

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #302

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"In Thee Is Gladness"

J. S. Bach

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.

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Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John and Stephanie Locke.

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. 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 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, January 8

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 am Missionary Luncheon with Robby and Joyce Hamd (Fellowship Hall)
12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (La Carreta, Langhorne Rd.)
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
5:00 pm GriefShare (Room 201)
6:00 pm 6th - 8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

Monday, January 9

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

Tuesday, January 10

6:26 am HS Girls' 626 (Chick-fil-A, Hobby Lobby)
6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
9:00 am Preschool

Wednesday, January 11

9:00 am Preschool
4:30 pm Praise Ringers
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, January 12

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

Saturday, January 14

12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community Church at College Hill)

Sunday, January 15

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 GriefShare (Room 201)
6:00 pm 9th - 12th 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

January 8, 2023

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty and dear Father, Who has given Your only Son to be both the sacrifice for our sin and the example of the godly life to which You have called us: grant us grace, we pray, that we may truly and thankfully trust in Jesus as our Savior, and also daily endeavor to follow in the steps of His most holy life, obeying Him as Lord; by the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30) *"The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away"* J. S. Bach

The old year now hath pass'd away, we thank Thee, O our God, today,
That Thou hast kept us through the year, when danger and distress were near.
There shall we thank Thee and adore, with all the angels evermore;
Lord Jesus Christ, increase our faith to praise Thy name through life and death!

(11:00) *"Give Me Jesus"* Grayson Laughon, violin
arr. Kristin Campbell

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

WELCOME: Pastor Shane Whelan

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 28:6-9 (responsively)

"Blessed be the LORD!

For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield;

in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

The LORD is the strength of His people;

He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage!

Be their Shepherd and carry them forever."

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #53

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" (verse 1) SOLID ROCK

**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 6-7 (page 401)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"How to Keep Going"* 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!

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Robby and Joyce Hamd

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) *"Give Me Jesus"* Grayson Laughon, violin
arr. Kristin Campbell

(11:00) *"O the Deep Love of Jesus"* Sanctuary Choir
Mozart, arr. Fettke

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of His love;
Leading onward, leading homeward to my rest above;
To my glorious rest above.

Noah Caldwell- Accompanist

***THE DOXOLOGY:** OLD HUNDREDETH

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):

Dear Father, in response to Your great Gift to us, we offer ourselves to You, with thanksgiving and joy. Accept these tokens of our lives; bless and multiply them for the spread of the gospel, the strengthening of Your Church, and the increase of Your Kingdom, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.