

## SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK

### April 2 - Palm Sunday

8:30 am & 11:00 am - Worship, with Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Scripture: Hebrews 2:5-9 Sermon: "A Donkey-Riding King"

### April 6 - Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Communion Service with Pastor Brett Eubank  
Scripture: Mark 14:66-72 Sermon: "The Rooster and the Cross"  
The Nursery will be available

### April 7 - Good Friday

12:05 to 12:55 pm - with Pastor Shane Whelan  
A special service of meditation on the sacrifice of Christ for us  
Scripture: Acts 2:22-23 Sermon: "Checkmate"  
The Nursery will be available

### April 9 - Easter Sunday

7:30 am - Garden Service in the Courtyard  
(meet in the Fellowship Hall in case of inclement weather)  
8:30 am - Worship, with Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
9:45 am - Continental Breakfast, Cheatham Center & Locke Commons  
11:00 am - Worship, with Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
The Nursery will be available  
No Sunday School or Children's Church

## The Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The Palms used in the service today are presented by the Butler family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Laura and Lindsay Butler, Lindsay Butler, Jr., and Hazel Butler.

## Prayer & Fasting

Please join us for prayer in the Chapel on Tuesday, April 4 at noon as we set aside this day for fasting and praying. Our focus of prayer will be for the lost.

## 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](http://rivermont.org/prayer) or email [janet@rivermont.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://rivermont.org/sundayschool)).
- Join us for dinner and Bible Studies on Wednesday nights. This will resume in September.
- 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](http://rivermont.org/gtkr).

## Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit [rivermont.org/events](http://rivermont.org/events)

### Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
8:30 am Worship Service with the Lord's Supper  
9:20 am College Coffee (Locke Commons)  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service with the Lord's Supper  
12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run  
With Campus Outreach  
(Riverside Park)  
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)  
5:00 pm Knitting Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰

### Monday, April 3

7:00 am No Walls Men's Bible Study (Quinlan)  
9:00 am Preschool  
9:30 am Story Time (Youth House) 🏰  
10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 206)  
7:30 pm WEEE Connect Meeting (Room 201)

### Tuesday, April 4

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 Meeting (Chapel)

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event  
Members Welcome!

### Wednesday, April 5

9:00 am Preschool  
4:45 pm Chess Club (Room 303) 🏰  
6:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting (Rm 206)  
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir  
6:45 pm Carillon

### Thursday, April 6

10:00 am Community Bible Study  
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service with the  
Lord's Supper (Sanctuary)

### Friday, April 7

12:05 pm Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

### Saturday, April 8

11:00 am Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt 🏰

### Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday

7:30 am Garden Service (Courtyard)  
8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
8:30 am Worship Service with the Lord's Supper  
9:45 am Continental Breakfast (Cheatham &  
Locke Commons)  
11:00 am Worship Service with the Lord's Supper



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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

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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:

Triumphant Lord and God, we have come to welcome and worship Your Son today. Yet as the words of Scripture echo through our souls, we realize how our behavior parallels that of the people of Jerusalem: one day we are celebrating Christ's arrival, the next we are criticizing Him for the demands He places on us. Gracious God, have mercy on us, for our faith is seldom mature. At times we resist Your message. At times we have treated Your Word carelessly, producing a shallow belief. Many times we compromise and shape our faith around convenience. Loving Lord, we confess our involvement in these sins. Cleanse and renew us by the consistent love and life of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### PRELUDE: "Festival Piece on 'St. Theodolph' "

arr. Robert J. Hughes

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

### WELCOME: Pastor Ron Cox

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:19-23, 26 (responsively)

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble  
and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

**Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

*This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.*

**I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.**

*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

**This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

*Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD!*

**We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

### \*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE: #235

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

ST. THEODULPH

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:34; 6:8, 11

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: #535

*"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"*

EBENEZER

### \*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST: Revelation 1:4-5 (responsively)

*Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood.*

**Hosanna in the highest!**

### ANTHEM FOR PREPARATION FOR THE WORD:

*"Palms of Praise"*

Cherub Choir

Joseph M. Martin

Blessed is He Who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna! Come make a joyful noise!

Hosanna, hosanna! Let all the world rejoice!

Singing, singing, ringing, ringing, bringing, bringing praise to the King.

Waving, waving, swaying, swaying, raising palms of praise!

Blessed is He Who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna! Let all the people sing!

Hosanna, hosanna! Praise to the King of kings!

**Amy Hall – Director; Sandra Landry – Accompanist**

(Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to room #115.)

### THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 2:5-9 (page 1001)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON: "A Donkey-Riding King"

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: "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:

*"Hosanna to the King of Kings!"*

Sanctuary Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

Hosanna to the King of kings! Lift your voice in praise and sing:

He comes this day, O glorious day! Let your loud hosannas ring!

Let the people shout, let the rocks cry out! He comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna to the King of kings! Sing hosanna to the King!

Lift up your heads, O mighty gates; open wide, you ancient doors,

Open wide, that the King of glory may come in! Let us worship and adore.

Who is this King of glory Who comes in the name of the Lord?

He is the Lord Almighty! Sing hosanna to the King!

Hosanna, hosanna! Sing praise to Christ, the King!

We sing hosanna, hosanna!

Blessed is the One Who comes today in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna to the King of kings! Wave your palms and joyfully sing!

See the King Who comes on a donkey's colt. Let your loud hosannas ring!

Rejoice, O people of Zion! He comes to set you free.

Hosanna to the King of kings! Hosanna to the King!

**Noah Caldwell – Accompanist**

### 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](http://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: #263

*"Lift High the Cross"*

CRUCIFER

### \*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

### \*POSTLUDE:

*"Marche Romaine"*

Charles Gounod