

Sermon Notes

"The Space Between"

Titus 2:11-14

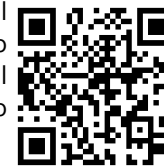
1. The First Coming (v. 11)

2. The Space Between (v. 12)

3. The Second Coming (vv. 13-14)

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. 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 beginning January 16. 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.
5. By dropping your donation in the black mailbox outside the office entrance.

YEAR-END DONATIONS: For tax purposes, year-end donations for 2021 must be received or postmarked by Friday, December 31. The church office will be closed Dec. 27 - Jan. 3 however the outside black mailbox will be monitored during this time to receive donations. Those needing an update on their donations before the end of the year, please contact Kelly Nelson at the office, or by email: Kelly@rivermont.org.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, December 26 - First Sunday in Christmastide

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Fellowship Hour (Cheatham Center)
11:00 am Worship Service

Sunday, January 2 - Epiphany Sunday

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
9:45 am Sunday School Open House (Cheatham Center)
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion

Monday, December 27 - January 3, 2022
Church Office Closed

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

December 26, 2021

First Sunday in Christmastide

Prayer Opportunities

ONGOING PRAYER: Willy Clingenpeel, Kenneth (Stick) Haun, Michael Herbert, and Westray Nowlin

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: CAMPUS OUTREACH NEW YEAR'S CONFERENCE

December 28th -31st Campus Outreach will hold their annual New Year's Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Students from more than thirty-five college campuses across the Southeast will be involved. This number includes students from both Liberty University and the University of Lynchburg, as well as Rivermont students who attend other colleges. Please pray that the Lord would speak powerfully through His Word and that all involved would return to their campuses with a heart to live for God's glory.

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.

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, You have poured on us the new light of Your Incarnate Word: may that same light burn in our hearts and shine in our lives; and may that light be evident this morning as we gather to worship You in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE:

Rebecca Edmiston, piano

"What Child Is This?"

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. David Weber

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: John 1:1-5, 14 (responsively)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #214

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Ephesians 1:4-7

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice" (vs. 3)

IN DULCI JUBILO

**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: Titus 2:11-14 (page 998)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"The Space Between"

Pastor Shane Whelan

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!**

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:

"All Is Well"

Smith, arr. Mark Hayes

All is well, all is well; angels and men rejoice,
For tonight darkness fell into the dawn of love's light.
Sing Ale, sing Alleluia.
All is well, all is well; let there be peace on earth.
Christ's come, go and tell that He is in the manger.
Sing Ale, sing Alleluia.
All is well, all is well; lift up your voices and sing.
Born is now Emmanuel; born is our Lord and Savior.
Sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia.
All is well; Born is now Emmanuel;
Born is our Lord and Savior.
Sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia. All is well.

*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDDTH

**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 and praise that, in the fullness of time, You sent forth Your Son, born of woman, born under the law, that we might be redeemed from the curse of sin to live as Your beloved children! We offer ourselves to You as we offer these gifts which we have received from Your hand. May Your glory fill the earth, may all the peoples praise You, and may all the world come to know that Jesus Christ is the Savior Whom You have sent into the world. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #500

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"

arr. Lenny Seidel

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

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