

**\*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):**

Almighty and gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness to us and over all creation; but above all we give thanks for the gift of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, in Whom alone we have life and peace and everlasting joy. Trusting in Him, our Savior, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and entirely, with joy and gratitude; and we pray that You will bless and multiply these tokens of our lives, and use them for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the earth; for the glory of Your Name. Amen.

**\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #460**

*"Amazing Grace!"*

AMAZING GRACE

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

**\*POSTLUDE:**

*"The Trumpet Shall Sound"*

G. F. Handel

\*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](http://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](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)).
- 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 16

- 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 Stitchin' Circle (Locke Commons) 🏛️
- 6:00 pm 6th-8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

### Monday, April 17

- 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)

### Tuesday, April 18

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (FH)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 12:00 pm 60 Plus Luncheon (FH)
- 3:30 pm Park Play Group (Riverside Park) 🏛️
- 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, April 19

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:30 pm Praise Ringers
- 4:45 pm Chess Club (Room 303) 🏛️
- 5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub, Chapel & New Song
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, April 20

- 9:30 am Women's Oasis Bible Study
- 10:00 am Community Bible Study
- 6:30 pm All-Adult Pig Pickin' (Portico)

### Friday, April 21

- 7:00 pm 20 Somethings+ Secret Church

### Saturday, April 22

- 10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏛️
- 10:30 am Rivermont United Soccer Outreach

### Sunday, April 23

- 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 Stitchin' Circle (Locke Commons) 🏛️
- 6:00 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

## Contact Us

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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

April 16, 2023

First Sunday in Eastertide

## Preparation *for* Worship

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

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

ALMIGHTY GOD, nothing is too difficult for You! Renew our minds by the power of Your Spirit with the truth of Your Word! Fill our hearts with love for You, zeal for Your kingdom, and a fervent desire to serve You. Grant us the grace now to worship You in spirit and in truth. Replace our apathy with passion, fear with faith, and despair with hope. And to Your great Name be all the honor and glory, now and forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

**"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"**

arr. Charles W. Ore

I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, Who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head.  
He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives, "I know that my Redeemer lives."

### WELCOME:

Pastor Brett Eubank

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Matthew 11:28-30 (responsively)

*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: #30

**"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

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### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

**"Before the Throne of God Above" (vs. 3)**

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

### \*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 2:10-13 (page 1002)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

**"Spiritual Fitness"**

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!

### MOMENT FOR MISSION:

Missy Phelps, Vacation Bible School

### 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)

Praise Ringers

**"Oceans"**

Houston, Crocker, Lighthelm, arr. Bettcher

You call me out upon the waters; the great unknown where feet may fail.  
And there I find You in the mystery; in oceans deep my faith will stand.  
And I will call upon Your Name, and keep my eyes above the waves.  
When oceans rise my soul will rest in Your embrace,  
For I am Yours and You are mine.  
Your grace abounds in deepest waters, Your sovereign hand will be my guide.  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,  
You've never failed and You won't start now.  
Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders,  
Let me walk upon the waters, wherever You would call me.  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,  
And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior.

Hadley Hall – Director

(11:00)

Sanctuary Choir Women

**"Arise, My Soul, Arise"**

Dan Forrest

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears:  
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:  
Before the throne, my Surety stands, my name is written on His hands.  
Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary,  
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry, "nor let that ransomed sinner die."  
My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh, and "Father, Abba, Father," cry.  
Arise, my soul, arise! And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.  
Arise, my soul, arise.

Elizabeth Matney, violin; Hadley Hall - Accompanist