

***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):**

Gracious Father, we praise You for every good and perfect gift which comes down from heaven. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins! We praise You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, by Whom we are born anew and adopted as Your children through Jesus our Lord. With joy, we present ourselves as living sacrifices in Your service. Receive and bless this offering, for the sake of Your kingdom, and send us forth in the power of Your Spirit to live as witnesses of Jesus Christ, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #355**

"We Are God's People"

SYMPHONY

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:**

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

arr. Edward Broughton

*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 by Dolly Pugh and family (Cary, Sydnor, Andrew and Frances) to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Pugh, who died February 15, 2018.

Cheatham Center Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Cheatham Center today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Clois (CJ) Weaver who passed away on February 12. A celebration of life service was held on February 15 in the 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. 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.
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. For more information go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, February 19

- 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)
- 6:00 pm GTKR Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, February 20

- 7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:30 am Story Time (Youth House) 🏰
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 206)
- 6:30 pm Hill City Cloggers (Room 308) 🏰

Tuesday, February 21

- 6:26 am HS Boys' 626 (Biscuitville, Timberlake Road)
- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (FH)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 12:00 pm 60 Plus Luncheon (FH)
- 6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)
- 7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
- 7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event
Members Welcome!

Wednesday, February 22

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:30 pm Praise Ringers
- 4:45 pm Chess Club (Room 303) 🏰
- 5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub, Chapel & New Song
- 5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal
- 6:30 pm Lent Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Thursday, February 23

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

Friday, February 24

- 5:30 pm Men's Retreat (Eagle Eyrie)
- 6:30 pm Elijah Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm 20 Somethings+ Food and Fun (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, February 25

- 7:00 am Men's Retreat (Eagle Eyrie)
- 10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰
- 4:00 pm Elijah Presentation (Sanctuary)

Sunday, February 26

- 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 Elijah Presentation (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Knitting Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰
- 6:00 pm 7th-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

February 19, 2023

Preparation *for* Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: we humbly pray that, by the truth of Your Word and the power of Your Spirit, You would reform Your church and renew our lives. May Your Word be proclaimed boldly and be received with joyful faith. May Your Spirit awaken our hearts, illumine our minds, and strengthen our souls. May the light of Your gospel dispel the darkness of unbelief. Protect us, preserve us, and persevere within us, that we may continue to love and serve You, from generation to generation, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30)

"Change My Heart, O God"

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride;
I now surrender, Lord, in me abide.

Rachel Love, soloist

Espinosa, arr. Raney

(11:00)

"Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me. I would gracious be.
Help me now Thy grace to see, oh, I would be like Thee.
And with words that help and heal, Thy life in mine reveal,
And with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be.
Help me now Thy truth to see, oh, I would be like Thee.
And with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear.
And with actions kind and true, for Christ, my Savior, speak.
Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be.
Show Thy mercy tenderly, oh, make me more like Thee.
Help me choose to do what's right and cherish all things good.
Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I want to live like Thee.

Chapel Choir

Jeff Reeves

Lori Flowers – Director; Noah Caldwell – Accompanist

WELCOME:

Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 121:1-2 (responsively)

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?"

My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth."

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #3

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

WARRINGTON

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Majesty"

Jack W. Hayford

**Majesty, worship His majesty;
Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne
Unto His own, His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty;
Jesus, Who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.**

(11:00) THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Timo and Melissa Budarz with their children, Jonas, Seth and Esther
Steve Cooper
Callie Dance
Mason Edmiston
Ivan Erway
Acacia Fassero
Mark and Kara Lamb
Mark and Sandra Landry
Greg Marsh
Marco Mirlas
Justin and Kelly Parks with their daughter, Reagan
Annabelle Pechmann
Eric Pluim
Paul and Judy Symolon
John and Amy Szymczyk with their daughter, Daisy
Amy Thompson

*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 13 (page 408)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"A Hill to Die On"

Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

THE PHILIPPIAN CREED based on Philippians 2:6-11 (in unison)

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death — even death on a cross! Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name that is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*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!**

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)

"Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

Chapel Choir

Jeff Reeves

(11:00)

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Sanctuary Choir

Kempton and Busselberg

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end; Alleluia, Amen!
Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing for evermore! Alleluia! Amen!

Christy Lynn and Elizabeth Killmon – violins
Miriam Amos and Noah Caldwell – piano