

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.

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: #358

"For All the Saints"

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(verse 3: Men & Boys; verse 4: Women & Girls)

*THE BENEDICTION

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

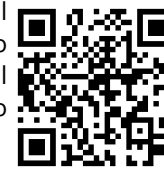
"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*POSTLUDE:
"Litanies"

Jehan Alain

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 (5:45 pm) and Bible Studies (6:30 pm) 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.

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.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, November 7

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
9:45 am Sunday school
9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
9:45 am College Hour (CO House)
9:45 am GTKR (Country Gardens)
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)

Monday, November 8

9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 203)
5:00 pm Preschool Fundraiser Night (Rivermont Pizza)

Tuesday, November 9

6:26 am High School Boys 626 (Biscuitville, Old Forest Rd.)
6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
9:00 am Preschool
10:30 am Circle Meeting (Country Gardens)

Wednesday, November 10

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

Wednesday, November 10, continued

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

Thursday, November 11

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

Friday, November 12

5:30 pm Missions Conference 1st Session (FH)

Saturday, November 13

8:00 am Missions Conference 2nd Session (FH)
12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community-College Hill)
6:00 pm Missions Conference 3rd Session (Sanctuary)

Sunday, November 14

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 GTKR (Country Gardens)
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm CO Friendsgiving (CO House)
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm 6th-8th 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

November 7, 2021

All Saints' Day

Prayer Opportunities

ONGOING PRAYER: Michael Herbert, Will Jenkins and Westray Nowlin

RECUPERATING: George Everson

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: PERSECUTED CHURCH

Today marks the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church as our brothers and sisters in Christ all over the world face staggering economic and physical persecution (and in many cases, death) for their unwavering faith in Christ. Pray for our missionaries John and Carlene, Robby and Joyce, Tom and Jane, and Murli and Usha who minister in areas that are in or close to areas of persecution. Pray for their protection and a winsome witness of the love of Christ to their neighbors, that God might use this witness to bring glory to His name and draw many to faith in Him.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross Blood Drive takes place on November 16 from noon to 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up today in the Cheatham Center or online at RedCrossBlood.org.

Prayer & Care

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

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty God, Who has knit together Your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of Your Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so as to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which You have prepared for those who sincerely love You; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30) **"For All the Saints"** arr. Lani Smith

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!

(11:00) **"Only a Holy God"** 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.
What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice? 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 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.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 124:8; 145:18-19 (responsively)

Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him;

He also hears their cry and saves them.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #342

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" REGENT SQUARE

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 103:1-5, 10-12

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Before the Throne of God Above" (vs. 1 & 3) BEFORE THE THRONE

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest Whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

*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 room #115.)

(11:00) THE ANTHEM FOR PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

"Unexpected Places"

New Song

Heather Sorenson

"I know the plans I have in store," You whisper in my ear,
Words of affirmation, things I need to hear.
But of all the things You planned for me, I never would have guessed
That bringing me right here is what You call Your best,
But here I am in this unexpected place a place I did not ask for,
But one that's filled with grace.
And here I am in this room I did not plan, but Jesus, You are here,
Jesus, You are grace, Jesus, You are with me in this unexpected place.
And in this room, I'll learn the truth that "blessed are the poor;
Blessed are the scorned; blessed are those who mourn."
And in this room, You'll teach me that this time is not in vain.
There's purpose for the pain, and beauty still remains.
So may we find the fullness that comes from empty spaces.
Jesus waits for us in these unexpected places.
If you find yourself in an unexpected place, a place you did not ask for,
But oh, friend, there is grace.
If you find yourself in a room of emptiness, Jesus is there,
Jesus is grace, Jesus is with you in this unexpected place.

Catherine Meyer - Accompanist

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Matthew 15:1-20 (page 820)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **"Kingdom Reformation"** 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: **"Alleluia! Alleluia!"**

EBENEZER

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:30) **"God Who Made the World"** Julie Haley, Amy Hall, Betsy Weaver

Joseph M. Martin

God who made the world, God who rules the heavens,
God who holds the universe and dreamed creation,
God of majesty, God of matchless wonder,
God of endless miracles, You are God alone.
God of sea and sky, God who paints the rainbow,
God of canyon deep and sculptor of the mountains,
God of gentle rain, God of rolling thunder,
God of glory, God of light, You are God alone.
Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! There is none beside Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.
God who made the world, God who rules the heavens, You are God.

(11:00) **"It Is Not Death to Die"** Sanctuary Choir

Malan, Bethune, Kauflin, arr. Wells

It is not death to die, to leave this weary road,
And join the saints who dwell on high, who've found their home with God.
It is not death to close the eyes long dimmed by tears,
And wake in joy before Your throne, delivered from our fears.
Oh, Jesus, conquering the grave; Your precious blood has pow'r to save.
Those who trust in You will in Your mercy find that it is not death to die.
It is not death to fling aside this earthly dust,
And rise with strong and noble wing, to live among the just.
It is not death to hear the key unlock the door
That sets us free from mortal years to praise You evermore.
Oh, Jesus, conquering the grave; Your precious blood has pow'r to save.
Those who trust in You will in Your mercy find that it is not death to die.

Elise Solomon – cello