

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** "Trumpet Tune in D Major" David N. Johnson

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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"THE DAY OF EPIPHANY" (January 6 each year, after the "Twelve Days of Christmas") is the day traditionally commemorating the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem. The word epiphany means "appearance" and refers to the appearance of the star which signaled the birth of the King of the Jews (Numbers 24:17) and led the Magi to Jesus. The Magi from the east were Gentiles, yet they were led by the light of the star to worship the King of the Jews, Jesus, Who is "the light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6). Isaiah prophesied, "Nations will come to Your light, and kings to the brightness of Your rising" (Isaiah 60:3).

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to all those who gave their time ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. As always, we are so grateful to those who so eagerly sign up each year. The blessings of the funds you helped raise go beyond Christmas and are counted on throughout the year to serve those in our area who are in much need. Sincerely, Brian and Lyn Nash

Prayer & Fasting

Please join us for prayer in the Chapel on Tuesday, January 3 at noon as we set aside this day for fasting and praying. Our focus of prayer will be for the unborn.

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

<p>Sunday, January 1 - Epiphany Sunday 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room) 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion 9:45 am Fellowship Hour 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion</p>	<p>Thursday, January 5 10:00 am Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p>Monday, January 2 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>Sunday, January 8 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 12:30 am Missionary Luncheon with Robby and Joyce Hamd (Fellowship Hall) 12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (La Carreta, Langhorne Rd.)</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 3 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom) 9:00 am Preschool 10:30 am Women's Circle (Country Gardens) 12:00 pm Monthly Prayer & Fasting (Chapel)</p>	<p>4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel) 5:00 pm GriefShare (Room 201) 6:30 pm 6th - 8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 4 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)</p>	

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

January 1, 2023
Epiphany Sunday

Preparation *for* Worship

As the Prelude begins, prepare your heart for worship and please silence your mobile devices.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

O GOD, Who by the shining of a star did guide the Wise Men to behold Thy Son our Lord: show us Thy heavenly light, and give us grace to follow until we find Him, and, finding Him, rejoice. And grant that as they presented gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we now may bring Him the offering of a loving heart, an adoring spirit, and an obedient will, for His honor, and for Thy glory, O God Most High. Amen.

PRELUDE:

Noah Caldwell, organ

"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

J. S. Bach

Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying:

Awake, Jerusalem, at last!

Midnight hears the welcome voices and at the thrilling cry rejoices:

Come forth, ye virgins; night is past!

The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take; Alleluia!

And for His marriage feast prepare, for ye must go to meet Him there.

WELCOME:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 60:1-3 (responsively)

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples;

But the LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,

And shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #172

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

ALL SAINTS OLD

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Rock of Ages" (vs. 1 & 3)

TOPLADY

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;

Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,

Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guild and pow'r.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;

Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;

Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

(11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Joshua and Audrey Ashcroft present their son, Lee Andrew, for baptism.

*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)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Luke 9:23-27 (page 867)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"A New Year's Resolution"

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 RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Catherine Meyer, piano

"Hymns of Majesty"

arr. Phillip Keveren

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;

Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe:

His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,

On earth is not His equal.

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!

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

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: #94

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION