

# Sermon Notes

*"The Blessing of Forgiveness"*  
Psalm 32

**1. The Blessing of Forgiveness Promised (vv.1-2)**

**2. The Blessing of Forgiveness Explained (vv. 3-5)**

**3. The Blessing of Forgiveness Applied (vv. 6-11)**

- a. Pray
- b. Submit
- c. Trust
- d. Rejoice

## Prayer Opportunities

**IN THE HOSPITAL:** Sophia Boyers

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO** Ron and Dottie Hendricksen in the loss of Dottie's father, William F. Rawley Sr., who died Tuesday, February 25. He was from Raleigh, NC.

**PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:** Phil and Catherine Leckrone Wycliffe Bible Translators and Jungle Aviation and Radio Services (JAARS)/Waxhaw NC  
Catherine's November letter included her "Not-To-Do List!" Here are a few: "We are NOT going to forget the importance of God's Word getting into the heart languages of all people groups. A few weeks ago Phil was in Guatemala helping eight Old Testament translation teams use Paratext (a Scripture software tool) to check the consistency of their projects. In the last couple of months, Phil has also typeset two New Testaments — one for Colombia and one for Canada...Finally, we are praying that we do NOT grow weary in doing good (Galatians 6:10) as we do our parts in serving the Bible Translation movement — I, with my role in the Learning and Development Department at JAARS and Phil in his role as the Language Software Coordinator for the Americas."

# 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.

## 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](http://www.rivermont.org/gtkr).

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

## Coming Up This Week

**Sunday, March 1 *First Sunday of Lent***

- 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)

**Monday, March 2**

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 202)
- 6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)

**Tuesday, March 3**

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 10:30 am Circle #4 (Country Gardens)
- 12:00 pm Prayer and Fasting (Chapel)
- 4:00 pm Shepherding and Care Meeting (Room 205)
- 5:00 pm Relational Discipleship Meeting (Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)

**Wednesday, March 4**

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers
- 4:30 pm Praise Ringers and Rivermont Chimes
- 5:00 pm Building and Grounds Meeting
- 5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub, Chapel, New Song
- 5:45 pm RFN Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm Bible Studies
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 5**

- 9:30 am Oasis (Quinlan Room)
- 10:00 am CBS (Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, March 8 *Second Sunday of Lent*  
(Daylight Savings Time Begins)**

- 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 (Rivermont A)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Service
- 12:45 pm 20-Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Rivermont Pizza)
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:30 pm 6th-8th 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

March 1, 2020  
*First Sunday of Lent*

## Preparation for Worship

*As you enter the Sanctuary, prepare your heart for worship and please 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:

#### Praise Ringers

**"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"** Crocker, Houston, Ligthelm, arr. Bettcher

You call me out upon the waters; the great unknown, where feet may fail.

And there I find You in the mystery, in oceans deep my faith will stand.

And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.

When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace,

For I am Yours, and You are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters, Your sovereign hand will be my guide.

Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,

You've never failed, and You won't start now.

Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders,

Let me walk upon the waters wherever You would call me.

Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,

And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior.

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively): Psalm 32:1-2,11

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.*

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

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

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #472

**"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched"**

BRYN CALFARIA

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 32:5,11

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

**"Jesus Paid It All" (vs. 3&4)**

ALL TO CHRIST

For nothing good have I whereby Your grace to claim-

I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,

"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

### \*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:

**"God Cares for You"**

Hogan, arr. 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: Psalm 32 (page 462)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

**"The Blessing of Forgiveness"**

Dr. David Weber

### THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

**THE APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)**

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 RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

**"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**

Sanctuary Choir

Kathleen Thomerson

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the

Way to the Father.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

### \*THE COMMUNION HYMN: #304

**"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"**

VOX DILECTI

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session. After reviewing the Communion packet with your child, contact the church office to set up a meeting with the pastors. The packet may be found at [www.rivermont.org/communion](http://www.rivermont.org/communion).

#### The Words of Invitation and Institution

#### The Prayer of Consecration, 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 Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

#### The Concluding Communion Prayer

### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: "Psalm 117"

(Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King)

From all that dwell below the skies, O let Jehovah's praise arise!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

And let His glorious name be sung, in every land, by ev'ry tongue!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Great are the mercies of the Lord, and truth eternal is His word!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ye nations, sound from shore to shore, Jehovah's praise for evermore!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

### \*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

### \*POSTLUDE:

**"Grand Choeur – Sortie pour Noel"**

Cesar Franck

\*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.