All Saints' Day

In the church liturgical year, November 1 is designated as All Saints' Day, on which Christians traditionally remember with thanksgiving the life and witness of the faithful Christian men and women who have gone before us, following Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. In the Communion Prayer this morning, we are remembering the saints of this congregation who have died since November 1, 2021. This is not a prayer of intercession for them, but a prayer of thanksqiving for their life and faithful witness, in the assurance that Christians who have preceded us in death are "away from the body and at home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). The Westminster Shorter Catechism (#37) summarizes the teaching of Scripture by

"When believers die, their souls are made perfectly holy and immediately pass into glory. Their bodies, which are still united to Christ, rest in the grave until the resurrection."

(Hebrews 12:23; Luke 23:43; Philippians 1:21,23; 2 Corinthians 5:1-8; Romans 8:21; 1Thessalonians 4:14)

Rochelle Tillapaugh November 16, 2021 Will Jenkins December 5, 2021

Sue Carr May 5 John Locke July 20 Pat Uzsoy August 14 Frank Knight August 16 Mary Spencer September 17

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.

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.
- Online at <u>www.rivermont.org/give</u>.
- By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

Welcome to Rivermont!

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to our church, we are so grateful **I** 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 (<u>rivermont.org/sundayschool</u>).
- Join us for dinner and Bible Studies on Wednesday nights. To make dinner reservations go to <u>rivermont.org/rfn</u>.
- 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/

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit <u>rivermont.org/events</u>

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)

Monday, November 7

9:00 am Preschool

10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 206)

Tuesday, November 8

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

9:00 am Preschool

Wednesday, November 9

9:00 am Preschool

4:30 pm Praise Ringers 5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub, Chapel & New Song

Wednesday, November 9, continued

5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal

6:30 pm Bible Studies 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 10

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

Saturday, November 12

8:30 am Elijah Rehearsal (Choir Room) 10:30 am 7th-8th Grade Jump and Lunch at CiCis (Candlers Station)

10:30 am Campus Outreach Men's Paintball 12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community Church at College Hill)

Sunday, November 13

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)

8:30 am Worship Service

9:00 am College Coffee (Locke Commons)

9:45 am Sunday School

9:45 am Getting To Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)

11:00 am Worship Service (New Member Sunday)

4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

5:00 pm Grief Share Support Group (Room 201) 6:00 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 6, 2022 All Saints' Day

Preparation for Worship

As the Prelude begins, 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)Hadley Hall, organ

"Air from Orchestra Suite No. 3 in D"

J. S. Bach

Chapel Choir (11:00)

"O How Majestic/Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" Ruth Elaine Schram (Based on Psalms 8:1, 47:7)

O how majestic is Your name, O Lord!

All of the earth will join the heav'nly host praising Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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.

Lori Flowers - Director; Sandra Landry - Accompanist

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 48 (responsively)

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth! We have thought on Your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of Your temple.

Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments! Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God,

Our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #345

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Pastor Ron Cox

*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" (verses 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 heav'n 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.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Nehemiah 2 (page 398)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Acting in Faith" Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, #1 (responsively):

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

My only comfort is that I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. At the cost of His own precious blood, He has fully paid for all my sins, and has set me free from the dominion of the devil. He also watches over me so well that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. Indeed, all things must work together to fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly ready and willing from now on to live for Him. Amen!

*THE GLORIA: "Allelvia! Allelvia!" 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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Ray and Kay Baker

THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Chapel Choir (8:30)"O How Majestic/Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" Ruth Elaine Schram

(11:00) Sanctuary Choir

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Mark Shepperd

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord; No tender voice like Thine can peace afford. I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee. I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby; Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh. I need Thee every hour, most Holy One; O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son. Miriam Amos – Accompanist

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"

SINE NOMINE

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

*THE BENEDICTION

EBENEZER

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all): "A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*POSTLUDE: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

arr. Franklin Ritter

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so. Lyrics and music reproduced under CCLI#64526.