

Sermon Notes

"A Traveler's Psalm"
Psalm 121

1. The Pilgrim's Faith

2. The Priest's Assurance

3. The Shepherd's Work

Prayer Opportunities

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO Brian and Lyn Nash in the death of Lyn's mother, Beth Clark, who died February 19.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry
Being persuaded that the love of Christ compels us to share our food with the hungry in our neighborhood, our church participates with several area churches in the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry, located at nearby Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please pray for this ministry as it supplies food for individuals and families in need in the Rivermont area.

Welcome to Rivermont!

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to our 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. You can also drop it off at the Welcome Table in the Narthex (lobby).

Monthly Financial Report

| GENERAL FUND as of January 31, 2020 | |
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| Budget to date: | \$1,049,257 |
| Ahead of budget: | \$79,548 |
| Year-to-date contributions: | \$1,128,805 |
| Year-to-date expenses: | \$990,718 |
| Contributions over Expenses: | \$138,087 |

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, February 23

- 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am 20-Somethings+ Coffee Corner and Life Group (Country Gardens)
- 9:45 am College Hour
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (Room 203)
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm Getting to Know Rivermont Connections Dinner (Eubanks')

Monday, February 24

- 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)
- 6:30 pm Trail Life (New Covenant)

Tuesday, February 25

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study
- 6:36 am High School Boys (Biscuitville)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)

Wednesday, February 26

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers
- 4:30 pm Praise Ringers and Rivermont Chimes
- 5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub, Chapel, New Song
- 5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm Lent Worship Service (Middle School - Adult) Sanctuary
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 27

- 9:30 am Rivermont Oasis (Quinlan Room)
- 10:00 am Community Bible Study (FH)

Friday, February 28

- 6:30 pm 20-Somethings + Food and Fun (LU Hockey Game)

Sunday, March 1

- 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
- 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
- 9:30 am 20-Somethings+ Coffee Corner and Life Group (Country Gardens)
- 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (Room 203)
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Israel Trip Meeting (John Knox)
- 6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

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RIVERMONT

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

February 23, 2020

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: we humbly pray that, by the truth of Your Word and the power of Your Spirit, You would reform Your church and renew our lives. May Your Word be proclaimed boldly and be received with joyful faith. May Your Spirit awaken our hearts, illumine our minds, and strengthen our souls. May the light of Your gospel dispel the darkness of unbelief. Protect us, preserve us, and persevere within us, that we may continue to love and serve You, from generation to generation, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. Dan Miller

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided -
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 121:1-2 (responsively)

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth."*

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #310

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

DARWALL

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 2 Chronicles 7:14

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" (v. 1)

SAGINA

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*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 (8:30)

CHERUB CHOIR (11:00):

"To God Be the Glory/Be Thou Exalted"

Doane/Smith

Amy Hall – Director; Charis Jantomaso – 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: Psalm 121 (page 516)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "A Traveler's Psalm" Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from Philippians 2:6-11 (in unison)

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death — even death on a cross! Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name that is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*THE GLORIA: "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

EBENEZER

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

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:

"I Will Lift Mine Eyes"

(Psalm 121)

I will lift mine eyes unto the hills. From whence comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord, He is the maker of heav'n and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved.
He Who keeps you will not slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not harm you by day nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil. He will keep your soul.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
From this day forth for evermore.

The Sanctuary Choir

Jake Runestad

*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):

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: #599

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

SHEPHERD

*THE BENEDICTION: Psalm 121 (responsively)

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth."

"He will not let your foot be moved; He Who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He Who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore."

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

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

THE POSTLUDE: "Fugue in A Minor"

J. S. Bach

*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.

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 by Brian and Lyn Nash to the glory of God and in loving memory of Beth Clark. A memorial service was held in her honor yesterday in the Rivermont EPC Sanctuary.