

## 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: #197

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

THIRSTING

#### \*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

#### \*POSTLUDE:

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Johann Pachelbel

\*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.  
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\*\*See back of Preschool fundraiser insert for Sermon Notes

# 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)).
- Join us for dinner and Bible Studies on Wednesday nights. RFN will resume January 12, 2022.
- 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).

## 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

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

### Sunday, December 5 - Second Sunday of Advent

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

### Monday, December 6

9:00 am Preschool  
10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 203)  
7:00 pm WEEE Connect Meeting

### Tuesday, December 7

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  
12:00 pm Monthly Prayer Meeting (Chapel)  
4:00 pm Preschool Fundraiser Night  
(Chipotle, Old Forest Road)

### Wednesday, December 8

9:00 am Preschool  
5:15 pm Carillon, Chapel, Cherub  
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

### Friday, December 10

6:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Christmas Party  
(Wade's Home)

### Saturday, December 11

12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic  
(Gospel Community-College Hill)  
12:00 pm 5th-8th Grade Christmas Party

### Sunday, December 12 - Third Sunday of Advent

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 (CO House)  
11:00 am Worship Service  
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)  
7:00 pm Messiah Presentation (Sanctuary)

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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

December 5, 2021

*Second Sunday of Advent*

### Prayer & Fasting

Please join us for prayer on Tuesday, December 7, at noon in the Chapel as we set aside this day for fasting and praying. Our focus will be on the Lord's Advent.

### Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, please 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.

## Preparation for Worship

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

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Redeemer God, come as we seek to open our hearts, creating a welcome space for You to abide. Awaken us from our laziness and rescue us from that which distracts us from knowing Your grace and love. Inspire our preparation and guide our worship that our Advent waiting might lead us to Your throne, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

**(8:30)** **"Savior of the Nations, Come"** J. S. Bach  
Savior of the nations, come; virgin's Son, make here your home.  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

**(11:00)** **Praise Ringers**  
**"Voluntary on 'Angels We Have Heard on High' "** arr. Douglas E. Wagner  
Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains.  
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

**THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Pastor Brett Eubank

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 122:1, 5-7 (responsively)

"I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

**There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!"

**Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #196

**"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** HYFRYDOL

### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - Peace

**8:30 am: Rodney and Jan Suddith**

**11:00 am: Pam Ruble and Dot Barker**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him, we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:1-2)

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION: Isaiah 1:2-4, 18**

### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively):

Therefore, Almighty God, we come confessing the ways that we have rebelled against the peace of Christ in our lives.

**God of peace, hear our prayer.**

*The rushing and scurrying to get things done,*

**We confess to You, O God of peace.**

*The worry about the little details,*

**We confess to You, O God of peace.**

*The financial burdens we put on ourselves,*

**We confess to You, O God of peace.**

*The impatience and irritability we feel and take out on one another,*

**We confess to You, O God of peace.**

*The bickering and quarreling we get into because we are too busy,*

**We confess to You, O God of peace.**

*Though we make ourselves less than peaceful at this time of year, Your peace is always there for us.*

**Instill within us Your peace, O God.**

*When we feel overwhelmed,*

**Instill within us Your peace, O God.**

*When we are filled with worry,*

**Instill within us Your peace, O God.**

*When we become irritable,*

**Instill within us Your peace, O God.**

*When the guilt of our ways threatens to overcome us, help us to remember that we are forgiven in Christ.*

**Instill within us Your peace, O God.**

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Isaiah 40:1-2

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

**"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"** (vs. 2,3) IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;**

**Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!**

**He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.**

**Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice,**

**Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!**

**Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.**

**Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

### \*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*"Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come."*  
(Revelation 1:4)

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

**THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:1-14** (page 827)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**THE SERMON:** **"The Feast of the Kingdom"** Dr. David Weber

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

#### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED (in unison)

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who, for us and our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*THE GLORIA:** **"Angels We Have Heard on High"** (refrain) GLORIA  
**Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o, Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o!**  
(meaning, "Glory to God in the highest!" Luke 2:14)

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

**(8:30)** **"Voluntary on 'Angels We Have Heard on High' "** Praise Ringers  
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

**(11:00)** **"Silent Night"** New Song  
arr. Audrey Snyder

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
'Round yon virgin mother and Child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.  
Silent, silent, silent is the holy night. Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ is born."  
Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.  
Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

**Miriam Amos – piano**

### 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](http://www.rivermont.org/communion).