

Sermon Notes

"A Hearing Heart"
Matthew 7:24-27

1. To Have a Hearing Heart Every Christian Must Receive the Word of God (v. 1a)

2. To Have a Hearing Heart Every Christian Must Keep the Word of God (v. 1b)

3. To Have a Hearing Heart Every Christian Must Pray to Understand the Word of God (v. 3)

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Bill Hays, Michael Herbert, Will Jenkins and Andy Morse

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

- Cheryl Ritchie and family in the loss of her husband and our dear friend, Mick, who departed this life to be present with the Lord on Sunday, September 12.
- Abi and Mike Lovell in the loss of Abi's grandmother and our dear friend, Charlotte Waters, who departed this life to be present with the Lord on September 15.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: DIGHTON HEAD

Dighton serves as the Chapter Director of Ratio Christi at Liberty University. This ministry seeks to bring faith and logic together to give university students thought-out reasons for following Jesus Christ with the goal of helping Christians work through their doubts and ultimately share Christ with their peers. Pray for Dighton as he leads not only the LU chapter but has opportunities to work with high school students as well. Pray that the mission of Ratio Christi would be realized in the students' lives. To learn more about Dighton's ministry go to: <https://ratiochristi.org/chapter/liberty-university/>

Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, you may share that need through the Rivermont website at rivermont.org/prayer. You may also email 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).
- Join us for dinner and classes on Wednesday nights. To make dinner reservations go to rivermont.org/rfn.
- 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.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, September 19

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
9:45 am GTKR (Country Gardens)
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm Called Session Meeting
6:30 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

Monday, September 20

9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 203)
6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 206)

Tuesday, September 21

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

Wednesday, September 22

9:00 am Preschool
4:30 pm Praise Ringers
5:15 pm Carillon, Chapel, Cherub, New Song

Wednesday, September 22 cont'd

5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal
6:00 pm BRITE Class (Room 203)
6:30 pm Bible Classes
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 23

9:30 am Women's Oasis Bible Study
10:00 am Community Bible Study

Friday, September 24

6:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Fourth Friday Food & Fun (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, September 26

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
9:45 am GTKR (Country Gardens)
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 pm New Member/All Church Picnic (Riverside Park)
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

September 19, 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:

Father of all grace and glory, look upon us in love and compassion through Your Son, Jesus Christ; and, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, enable us to worship You in spirit and in truth. Help us to draw near to You, in the assurance that You dwell with those who are of humble and contrite heart. Renew our minds by the truth of Your Word, strengthen our souls, and direct our wills; that we may more fervently love You and more sincerely serve You, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"He Leadeth Me"

arr. Garlock

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:

His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: from First Peter 1:3-4; Psalm 95:1-2 (responsively)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead;

And to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading!

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #342

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

REGENT SQUARE

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (v. 1)

SOLID ROCK

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand!**

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

(Romans 15:7)

(Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to the orange room, #115.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 2:1-22 (page 528)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"A Hearing Heart"

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:

"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 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):

Gracious Father, we praise You for every good and perfect gift which comes down from heaven. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins! We praise You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, by Whom we are born anew and adopted as Your children through Jesus our Lord. With joy, we present ourselves as living sacrifices in Your service. Receive and bless this offering, for the sake of Your kingdom, and send us forth in the power of Your Spirit to live as witnesses of Jesus Christ, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #94

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Ritter

*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.