

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You did not spare Your own Son, but gave Him up for us all; and with Him, You have freely given us all things. Receive these offerings, we pray; and enable us, with all our gifts, so to yield ourselves to You that with body, soul, and spirit we may truly and freely serve You, and in Your service find our perfect freedom and our deepest joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Please see insert)**

"All Glory Be to Christ"

Scottish Traditional

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:**

"The Royal Fanfare"

Antonio Soler

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

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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.



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, March 12 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

- 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 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Knitting Circle (Locke Commons) 🏛️
- 6:00 pm 6th - 8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

Monday, March 13

- 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)

Tuesday, March 14

- 6:26 am HS Girls' 626 (Chick-fil-A, Hobby Lobby)
- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 1:00 pm Shepherding & Care Meeting (Room 203)

Wednesday, March 15

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:30 pm Praise Ringers
- 4:45 pm Chess Club (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 16

- 9:30 am Women's Oasis Bible Study
- 10:00 am Community Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Administrative Committee Meeting

Saturday, March 18

- 10:00 am Pickleball in the Park 🏛️
- 5:30 pm Youth Spring Fun (Whelan Home)

Sunday, March 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)

🏛️ = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event Members Welcome!

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Gracious Lord, our good and faithful Shepherd, we give You thanks for all the ways in which You guide and guard our lives. We thank You for protecting us and providing for our every need. We rejoice that You know us by name, and call us by name, and care for each one of us. We ask You now, O Shepherd of our souls, to be present with us in the power of Your Spirit. Comfort the afflicted, correct the wayward, assure the anxious, warn the straying, seek and save the lost, and lead us in the paths of righteousness, for Your names sake. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30) Sarah Catherine Sonnenberg, violin
"Violin Concerto No. 1 in A Minor – Andante" J. S. Bach

(11:00) Amy Hall, soloist
"God Hears My Prayer" Faye Lopez

I bow on my knees before Him; I come to my Lord in prayer.
Convinced of His love and mercy, I bring my ev'ry care.
I pour out my heart before Him, Who knows my deepest fear.
In pity His arms surround me; He wipes away each tear.
God hears my prayer when I come to Him in my darkest hour;
God hears my prayer when I bring to Him my need.
He'll lift me up, and He'll give me grace in trouble.
God hears my prayer; He will surely answer me.
In humble submission falling, confessing my straying heart,
I run to my waiting Father; forgiveness He'll impart.
My heart thrills with adoration; His glory fills my sight,
Amazed that my God would love me, in me He would delight.

WELCOME: Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 2:7–12 (responsively)

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to Me,

"You are My Son; today I have begotten You.

*Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage, and the ends of the earth
Your possession.*

You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in Him."

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #9

"All You That Fear Jehovah's Name" PARK STREET

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 103:8, 10-12

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King" (v. 2)

DARWALL

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;

When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

(8:30)

Dr. David Weber

Evan and Katie Harris present their daughter, Evelyn Mae, for baptism.

(11:00)

Pastor Ron Cox

Grant and Sarah Grace Barkley present their son, Theodore Wade, for baptism.

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

"Nobody Else"

Cherub Choir

Tom Fettke

There was a time when this old Earth was just an empty ball.
God made the light, the birds and trees, creatures large and small.
He filled the land with fireflies, giraffes and aardvarks, too;
And then He made a talking thing that looks a lot like you!
Oh, nobody else could do that. Nobody else could do that.
No one except the great "I AM"; He must be the God of Abraham.
As time went by, mankind became as sinful as could be.
No one believed in God at all but Noah's family.
So then the Lord said, "Take them all into a great big boat."
And planet Earth was waterlogged, but Noah stayed afloat!
Well, many years had come and gone since Noah's floating zoo,
And sinful man was still the same: God knew what He must do.
He sent His Son into the world to die upon a tree,
So ev'ryone who trusts in Him will live eternally.

Amy Hall – Director; Miriam Amos – 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: Hebrews 1:4-9 (page 1001)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"Above All Heavenly Powers"* 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: *"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) Amy Hall, soloist
"God Hears My Prayer" Faye Lopez

(11:00) Sanctuary Choir
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Philip W. J. Stopford

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an off'ring far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*THE DOXOLOGY: OLD HUNDREDTH

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.