

Sermon Notes

"Gospel Unity"
Galatians 1:18-2:10

1. We must Maintain Gospel Boundaries (1:18-2:2)

2. We must Embrace Gospel Freedoms (2:3-5)

3. We must Recognize Gospel Callings (2:6-10)

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Greg Alty, Barbara Cotton, Will Jenkins, Rochelle Tillapaugh and Ryan Webb

DEPLOYED: Ben Hoisington (National Guard) through February 6.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Shawn and Mary Shepherd on the birth of Asher Joseph on Friday, January 22 in Farmville. Delighted grandparents are Paul and Eileen Lass.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: TESSA SYDNOR

Tessa is a missionary serving with Teach Beyond at the Black Forest Academy as a Literature and Language teacher. As she is nearing the end of her two year-apprenticeship with Teach Beyond, she is seeking the Lord's guidance for her future. One opportunity she is seriously weighing is to serve the missionaries of Teach Beyond through mentorship, counseling and spiritual direction. This is a passion of hers and believes this could be her life's work. Pray that the Lord would guide her and that she would ask the right questions as she considers this opportunity. Continue to pray for good health for her as she battles a chronic thyroid condition as well as the strength to finish this last semester well.

Prayer & Fasting

Please join us for prayer via Zoom on Tuesday, February 2 at 12:00 pm as we set aside this day for fasting and praying for Marriages.

Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, please share that need through the Rivermont website at www.rivermont.org/prayer. You may also email janet@rivermont.org. All requests are confidential.

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.

Next Steps to Connect:

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

- Visit 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.
- Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont Weekend on March 12-13. Learn more at rivermont.org/gtkr.
- If you would like more information about these opportunities, visit our website at rivermont.org.

Monthly Financial Report

GENERAL FUND as of December 31, 2020

Budget to date:	\$ 899,363
Ahead of Budget:	\$ 82,648
Year-to-date contributions:	\$ 982,011
Year-to-date expenses:	\$ 830,355
Contributions over Expenses:	\$ 151,656

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, January 31

8:00 am Worship Service
 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)

Monday, February 1

9:00 am Preschool

Tuesday, February 2

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
 9:00 am Preschool
 12:00 pm Monthly Fasting and Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

Wednesday, February 3

9:00 am Preschool
 4:30 pm Praise Ringers (Chapel)
 5:15 pm Carillon (Chapel)
 5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room)
 5:15 pm New Song (Room 301)
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)
 7:00 pm Women's Oasis Bible Study (via Zoom)

Thursday, February 4

10:00 am Women's Oasis Bible Study (via Zoom)

Sunday, February 6

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
 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

January 31, 2021

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Gracious Father, we give You thanks for the gift of this day on which we gather as Your people to find our rest in You. May Your Spirit dwell with us, work within us, and move among us, that we may worship You in spirit and in truth. May Your Word come to us in power, and be received by us in faith. May our love for You and for one another be increased; and may our lives be further sanctified, that we may grow in the likeness of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in Whose name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE: *"Adagio in E Major"* Frank Bridge

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Hosea 10:12

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the LORD, that He may come and rain righteousness upon you.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (See Insert)
"Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him" FABEN

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 32:1-2, 5; 1 John 1:9

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (verses 1&4) HAMBURG
When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all.

*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: Galatians 1:18-2:10

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"Gospel Unity"* Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from Colossians 1:15-20 (in unison)

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

*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:

(8:00) *"Only a Holy God"* The Sanctuary Choir
Farren, Robinson, Smith, Thompson

Who else commands all the hosts of Heaven?
Who else could make ev'ry king bow down?
Who else could whisper and darkness tremble? Only a holy God.
Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.
Cry out! Sing Holy! Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.
What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice? Only a holy God.
What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated? Only a holy God.
Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a holy God.

(11:00)

"Celebrate Today!"

Chapel Choir

Dennis and Nan Allen

Celebrate today, the day God gave us; celebrate today with sounds of praises,
Celebrate today for God has made us to celebrate today, this day He has made.
Now is the time to sing and rejoice, no better time to praise the Lord.
Now is the day the Lord created, the most perfect time to celebrate!

*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDRETH

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):

Almighty and eternal God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer thanks and praise for the multitude of Your blessings upon us; for what do we have that we have not received? These gifts which we now offer are the gifts of Your own hand, and they all belong to You. With these gifts, therefore, we would offer ourselves, entirely and joyfully, to the praise of Your glorious grace; for we are not our own: we have been bought with a price, by Him who loved us and give Himself up for us. So may the offering of this substance and the offering of our lives be blessed for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the world and the glory of Your name forever and ever. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)

"Jesus Shall Reign" DUKE STREET

*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: *"Postlude in F Minor"* George Blake

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give:

1. By placing your offering in the offering plates located in the Narthex.
2. By texting an amount to 434-595-3833; follow the prompts.
3. Online at www.rivermont.org/give.
4. By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.