

# Sermon Notes

*"Family Ties"*  
Galatians 3:6-9

1. Every Christian Must Know Abraham is a Father by Faith (verse 6)

2. Every Christian Must Know Abraham's Sons are of Faith (verse 7)

3. Every Christian Must Believe he is Abraham's Son by Faith (vv. 8-9)

## Prayer Opportunities

**RECUPERATING:** Will Jenkins, Charlotte Waters and Ryan Webb

**IN THE HOSPITAL:** Greg Alty and Anne Spruill

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO** LoisAnn Pfister and family in the death of her husband, Ed Pfister, on March 9.

**PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Fostering Hope**

Fostering Hope was started in 2019 by Lori Flowers as a way to care and encourage families at Rivermont and in our community who care for foster children. Foster and adoptive families need community to surround them in their calling and Fostering Hope provides an opportunity for everyone at Rivermont to serve these families by offering meals, practical needs (bunk beds, strollers, carseats, etc.), transporting children to appointments, mentoring children and other important avenues. We're thrilled to have Lori provide a ministry update today of God's work in this ministry to our families during 2020. To get more information, go to our website: [rivermont.org/fostering-hope](http://rivermont.org/fostering-hope) or contact Lori at (434) 660-1168.

### Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, please share that need through the Rivermont website at [www.rivermont.org/prayer](http://www.rivermont.org/prayer). You may also email [janet@rivermont.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://rivermont.org/zoom) to find Adult Online Discipleship groups.
- Attend a Sunday School class 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 class. Learn more at [rivermont.org/gtkr](http://rivermont.org/gtkr).

If you would like more information about these opportunities, visit our website at [rivermont.org](http://rivermont.org).

## 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](http://www.rivermont.org/give).
4. By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

## Coming Up This Week

### Sunday, March 14 - Daylight Savings Time

8:00 am Worship Service  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group  
9:30 am College Hour  
11:00 am Worship Service  
12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (RA Bistro)  
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

### Monday, March 15

9:00 am Preschool

### Tuesday, March 16

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)  
9:00 am Preschool  
6:00 pm Deacons' Meeting (via Zoom)  
7:00 pm Session Meeting (via Zoom)

### Wednesday, March 17

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)  
6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group (Youth Center)  
7:00 pm Women's Oasis Bible Study (via Zoom)

### Thursday, March 18

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

### Sunday, March 21

8:00 am Worship Service  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group  
11:00 am Worship Service  
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

March 14, 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:

O Lord Jesus Christ, You so loved the church that you gave Yourself up to death for her, in order to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word, that You might present her to Yourself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish. By the power of Your Word and Spirit, may our worship today be to this end: for Your glory, the upbuilding of Your people, and the advance of Your kingdom upon the earth; for Your own name's sake. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

**"Adagio in E Major"**

Frank Bridge

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Mike Palombo

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 John 4:7-8,10; Isaiah 25:9 (responsively)

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God,*

**and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.**

*Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

**In this is love, not that we have loved God**

*but that He loved us*

**and sent His Son to be the propitiation of our sins.**

*Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

**This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.**

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

**"All Creatures of Our God and King"**

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### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

**"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" (verses 1 & 5)**

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**Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus, lover of my soul;**

**Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He my Savior, makes me whole.**

**Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!**

**Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.**

**Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;**

**He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.**

**Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!**

**Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.**

### \*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 3:6-9

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

**"Family Ties"**

Dr. David Weber

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

### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: based on 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!"**

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**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.**

### MOMENT FOR MISSION:

Lori Flowers, Fostering Hope

### 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)

**"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

Grayson Laughon, violin

arr. Ruth Coleman

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,

Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.

How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,

Spreading His wings to o'er-shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly fore'er we adore Him!

(11:00)

**"For the Beauty of the Earth"**

**New Song**

Ruth Elaine Schram

For the beauty of the earth; for the glory of the skies;

For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Lord of all, to You we raise this our song of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:

Lord of all, to You we raise this our song of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,

Friends on earth, and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:

Lord of all, to You we raise this our song of grateful praise.

**Alyssa Babcock – piano**

### \*THE DOXOLOGY:

**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.**

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### \*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

Holy Father, we bless and praise You for Your wonderful wisdom, Your covenant faithfulness, Your infinite goodness, Your rich mercy and Your everlasting love, which You have revealed to us and given to us in Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. In His name, we offer these gifts as tokens of our lives -- heart and soul and mind and strength -- and we pray that, by the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, our lives might reflect the light and love of Christ to all the world; and may these gifts be used for the increase of His kingdom and the glory of Your name. Amen.

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

**"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

DIADEM

### \*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:

**"Sinfonia from Cantata No. 29"**

J. S. Bach, trans. Daniel Ficarri

**("We Thank Thee, God, We Thank Thee")**

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