

Sermon Notes

"Trust in Times of Trouble"
Psalm 27

1. We Must Seek the Lord's Presence in Times of Trouble (verses 1-6)

2. We Must Plead the Lord's Protection in Times of Trouble (verses 7-12)

3. We Must Wait for the Lord's Salvation in Times of Trouble (verses 13-14)

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, August 30

The Session has called a congregational meeting for next Sunday after the 8:00 am worship service. It will be held in the Sanctuary and via Zoom for the following purposes:

- To adjust the three-year terms of service for ruling elders and deacons to correspond with the ministry year, September 1 - August 31.
- For Session to assign an elder or deacon to serve as a mentor for each respective elder or deacon nominee for a period of up to one year.
- For Officer Nominees to attend training classes and meetings per pastoral directive and to receive guidance from the pastors and mentors for opportunities to prepare the nominee for service.
- To approve revisions to the congregation approved documents entitled, "The Nomination and Election of Church Officers" and related "Elders and Deacons" (vows and qualifications for church officers) to reflect the previous motions.

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Greg Alty, Claire Dodd, Lori Gassler, Charlie Mitchell, Andrew Shaddock, Chuck and Anne Spruill and Ryan Webb

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Campus Outreach, Lynchburg

Following a great week of staff training/planning, a local CO staff member developed a headache, cough, and other symptoms on Friday, August 14. On Monday he was confirmed to have COVID-19. Let's pray for God's healing from this virus, protection for the other staff and their families, and for God to work during this period of self-isolation leading to much fruit in the students' lives this semester. Psalm 130:7 says, "O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption."

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 on our website at rivermont.org/connect.

Next Steps to Connect:

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

- Visit www.rivermont.org/zoom to find Adult online Discipleship groups.
- Attend a Sunday School class via zoom at 9:30 am between worship services.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.

If you would like more information about these opportunities, visit our website at rivermont.org.

Monthly Financial Report

GENERAL FUND AS OF July 31, 2020

Budget to date:	\$149,893
Ahead of Budget:	\$ 7,322
Year-to-date contributions:	\$157,215
Year-to-date expenses:	\$128,971
Contributions over Expenses:	\$ 28,244

The Session appreciates your financial support and gospel partnership. We give thanks for your generosity for the sake of the gospel of Christ. Rivermont continues to seek the renewing of lives through God's compelling love in Lynchburg and the world.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, August 23

8:00 am Worship Service
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom)
 9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (via Zoom)
 11:00 am Worship Service
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

Tuesday, August 25

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)

Friday, August 28

9:00 am CBS Outdoor Open House (Portico)

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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

August 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:

We beseech You, almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Your humble servants, and as You have enlightened us with the knowledge of Your truth, so enable us to walk as children of the light, and to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness; that bringing forth the fruits of the Spirit, in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, we may be ever under Your divine protection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE:

Heidi Terry, organ

arr. Robert A. Hobby

"I Love to Tell the Story"

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 27:1, 4-5 (responsively)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.**

For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

**He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high
upon a rock.**

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (vv. 1,2,4,7)

ST. ANNE

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

A thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: From 1 Peter 2 and Romans 8

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" (vs. 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?
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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:00)

Josh and Meredith Rutledge present their children, Ruth Joy and John Matthew,
for baptism.

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

(Romans 15:7)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 27

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Trust in Times of Trouble"

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 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 OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Amy Hall and Beth Ulrich, duet

"The Hand of God Doth Supply All Our Needs"

Antonio Vivaldi

The hand of God doth supply all our needs.
He is a Father to all, a Father to all men.

*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):

Father, in response to Your great Gift to us, we offer ourselves to You, with
thanksgiving and joy. Accept these tokens of our lives; bless and multiply
them for the spread of the gospel, the strengthening of Your church, and the
increase of Your kingdom, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE:

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" (vv. 1,3,4)

TRUST IN JESUS

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

(Refrain) Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*(PLEASE WAIT FOR ROW BY ROW DISMISSAL BY THE USHERS)

*POSTLUDE:

"Passepied"

Johann Fischer

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

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