

**\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):**

Almighty Father of everlasting love, we give You thanks for the gift of life, for the blessings of Your providence, and for the promise of Your presence with us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Spirit. We praise You for all the spiritual blessings which You have lavished upon us through Your Son, our Savior – for the gift of new birth, new life, the forgiveness of our sins, our adoption as Your children, and the hope of glory! All praise, honor and glory be to You, the Sovereign God of life and life everlasting. Amen.

**\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #529**

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

BEECHER

**\*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. Edward Broughton

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

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**THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is seeking input from the congregation regarding potential candidates to be considered for the office of Elder and Deacon. Your participation is very important to the process of officer nomination and election. Please playfully consider which members you would like to suggest, then fill out a form with your suggestions and deposit it in one of the drop-boxes found in the Cheatham Center and in the Locke Commons. You may also fill out the online form by visiting [rivermont.org/nominations](http://rivermont.org/nominations).

### Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Kevin and Nancy Hicks to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of their daughter, Virginia Anne to Nicholas James Wright. The ceremony was held yesterday in the REPC Sanctuary.

### 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](http://rivermont.org/prayer) or email [janet@rivermont.org](mailto:janet@rivermont.org). All requests are confidential.

### The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give:

1. By placing your offering in the offering plate.
2. By texting an amount to 434-595-3833; follow the prompts.
3. Online at [www.rivermont.org/give](http://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](http://rivermont.org/sundayschool)).
- Join us for dinner and Bible Studies on Wednesday nights. To make dinner reservations go to [rivermont.org/rfn](http://rivermont.org/rfn).
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont Weekend on Feb. 10-11. For more information and to sign up go to [rivermont.org/gtkr](http://rivermont.org/gtkr).

## Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit [rivermont.org/events](http://rivermont.org/events)

### 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
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm GriefShare (Room 201)
- 5:00 pm Knitting Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰

### Monday, January 16

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:30 am Story Time (Youth House) 🏰
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 206)
- 3:30 pm 7th - 12th Grade Trampoline Park

### Tuesday, January 17

- 6:26 am HS Boys' 626 (McDonalds)
- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 12:00 pm 60 Plus Luncheon (FH)
- 1:00 pm Shepherding & Care Mtg. (Library)
- 6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)
- 7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
- 7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

### Wednesday, January 18

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:30 pm Praise Ringers
- 4:45 pm Chess Club 🏰
- 5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub, Chapel & New Song

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event

### Wednesday, January 18 continued

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

### Thursday, January 19

- 9:30 am Women's Oasis Bible Study
- 10:00 am Community Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Brunswick Stew Fundraiser (Portico)
- 7:00 pm 20 Somethings+ Missions Prayer Meeting

### Friday, January 20

- 7:00 pm 20 Somethings+ Food and Fun (LU Hockey Game)

### Saturday, January 21

- 10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰

### Sunday, January 22

- 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
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm GriefShare (Room 201)
- 5:00 pm Knitting Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰
- 6:00 pm 9th - 12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)



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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

January 15, 2023

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## Preparation for Worship

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

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Most holy God Who has created us and Who sustains us through Your mighty hand of providence; we pray that this morning You would send forth Your light and Your truth, that they would lead us and guide us, so that You would be honored in the praises of us Your people. In Christ's holy name. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

(8:30)

#### "Blessed Assurance"

Elizabeth Matney, violin

arr. Kristin Campbell

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God; born of his Spirit, washed in His blood.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.  
Perfect submission, perfect delight; visions of rapture now burst on my sight.  
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(11:00)

Lynn and Sonna Seipp, clarinet and piano

"Andante and Allegro from Sonata in G Major" Marcello, arr. Christmann

### WELCOME:

Pastor Brett Eubank

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 32 (responsively)

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,*

**Whose sin is covered.**

*Many are the sorrows of the wicked,*

**But steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.**

*Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,*

**And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #55

"To God Be the Glory"

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### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

*"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom.

### \*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 8 (page 403)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

*"Transformed by the Word"*

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:

*"Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

EBENEZER

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.

### 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)

*"Great God of Wonders"*

Sanctuary Choir

John Newton

Great God of wonders! All Thy ways are matchless, god-like, and divine;  
But the fair glories of Thy grace more god-like and unrivaled shine.  
Who is a pard'ning God like Thee? Or who has grace so rich and free?  
In wonder lost, with trembling joy we take the pardon of our God;  
Pardon for crimes of deepest dye, a pardon bought with Jesus' blood.  
O may this strange, this matchless grace, this god-like miracle of love,  
Fill the whole earth with grateful praise, and all th' angelic choirs above.

(11:00)

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"* Bradbury & Thrupp/arr. Larson

Lynn and Sonna Seipp

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.  
Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
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### \*THE DOXOLOGY:

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.

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