

***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: (See Insert)**

"In Christ Alone"

IN CHRIST ALONE

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:**

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

arr. Roger C. Wilson

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

Love and Appreciation

With appreciation and love for Pastor Mike and his ministry at REPC, the Session affirms his call to Lake Oconee Presbyterian Church in Eatonton, Georgia. We are thankful that Pastor Mike and Whitney will be closer to family as they begin this next phase of life together. Please keep the Palombo family in prayer.

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 Weekend on Feb. 10-11. For more information and to sign up go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

General Fund as of December 31, 2022

Budget to date:	\$ 987,230
Ahead of Budget:	\$ 62,745
Year-to-date contributions:	\$ 1,049,975
Year-to-date expenses:	\$ 928,245
Contributions Above Expenses:	\$ 121,730

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

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 Knitting Circle (Locke Commons)
- 6:00 pm 9th - 12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

Monday, January 23

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:30 am Story Time (Youth House)
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 206)
- 11:00 am Caregivers' Meeting (Room 206)
- 6:30 pm Hill City Cloggers (Room 308)

Tuesday, January 24

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
- 9:00 am Preschool

= In Rivermont for Rivermont Event

Wednesday, January 25 continued

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:30 pm Praise Ringers
- 4:45 pm Chess Club
- 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 26

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

Saturday, January 28

- 10:00 am Pickleball (Riverside Park)

Sunday, January 29

- 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 Knitting Circle (Locke Commons)
- 6:00 pm 7th - 12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

Contact Us

MAIL: 2424 Rivermont Avenue
Lynchburg, VA 24503
PHONE: (434) 846-3441
HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:30AM-5:00PM

EMAIL: rhonda@rivermont.org
WEB: www.rivermont.org
FACEBOOK: facebook.com/rivermontepc
TWITTER: twitter.com/rivermontepc

Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church is a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, a group of churches whose beliefs are summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms. For more information, go to www.epc.org.



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

ORDER of WORSHIP

January 22, 2023

Sanctity of Life Sunday

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.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #94

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

*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 PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Isaiah 53:5; Colossians 1:14

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power" (verses 1&3) O QUANTA QUALIA

Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore
Give ye to Him Who our battle hath won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

*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 9 (page 404)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"Foundational Prayer"*

Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE GLORIA:

"Praise and Glory to the Father"

REGENT SQUARE

Praise and glory to the Father, praise and glory to the Son,
Praise and glory to the Spirit: ever Three and ever One;
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run!

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Brigetta Eshleman, REPC Mission Steering Committee

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)

Doug and Julie Haley, Drew Neiderer, Vicky Pogue
"By Faith"

Getty and Townend, arr. Lawrence

(11:00)

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Sanctuary Choir

Mark Hayes

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see and in Thy presence rest.
No voice can sing, and no heart can frame, nor can the mem'ry find
A sweeter sound than Jesus' name, O Savior of mankind!
O hope of ev'ry contrite heart! O joy of all the meek!
To those who fall how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!
But what to those who find? Ah! this; no tongue or pen can show
The love of Jesus, what it is, none but His loved ones know.

Hadley Hall - 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.

PRELUDE:

(8:30)

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

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.

(11:00)

Doug and Julie Haley, Drew Neiderer, Vicky Pogue

"By Faith"

Getty and Townend, arr. Lawrence

By faith, we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith, our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.
We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear,
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave!
By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth.
By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail!
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name!

WELCOME:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Nehemiah 9:6 (responsively)

*You are the LORD,
You alone.*

You have made heaven,

**The heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it,
the seas and all that is in them;**

And you preserve all of them;

And the host of heaven worships you.