

## 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 Reception of the Bread and the Cup

### The Concluding Communion Prayer

\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)

*"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"*

THIRSTING

\*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: *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

arr. Carolyn Ham

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

*"Waiting with Peace"*

Psalm 91

1. Every Christian Must Trust in Christ's Faithfulness (vv. 1-2)

2. Every Christian Must Trust in Christ's Victory (vv. 3-13)

3. Every Christian Must Trust in Christ's Reward (vv. 14-16)

## Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Greg Alty, Chuck and Anne Spruill, and Ryan Webb

### PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: STEVE & JOAN TINSLEY

Steve and Joan Tinsley serve the missionaries of Kontaktmission as Member Care missionaries. Formerly, they served with Kontaktmission in Orenburg, Russia, as church planters and relational evangelists on a university campus. Though they only serve on a part-time basis, they bring a great deal of compassion and experience to the missionaries they serve. Continue to pray for good health and creative ways to minister to missionaries during a COVID-restricted world.

## Welcome to Rivermont!

Visitors, 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](http://rivermont.org/connect).

### Congregational Meeting, Sunday, December 13

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, December 13 after the 8:00 am worship service. It will be held in the Sanctuary and via Zoom for the following purposes:

- To receive as information and with thanksgiving a ministry and financial update.
- To vote on any changes in the Pastors' Terms of Call (cost of living adjustment).

## Coming Up This Week

### Sunday, December 6 - *Second Sunday in Advent*

8:00 am Worship Service with Communion  
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom)  
 9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (via Zoom)  
 9:30 am 7th-12th grade Sunday School (via Zoom)  
 9:45 am Communion with the Pastors (Sanctuary)  
 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion  
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)  
 8:00 pm Behold the Lamb of God Concert (Livestream)

### Monday, December 7

9:00 am Preschool

### Tuesday, December 8

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)  
 9:00 am Preschool

### Wednesday, December 9

9:00 am Preschool  
 5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room)  
 5:15 pm New Song (Room 301)  
 6:00 pm Lighting of the Christmas Tree (Outside Locke Commons)

### Sunday, December 13 - *Third Sunday in Advent*

8:00 am Worship Service  
 9:10 am Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary and via Zoom)  
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom)  
 9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (via Zoom)  
 9:30 am 7th-12th grade Sunday School (via Zoom)  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

### Inclement Weather Policy:

The final decision to cancel on-campus Sunday worship services will be announced by 6:30 am on Sunday. An announcement will be placed on the church website, WSET-TV, the church's voicemail, and a church-wide email and text will be sent. If the 8:00 am service is cancelled, on-campus Sunday school is also cancelled. Wednesday music rehearsals will be held at the discretion of the Director of Music Ministry and notifications will be sent by email and text.

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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

December 6, 2020

*Second Sunday in Advent*

## Preparation for Worship

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

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Redeemer God, come as we seek to open our hearts, creating a welcome space for You to abide. Awaken us from our laziness and rescue us from that which distracts us from knowing Your grace and love. Inspire our preparation and guide our worship that our Advent waiting might lead us to Your throne, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

(8:00)

Carillon Handbells

#### *"Realms of Glory"*

arr. Matthew Compton

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

(11:00)

#### *"Come, Redeemer of Mankind"*

J. S. Bach

Come, Redeemer of mankind; born of Virgin Thee we'll find:  
Cause of wonder to the earth, God Himself ordained such birth.

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively): Psalm 122:1, 5-7

*"I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"*

**There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.**

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!"*

**Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (See Insert)

#### *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

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### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - Peace

8:00 am: Jeff and Joan Porter

11:00 am: Shane and Laura Whelan, together with their children Luke, Jackson and Sawyer

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him, we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:1-2)

### THE CALL TO CONFESSION: Isaiah 1:2-4, 18

### THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION (responsively):

*Therefore, Almighty God, we come confessing the ways that we have rebelled against the peace of Christ in our lives.*

**God of peace, hear our prayer.**

*The rushing and scurrying to get things done,*

**We confess to You, O God of peace.**

*The worry about the little details,*

**We confess to You, O God of peace.**

*The financial burdens we put on ourselves,*

**We confess to You, O God of peace.**

*The impatience and irritability we feel and take out on one another,*

**We confess to You, O God of peace.**

*The bickering and quarreling we get into because we are too busy,*

**We confess to You, O God of peace.**

*Though we make ourselves less than peaceful at this time of year, Your peace is always there for us.*

**Instill within us Your peace, O God.**

*When we feel overwhelmed,*

**Instill within us Your peace, O God.**

*When we are filled with worry,*

**Instill within us Your peace, O God.**

*When we become irritable,*

**Instill within us Your peace, O God.**

*When the guilt of our ways threatens to overcome us, help us to remember that we are forgiven in Christ.*

**Instill within us Your peace, O God.**

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Isaiah 40:1-2

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

#### *"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"* (vs. 2,3)

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice,  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

### \*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*"Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come."  
(Revelation 1:4)*

### THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 91

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"Waiting with Peace"*

Dr. David Weber

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

### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED (in unison)

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who, for us and our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

### \*THE GLORIA: *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* (refrain)

GLORIA

**Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o, Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o!**  
(meaning, "Glory to God in the highest!" Luke 2:14)

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:00)

Carillon Handbells

#### *"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"*

arr. Strepka

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
Earth and heav'n before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!  
Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing.

(11:00)

Praise Ringers and piano

#### *"The Herald Angels Sing"*

arr. Joel Raney

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"  
Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains.  
Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.  
Angels, we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.  
"Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

### 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).