

# Sermon Notes

**"The Reward of Discipleship"**  
Hebrews 11:6; 12:22-24

1. The Reward of Discipleship is the City of God
2. The Reward of Discipleship is the People of God
3. The Reward of Discipleship is the Christ of God

## Prayer Opportunities

**RECUPERATING:** Terry Beckloff, Willy Clingenpeel, Michael Herbert, and Will Jenkins

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- John and Jennifer Neil on the birth of their daughter, Adelynn Elizabeth, on August 20.
- John and Alyssa Davy on the birth of their son, Calvin Andrew Davy, on August 19. Proud grandparents are Randy and Lori Davy.

### CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

- Lisa Alty and family in the death of her husband, Greg, who departed this life to be present with the Lord on August 25.
- Paulette Parker in the death of her husband, John, on August 20 in Ocean Pines, MD.

### PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center

The Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center exists to save lives and comfort those involved with unplanned pregnancies while furthering the gospel of Jesus Christ. They are a nonprofit medical clinic offering free and confidential services regarding options for women and men facing a mistimed pregnancy. Their annual banquet will be held Thursday, September 23, 2021 at The Virginian Hotel in downtown Lynchburg. We are asked to pray for the new LIFE Center that is now open and hosting classes. Pray that the classes will be well-attended and beneficial to their clients. For more prayer requests, go to: [www.brpcfriended.org/prayer](http://www.brpcfriended.org/prayer).

### Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, you may share that need through the Rivermont website at [rivermont.org/prayer](http://rivermont.org/prayer). You may also email [janet@rivermont.org](mailto:janet@rivermont.org). All requests are confidential.

# 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 Digital Connect Card by scanning the QR code into your mobile device. You can also 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 live or Zoom Sunday School classes at 9:45 am ([rivermont.org/sundayschool](http://rivermont.org/sundayschool)).
- Visit [rivermont.org/zoom](http://rivermont.org/zoom) to find live and online adult Discipleship groups.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont Class in September. 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).

## Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit [rivermont.org/events](http://rivermont.org/events)

### Sunday, August 29

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group  
9:45 am College Hour  
11:00 am Worship Service  
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

### Monday, August 30

9:00 am Preschool  
10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 202)

### Tuesday, August 31

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

### Wednesday, September 1

9:00 am Preschool  
5:00 pm Building and Grounds Committee Mtg. (Conference Room)  
6:00 pm BRITE Class (Room 203)  
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, September 5

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
8:30 am Worship Service with Communion  
9:45 am Congregational Meeting  
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion  
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

September 5, 9:45 am, during the Sunday School hour

Confirmed Members are encouraged to attend

For the purpose of:

1. Electing a new class of Ruling Elders and Deacons
2. Electing a new class for the Officer Nominating Committee

## Contact Us

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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

August 29, 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:

Lord, as we come to worship You this morning, may Your Spirit open our hearts and our understanding to see both our own desperate need and Your gracious provision for our salvation in Jesus Christ. Open our eyes also to see Your greatness and glory more clearly. Convict us, convert us, cleanse us and consecrate us, so that we may willingly and wholeheartedly give ourselves to You and to Your service. Enable us now to worship You in spirit and in truth. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

Sabrina Vaughan, harp

#### *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

Lowell Mason

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.

#### *" 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

arr. Frank Voltz

'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."  
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!

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Michael Hall, REPC Elder

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 66 (responsively)

*Shout for joy to God, all the earth;*

**sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**

*Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!*

*So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.*

**All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;  
they sing praises to Your name."**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #164

*"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

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### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 65:1-4

### \*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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### (11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jason and Missy Phelps present their son, Isaac, 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: Hebrews 11:6; 12:22-24 (page 1007)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

*"The Reward of Discipleship"*

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!

### MOMENT FOR MISSION:

Women's Ministry

### 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:

Sabrina Vaughan, harp

*"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

arr. S. Vaughan

O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free!  
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face;  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.

### \*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDT

**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 Father of everlasting love, we give You thanks for the gift of life, for the blessings of Your providence, and for the promise of Your presence with us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Spirit. We praise You for all the spiritual blessings which You have lavished upon us through Your Son, our Savior – for the gift of new birth, new life, the forgiveness of our sins, our adoption as Your children, and the hope of glory! All praise, honor, and glory be to You, the Sovereign God of life and life everlasting. May all that we have and all that we are be consecrated for Your service and Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #44

*"How Great Thou Art"*

O STORE GUD

### \*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

### \*POSTLUDE:

*"O Worship the King"*

arr. Neil Harmon

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