons.

The Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin, who died Tuesday, July 16. A memorial service was held in his honor yesterday in the Rivermont EPC Sanctuary.