

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: #197

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

THIRSTING

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Come, Redeemer of Mankind"

Johann Pachelbel

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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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.
3. Online at www.rivermont.org/give.
4. 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 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 (rivermont.org/rfn). This will resume on January 11, 2023.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont class beginning on January 8, 2023. For more information and to sign up go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent	Thursday, December 8
8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)	10:00 am Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 am Worship Service with Communion	
9:45 am Sunday School	
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion	Saturday, December 10
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)	12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community Church at College Hill)
	5:30 pm Youth 5th-8th Grade Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, December 5	Sunday, December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent
9:00 am Preschool	8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 206)	8:30 am Worship Service
	9:00 am College Coffee (Locke Commons)
Tuesday, December 6	9:45 am Sunday School
6:26 am HS Boys' 626 (McDonalds, Old Forest Rd.)	11:00 am Worship Service
6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)	4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
9:00 am Preschool	6:30 pm A Service of Lessons and Carols (Sanctuary)
10:30 am Women's Circle (Country Gardens)	
12:00 pm Monthly Prayer & Fasting (Chapel)	
Wednesday, December 7	
9:00 am Preschool	
5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub and Chapel	
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	

Contact Us

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Preparation *for* Worship

As the Prelude begins, 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) **"Come, Redeemer of Mankind"** J. S. Bach

Come, Redeemer of mankind; born of virgin Thee we'll find:
Cause of wonder to the earth, God Himself ordained such birth.

(11:00) **Praise Ringers**

"Bells Ringing, Angels Singing" arr. Dan Edwards

Ding dong, merrily on high! In heav'n the bells are ringing;
Ding dong, verily the sky is riv'n with angels singing.
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis! Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!
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.

Hadley Hall – Director

WELCOME: **Pastor Ron Cox**

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 66:1-2 (responsively)

Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool;

What is the house that you would build for Me, and what is the place of My rest?

All these things My hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD.

But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My word."

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #196

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - Peace

8:30 am: Catherine Meijer

11:00 am: Pam Ruble and Ann Knight

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

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 10:34-39 (page 815)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **"The Battle for Peace"** **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)

THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:30) **Praise Ringers**

"Bells Ringing, Angels Singing" arr. Dan Edwards

(11:00) **New Song**

"One Small Child" Meece, arr. Ijames

One small child in a land of a thousand, one small dream of a Savior tonight,
One small hand reaching out to the starlight, one small city of life.
One king bringing his gold and riches, one King ruling an army of might;
One king kneeling with incense and candle light, one King bringing us life.
See Him lying, a cradle beneath Him; see Him smiling in the stall.
See His mother praising His Father; see His tiny eyelids fall.
One small child in a land of a thousand, one small dream in a people of might,
One small hand reaching out to the starlight, one small Savior of life.
See the shepherds kneeling before Him, see the kings on bended knee,
See His mother praising His Father, see the blessed infant sleep.
One small child in a land of a thousand, one small Savior of life.

Else Frazier – Director; Miriam Amos – Accompanist