

Sermon Notes

"Pray First"
Nehemiah 1

Introduction: We Must Pray First Because We Are Weak (vv. 1-4)

1. We Must Pray First Because God Is Holy (v. 5)

2. We Must Pray First Because We Are Sinful (vv. 6-7)

3. We Must Pray First Because God Is Merciful (vv. 8-11)

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.

Prayer Opportunities

ONGOING PRAYER: Tom Chaffin, Priscila Ribeiro-Cummings, Nadine Gilmore, Lucy Harris, Michael Herbert, Joan Pennock, Ellen Torrance and Tami Urbina

RECOVERING: Dot Barker, Willy Clingenpeel, Lowell Sykes, and Kenny Wright

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are extended to Eric Meinerding in the loss of his sister, Emily Katherine McLean, on October 22.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: REPC SEMINARY STUDENTS

Be in prayer for Trey Weaver, Trey Jarrell and Levi Martin who are all studying at campuses of Reformed Theological Seminary. Trey Weaver is at the Atlanta campus and is in his second year of his Master's of Divinity. Trey and Levi are studying at the Charlotte campus and in their first year of their Master's of Divinity Degree. Pray that God would not only bless their studies, but that through their studies He might nurture a passion for the church and a desire to serve her in humility.

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.

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. To learn more go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, October 30 - Reformation Sunday

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service
9:20 am College Coffee (Locke Commons)
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)

Monday, October 31

9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 206)

Tuesday, November 1

6:26 am HS Boys' 626 (McDonalds, 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 and Fasting (Chapel)

Wednesday, November 2

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

Wednesday, November 2, continued

5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal
6:30 pm Bible Studies
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 3

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

Friday, November 4

8:00 pm Campus Outreach Women's Event (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, November 6 - All Saints' Day (Daylight Savings Time ends)

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
9:20 am College Coffee (Locke Commons)
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Getting To Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
12:30 pm Missionary Luncheon with Ray and Kay Baker (Fellowship Hall)
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 30, 2022

Reformation Sunday

Preparation for Worship

As the Prelude begins, 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:

Carillon Handbell Choir and Brass

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

arr. Arnold B. Sherman

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP from Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29 (responsively):

*You have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem,
the city of the living God;*

We have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

*You have come to God, the judge of all men,
to the spirits of righteous men made perfect;*

**We have come to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,
and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.**

*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,*

For our God is a consuming fire!

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. M. McDonald

Choir:

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; praise Him in glad adoration.

Congregation and Choir:

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?**

Choir:

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriend thee.

Congregation and Choir:

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him. Let the Amen sound from His people again, Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Choir:

All ye who hear! All ye who hear! Amen!

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

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

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 room #115.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Nehemiah 1 (Page 398)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Pray First"

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

Pastor Ron Cox

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:

Sanctuary Choir and Carillon

"Let All the People Praise!"

Craig Courtney

(Based on Psalm 148)

Sing praise to the Father, sing praise to the Son, sing praise to the Spirit, Our God, Three in One. Let all the people praise the name of the Lord.

All voices and instruments praising together;

The people are many, the Body is one.

In singing and dancing, in worship and praising;

One in the Spirit, the old and the young.

The Lord has been faithful to all generations, walking beside us

Through smoke and through flame.

In sunshine and shadow, protecting, providing;

In all times and seasons, ever the same!

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,

Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

*THE DOXOLOGY:

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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. Trusting in Him, our Savior, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and entirely, with joy and gratitude; 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; for the glory of Your name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #92

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN/FESTE BURG

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

arr. Vaclav Nelhybel

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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Ministering in Music this Morning:

Trumpets:

Larry Seipp and Mike Straw

Horn:

Kelly Hartless

Trombone:

Walker Pennock

Tuba:

Bill Folger

Timpani:

Jacob Caldwell

Piano:

Miriam Amos

Assistant Organists:

Noah Caldwell and Hadley Hall