

Sermon Notes

"Repentance for Renewal"
Ezra 9-10

1. Every Christian Must Recognize their Sin (9:1-4)

2. Every Christian Must Confess their Sin (9:5- 10:1)

3. Every Christian Must Break from their Sin (10:2-19)

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 Sunday School classes at 9:45 am (rivermont.org/sundayschool).
- Join us for dinner and Bible Studies 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 (rivermont.org/gtkr).

General Fund as of September 30, 2022

Budget to date:	\$492,115
Behind Budget:	\$ 58,633
Year-to-date contributions:	\$433,482
Year-to-date expenses:	\$446,223
Contributions Behind Expenses:	\$ 12,741

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, October 23

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Getting To Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm College Lunch (CO House)
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
5:00 pm Grief Share Support Group (Room 201)
6:00 pm 7th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

Monday, October 24

9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 206)
11:00 am Caregivers' Support Group (Room 206)

Tuesday, October 25

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

Wednesday, October 26

9:00 am Preschool
4:30 pm Praise Ringers

Wednesday, October 26 continued

5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub, Chapel & New Song
5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal
6:30 pm Bible Studies
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 27

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

Friday, October 28

5:30 pm 20 Somethings+ (Corn Maze at Yoder's Farm)

Saturday, October 29

11:00 am Fall Festival (Back Parking Lot)

Sunday, October 30 - Reformation Sunday

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service
9:00 am College Coffee (CO House)
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Getting To Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
5:00 pm Grief Share Support Group (Room 201)

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

October 23, 2022

Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, you can share your needs on a Connect Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate or one of the designated prayer boxes located outside the Library and in the Locke Commons. You may also submit a prayer request at rivermont.org/prayer or 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:

Gracious Lord, we humbly ask Your blessing upon this worship service, that by Your power we may worship You in spirit and in truth, and truly honor You. May Your glory be magnified, may Your name be exalted, and may we find our greatest joy in You. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us afresh: to strengthen the fainthearted, encourage the weak, comfort the suffering, and call us all into renewed faith and committed discipleship; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30)

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

I need Thee, O I need Thee, ev'ry hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.
I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.

Elizabeth Matney, violin

arr. Ruth Coleman

(11:00)

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands.
He's got everybody here in His hands.

Praise Ringers

arr. Valerie M. Stephenson

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

arr. Michael Helmen

Hadley Hall – Director

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Shane Whelan

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 51:15-17 (responsively)

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.
For You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; You will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #302

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (v. 1)

DIADEMATA

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.

*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.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Ezra 9-10 (Page 395)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Repentance for Renewal"

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!

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 RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:30)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
Hadley Hall – Director

Praise Ringers

arr. Michael Helmen

(11:00)

"Be Still and Know"

New Song

Victor C. Johnson

Be still and know that He is God.
He will comfort you, keep you strengthen you;
Be still and know that He is God.
In your time of tribulation, He will be your strength.
In your moments of loneliness, He will bring you peace.

Else Frazier – Director; Catherine Meyer – Accompanist

*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDTH

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 and gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness to us and over all creation; but above all we give thanks for the gift of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, in Whom alone we have life and peace and everlasting joy. In His name, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and entirely; and we pray that You will bless and multiply these tokens of our lives, and use them for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the earth; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #585

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

HENDON

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Alleluia from 'Exultate, Jubilate' "

W. A. Mozart

*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.
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.