

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #115

"All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE: "Prelude in E-flat Major"

J. S. Bach

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

From Our Session

The REPC Session has unanimously approved Pastor Shane Whelan as our Pastor of Christian Education with responsibilities of discipleship from our infants to adults of all ages. With thanksgiving for Shane's seventeen years of love and dedication to our youth, please pray for him as he assumes responsibility for our Christian Education ministries.

General Fund as of January 31, 2023

Budget to date:	\$ 1,148,268
Ahead of Budget:	\$ 104,002
Year-to-date contributions:	\$ 1,252,270
Year-to-date expenses:	\$1,086,264
Contributions Above Expenses:	\$ 166,006

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. For more information go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

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
- 12:30 pm College Lunch (CO House)
- 4:00 pm Elijah Presentation (Sanctuary) 🏰
- 5:00 pm Knitting Circle (Locke Commons)
- 6:00 pm 7th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

Monday, February 27

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

Tuesday, February 28

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

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event Members Welcome!

Wednesday, March 1

- 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 Bible Studies
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 2

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

Saturday, March 4

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

Sunday, March 5

- 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
- 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
- 9:20 am College Coffee (Locke Commons)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Knitting Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰



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

ORDER of WORSHIP

February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

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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:

Holy Father, Whose only-begotten Son endured the cross for our salvation: grant us grace, and the power of the Holy Spirit, that we in true faith might take up our cross daily and follow Him. In this hour of worship, replenish our souls, renew our minds, and refresh our spirits, so that we may run with endurance the race that is set before us. And not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30)

"Pastorale in E Major"

Miriam Amos, organ

Cesar Franck

(11:00)

"The Stand"

New Song

Houston, arr. Sorenson

You stood before creation, eternity in Your hand.
You spoke the earth into motion, my soul now to stand.
You stood before my failure, and carried the cross for my shame.
My sin weighed upon Your shoulders, my soul now to stand.
So what can I say? And what can I do?
But offer this heart, O God, completely to You.
So I'll walk upon salvation, Your Spirit alive in me.
My life to declare Your promise, my soul now to stand.
So I'll stand, with arms high and heart abandoned,
In awe of the One Who gave it all.
I'll stand, my soul, Lord, to You surrendered. All I am is Yours.

Ellese Frazier – Director; Catherine Meyer – Accompanist

WELCOME:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Matthew 11:28-29:

*Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.*

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #168

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 Peter 2:24

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Before the Throne of God Above" (vs. 1 & 2) Cooke and Bancroft

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest Whose name is love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

*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: Hebrews 1:1-2a (Page 1001)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"A Final 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)

"The Stand"

New Song

Houston, arr. Sorenson

(11:00)

"Near to the Heart of God"

Miriam Amos, piano

arr. Cindy Berry

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God.
There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDT

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):

Eternal God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – we praise You for Your providence above, around, beneath and within our lives! We thank You for every good and perfect gift which we have received from Your all-gracious hand. We rejoice in Your unfailing faithfulness and unchanging goodness. Receive this offering, we pray, as we offer ourselves anew to You. May Your kingdom increase in our lives, in Your church, and throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.