

***THE BENEDICTION**

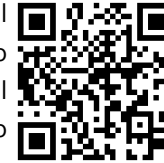
***THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):**
"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

***POSTLUDE:** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

Monday, April 24

- 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)
- 11:00 am Caregivers' Meeting (Room 203-204)

Tuesday, April 25

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 3:30 pm Park Play Group (Riverside Park) 🏛️

Wednesday, April 26

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:30 pm Praise Ringers 🏛️
- 4:45 pm Chess Club (Room 303)

🏛️ = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event
Members Welcome!

Wednesday, April 26, continued

- 5:15 pm Carillon
- 5:15 pm Cherub, Chapel & New Song Choirs
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 27

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

Saturday, April 29

- 10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏛️
- 10:30 am Clean Up the Trash Bash (field at Bedford Ave. and Monsview Place) 🏛️
- 10:30 am Rivermont United Soccer Outreach 🏛️
- 1:00 pm Lucy Harris Memorial Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 30

- 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) 🏛️
- 5:00 pm Israel Trip Meeting (John Knox)



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

ORDER of WORSHIP

April 23, 2023

Second Sunday in Eastertide

General Fund as of March 31, 2023	
Budget to date:	\$ 1,476,345
Ahead of Budget:	\$ 78,732
Year-to-date contributions:	\$ 1,555,077
Year-to-date expenses:	\$ 1,397,915
Contributions Above Expenses:	\$ 157,162

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Sydney Adams and Jackson Ankeney. They were united in marriage yesterday in the REPC Sanctuary.

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.

Contact Us

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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:

Gracious Lord, we humbly ask Your blessing on this worship service, that by Your power we may worship You in spirit and in truth, and truly honor You. May Your glory be magnified, may Your Name be exalted, and may we find our greatest joy in You. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us afresh: to strengthen the fainthearted, encourage the weak, comfort the suffering, and call us all into renewed faith and committed discipleship; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30) **"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"** arr. Michael D. Costello

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.
Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

(11:00) **"Forever Praise"** Chapel Choir
Joseph M. Martin

I will sing praise and magnify Jesus, honor Him for the things He has done.
I will give thanks and love Him forever and ever, forever I'll give Him my praise.
Ev'ry day I live, while He gives me breath
I will lift high the precious name of Jesus.
Ev'ry word I speak, ev'ry hymn I raise
Before Him Who filled my mouth with song and filled my heart with love.
Forever praise the Lord! Forever sing praise!
Lori Flowers – Director; Miriam Amos – Accompanist

WELCOME: Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 132:7-9 (responsively)

Let us go to His dwelling place.

Let us worship at His footstool!

Arise, O LORD, and go to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your might.

Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Your saints shout for joy.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #156

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" ST. THEODULPH

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Isaiah 53:5; Colossians 1:14

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" (v.5) HYFRYDOL

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

(11:00)THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Cam and Katherine Colquitt present their children, Joia Ruth and Mira Jane, for baptism.

*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 2:14-18 (Page 1002)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **"Jesus Gets Us"** Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison): THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who, for us and our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 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) **"Forever Praise"** Chapel Choir
Joseph M. Martin

(11:00) **"Rest"** Sanctuary Choir
Ken Burton

(Based on Matthew 11:28-30)

Come unto Him, He'll give you rest;
All ye that labor, come unto Him.
You'll find rest unto your soul.
His yoke is easy, His burden light.
Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him:
You'll find rest unto your soul.

*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.**

*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. In His name, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and entirely; 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; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Please see insert)

"He Will Hold Me Fast" Matt Merker