

Sermon Notes

"The Blessing of Missions"
Genesis 11:31-12:5

1. We are a sent people and not a settled one.

2. We are sent to bless and not to curse.

3. We are sent together and not alone.

Prayer Opportunities

IN THE HOSPITAL: Marie Moore

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Free Clinic of Central Virginia

Please be in prayer for the doctors, nurses, and staff of the Free Clinic of Central Virginia as they provide needed medical, dental, and pharmaceutical services to the uninsured in our community. Pray that as they provide services that bring healing to the body, the Lord will give healing to their soul by and through His Holy Spirit. Pray that Christ will be glorified as they serve the least of these in our community.

Inclement Weather Policy:

The final decision to cancel Sunday worship services will be announced by 6:30 am on Sunday. An announcement will be placed on the church website, WSET-TV, and the church's voicemail, and a church-wide email will be sent. If the 8:30 am service is cancelled, Sunday School is also cancelled. RFN will be held at the discretion of the pastoral staff. A decision will be made no later than noon on Wednesday. Music rehearsals will be held at the discretion of the Director of Music Ministry and notifications will be sent by email.

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.

Monthly Financial Report

GENERAL FUND as of October 31, 2019	
Budget to date:	\$ 599,575
Behind budget:	\$ 93,387
Year-to-date contributions:	\$ 506,188
Year-to-date expenses:	\$ 540,869
Contributions under Expenses:	\$ 34,681

The session appreciates your financial support and gospel partnership. With thanksgiving for the response of the pledge cards, please continue to place them in the offering plate as your family prayerfully considers your giving for 2020.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, November 24
 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 (Rivermont A)
 11:00 am Worship Service
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
 6:30 pm High School Girls' Book Club (Whelan Home)

Monday, November 25
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 202)
 10:30 am Caregivers' Group Meeting (Room 204)
 6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)

Tuesday, November 26
 9:00 am Preschool
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol
 6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)

Wednesday, November 27
 NO MUSIC REHEARSALS

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day
 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 10:00 am Thanksgiving Service

Friday, November 29
 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, December 1
 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
 9:30 am 20-Somethings Coffee Corner (Locke Commons)
 9:45 am Sunday School
 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
 6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

Contact Us

MAIL: 2424 Rivermont Avenue
Lynchburg, VA 24503
PHONE: (434) 846-3441
HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:30AM-5:00PM

EMAIL: rhonda@rivermont.org
WEB: www.rivermont.org
FACEBOOK: facebook.com/rivermontepc
TWITTER: twitter.com/rivermontepc

Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church is a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, a group of churches whose beliefs are summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms. For more information, go to www.epc.org.



RIVERMONT
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

November 24, 2019

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Lord, as we come to worship You this morning, may Your Spirit open our hearts and our understanding to see both our own desperate need and Your gracious provision for our salvation in Jesus Christ. Open our eyes also to see Your greatness and glory more clearly. Convict us, convert us, cleanse us and consecrate us, so that we may willingly and wholeheartedly give ourselves to You and to Your service. Enable us now to worship You in spirit and in truth. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

PRELUDE: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

arr. Rex Koury

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Weber

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 103:1-5, 22 (responsively)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,

Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from the pit,

Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #164

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Ephesians 1:4-7

*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, for the glory of God."
(Romans 15:7)*

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.

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Genesis 11:31-12:5

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "The Blessing of Missions" Pastor Brett Eubank

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

THE APOSTLES' CREED (responsively)

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: "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! A-men, A-men!

THE TESTIMONY OF GOD'S WORK: FOSTER CARE

Lori Flowers

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:

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

The Sanctuary Choir

Robert Lau

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings.
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky;
The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun.
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them ev'ryone.
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.
God made things, all things well.

*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):

Lord, You have blessed us with such love and goodness. We wonder at the beauty of Your creation, we thank You for the sustenance of food and drink, and we cherish the love of family and friends. Lord, we offer these gifts to You with thankful hearts and in joyous praise. As we give of our money and resources, we surrender our whole beings to You in worship and adoration. Lord, may this offering extend the work of Your kingdom in Your church, Your community, and into the world which You have made. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)

"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

HELMESLEY

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

THE POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Bach, 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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Ingrid Marshall to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stan Marshall.