

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session. After reviewing the Communion packet with your child, contact the church office to set up a meeting with the pastors. The packet may be found at www.rivermont.org/communion.

The Words of Invitation and Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, 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 the Bread and the Cup

The Concluding Communion Prayer

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Please see insert)

"Behold The Lamb (The Communion Hymn)" v. 4

COMMUNION

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

arr. Donald Hustad

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

Prayer & Fasting

Please join us for prayer in the Chapel on Tuesday, February 7 at noon as we set aside this day for fasting and praying. Our focus of prayer will be for marriages.

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.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, February 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) 🏛️

Monday, February 6

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 7

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:30 am Women's Circle (Country Gardens)
 12:00 pm Monthly Prayer & Fasting (Chapel)

Wednesday, February 8

9:00 am Preschool
 4:30 pm Praise Ringers
 4:45 pm Chess Club (206) 🏛️
 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

🏛️ = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event

Thursday, February 9

9:30 am Women's Oasis Bible Study
 10:00 am Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
 4:30 pm Art Meet Up (Room 305) 🏛️

Friday, February 10

7:00 pm Getting To Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)

Saturday, February 11

8:30 am Getting To Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)
 10:00 am Pickleball in the Park 🏛️
 10:00 am Elijah Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Lunch (Gospel Community Church)

Sunday, February 12

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 Homebuilders' Class (Choir Room)
 9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Class (Room 304)
 11:00 am Worship Service
 12:30 pm Potluck Luncheon with the Palombos (Fellowship Hall)
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
 5:00 pm Knitting Circle (Locke Commons) 🏛️
 6:00 pm 6th - 8th 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 5, 2023

Preparation *for* Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Lord, as we come to worship You this morning, may Your Spirit open our hearts and our understanding to see both our own desperate need and Your gracious provision for our salvation in Jesus Christ. Open our eyes also to see Your greatness and glory more clearly. Convict us, convert us, cleanse us and consecrate us, so that we may willingly and wholeheartedly give ourselves to You and to Your service. Enable us now to worship You in spirit and in truth. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30) **Julie Haley and Vicky Pogue**

"The Lord Almighty Reigns"

Getty, Boswell, Papa, arr. Campbell

There's an endless song waiting to be sung,
With the voice of every tribe, the sound of ev'ry tongue,
When the bride of Christ on that day of days
Brings with joy unto the Lamb a multitude of praise,
And like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder, hear His people sing,
"Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord Almighty reigns!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord, our God, the Almighty reigns!"
We will join the feast, rest from battles won,
Tell with great rejoicing all the wonders God has done,
And like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder, all the church will sing.
Certain of that day, Christ we will proclaim,
Oh, that more would share the prize: Salvation in His name.
Then greater will the anthem ring, a mighty chorus rising to the King.

(11:00)

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

Carillon Handbells

arr. Matthew Compton

I sing the 'almighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.
There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes Your glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests glow by order from Your throne;
While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care,
And everywhere that man can be, You, God, are present there.

WELCOME:

Pastor Mike Palombo

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 145 (responsively)

All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your saints shall bless You!

They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power,

To make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #26

"Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

WOODLANDS

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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.

(11:00) ANTHEM FOR PREPARATION FOR THE WORD:

"Blessed Be the Name Medley"

Cherub Choir

arr. Kathy Pritchard

All praise to Him Who reigns above in Majesty supreme,
Who gave His Son for man to die, that He might man redeem!
Blessed be the name, blessed be the name of the Lord!
At the name of Jesus, ev'ry knee shall bow,
Of those in the heavens, and those on the earth,
And even the ones who reject His name.
And ev'ry tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord of lords.

Amy Hall – Director; Sandra Landry – Accompanist

*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 11-12 (page 406)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"A Joy Heard Round the World"

Pastor Brett Eubank

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!

THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:30)

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Praise Ringers

John A. Behnke

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.
Hadley Hall – Director

(11:00)

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Carillon Handbells

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

*THE COMMUNION HYMN: (Please see insert)

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