

Sermon Notes

"An Appetite for Evangelism"
John 4:1-42
How Do We Evangelize the Thirsty?

I. A Common Thirst: We Make a Human Connection (John 4:1-15)

II. A Corrupted Thirst: We Address Human Corruption (John 4:16-20)

III. A Satisfied Thirst: We Declare Jesus' Saving Work and Surpassing Worth (John 4:21-30, 39-42)

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Mary Baxter Gordon and Marie Moore

IN THE HOSPITAL: Bruce Knopp

CONGRATULATIONS to Rodney and Janice Suddith in the birth of their granddaughter, Margaret Louise Gorman, born on November 7. Proud parents are Sarah and Jim Gorman.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to the family of Liz Broyles who died November 6. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, November 23 at 11:00 am at Amherst Cemetery (513 Grandview Drive, Amherst, VA 24521) with Pastor Mike Palombo officiating.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES Dennis and Linda Ryan CRU/The Jesus Film Project

Not long ago, going from village to village to show the JESUS Film meant needing a pickup truck, plus a projector, a generator, a screen, and reels of film. Now everything fits into a backpack and local missionaries and laypeople go places a vehicle can't reach. It is a great honor and responsibility to provide these materials that God is using mightily. Pray for Dennis, that he would continue to lead and serve with excellence.

Pray for Linda who is attending a silent retreat this weekend with about 30 other women at a retreat center. Please pray that God would use this time in a significant way in her life.

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 Connect Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Please visit the Welcome Table in the Narthex (lobby) to receive a special gift as our way of saying thanks for coming.

Next Steps to Connect:

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 us for dinner and classes on Wednesday nights during the fall and spring.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- 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.

If you would like more information about these opportunities, stop by our Welcome Table!

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, November 17 Membership Sunday
8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am 20-Somethings Coffee Corner (Locke Commons)
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am College Hour
11:00 am Worship Service
2:00 pm Baby Shower for April Weber For All Women (Cheatham Center)
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
5:00 pm No Walls Thanksgiving Service and Dinner (All Nations Church)
6:45 pm 7th-8th grade SNL (Youth Center)

Monday, November 18
9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 202)
5:00 pm Preschool Council Meeting (Room 302)
6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)

Tuesday, November 19
6:30 am Dawn Patrol
6:36 am High School Boys 636 (Biscuitville, Old Forest Road)
9:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FH)
6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)
6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)
7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

November 17, 2019

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Our Father in heaven, Who sent Your only-begotten Son into the world, not to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved: we pray that You would be pleased to pour out Your Spirit upon us; that, with true repentance of our sins, we might take up our cross, deny ourselves, and faithfully follow Jesus Christ; in Whom alone we trust for our salvation, and in Whose holy name we pray. Amen.

Prelude:

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely giv'n,
Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Carillon Handbells

arr. Cathy Moglebust

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. David Weber

THE INVOCATION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively): Psalm 96

*Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!*

**Sing to the Lord, bless His name;
tell of His salvation from day to day.**

Declare His glory among the nations,

His marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

He is to be feared above all gods.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #26

"Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

WOODLANDS

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 Peter 2:24-25

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"To God Be the Glory" (v. 1)

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that we may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Oh come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

(11:00) THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Magic Brown
Bill and Carole Cox
Buddy Faulconer
Reid and Katherine Goss
Norman and Carol Hammer
Bruce Knopp
Lee and Joan Richwine
T.J. and Lee Smiley with their children James and Susanna
Deborah Maddox and Kenneth Weinfurter
Bill and Sharon Wheeler
Brandon and Julia White with their children Emerson and Audrey

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

CHAPEL CHOIR: "Ev'rybody Praise Him!"

Jeff Reeves

Lori Flowers – Director; Rebecca Edmiston – Accompanist

THE INTERLUDE:

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

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: John 4:1-42 (page 888)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "An Appetite for Evangelism" Pastor Mike Palombo

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 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: "Glorify Your Name"

Donna Adkins

FATHER, we love You, we praise You, we adore You: **Glorify Your name in all the earth! Glorify Your name, glorify Your name, glorify Your name in all the earth! (Repeat, using: JESUS and SPIRIT)**

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:

"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us, where to sin our hearts are lured.
Ever in His footsteps treading, living here, yet home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me. Savior, lead, I follow Thee.
Let us also die with Jesus, by His cross He conquer'd death,
Freed us from our souls' destruction, quickened us with life's new breath.
Let us mortify, while living, self and pride, and die to sin.
And the grave that shuts us in shall prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to Thee, there to dwell eternally.
Let us gladly live with Jesus, He is risen from the dead.
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry, Jesus, Thou art now our Head.
Living members of Thy Body, where Thou livest, we shall be.
Thou wilt keep us constantly. Even so, dear Lord, come quickly,
Jesus, here I live to Thee. There to dwell eternally.
Let us ever walk with Jesus.

*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDETH

**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):

We thank You, Gracious Father, that You loved the world so much that You gave Your only Son for us that we might believe in Him and have eternal life. Empower us by your Spirit to share these resources and this gospel with all people, in Lynchburg, the United States and the world. We offer to you the fruit of our labor, the gifts of our hands, and the love of our hearts for the sake of Your gospel and the salvation of the world; through Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #263

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Finale from Symphony No. 1"

Louis Vierne

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Laurianne Dent and Mark Hemric, who were married yesterday, November 16.