

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 4, 2023

9:45 am (no adult Sunday School)

9th grade - all adults are encouraged to attend

5th - 8th Grade meet in the Youth House

For the purposes of:

1. Receiving as information updates regarding the current year-to-date financial report and the fiscal year budget, ending June 30, 2024.
2. Receiving as information ministry updates.

General Fund as of April 30, 2023

Budget to date:	\$ 1,640,383
Ahead of Budget:	\$ 83,965
Year-to-date contributions:	\$ 1,724,348
Year-to-date expenses:	\$ 1,567,243
Contributions Above Expenses:	\$ 157,105

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, May 21

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
(La Cocina, 2610 Lakeside Dr.)
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
5:00 pm Stitchin' Circle (Locke Commons)
6:00 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center) 🏰

Monday, May 22

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)
5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰

Tuesday, May 23

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study
(Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
9:00 am Preschool
10:30 am Women's Circle
(Home of Gracie Lewis)
3:30 pm Park Play Group (Riverside Park) 🏰

Wednesday, May 24

9:00 am Preschool
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Saturday, May 27

10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰

Sunday, May 28

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) 🏰



= In Rivermont for Rivermont Event (Members Welcome!)

For more information, please visit inrivermont.com

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Tessa Sydnor and Alan Tubbs. 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.

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

May 21, 2023
Ascension Sunday

Preparation *for* Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Holy Father, as You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to be our great High Priest, Who has entered into the Most Holy Place by His own blood: mercifully look upon us, and grant that we may worship and serve You with consciences cleansed by His blood; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE: "God of Grace and God of Glory" arr. Michael D. Costello

God of grace and God of glory, on Your people pour your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

WELCOME: Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29 (responsively)

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,

We have come to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,

You have come to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

We have come to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.

For our God is a consuming fire.

*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: 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24, Titus 3:4-5

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Spirit of the Living God" IVERSON

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." (Ephesians 2:13 ESV)

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

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 3:12-19 (Page 1002)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Life-Giving Words" 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: "Glorify Your Name" Donna Adkins

FATHER, we love You, we praise You, we adore You: Glorify Your name in all the earth! Glorify Your name, glorify Your name, glorify Your name in all the earth! (Repeat, using: JESUS and SPIRIT)

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Marilyn Kirshberger, Story Time

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:

"Steal Away"

Sanctuary Choir Men

Spiritual, arr. Brazeal Dennard

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.
My Lord calls me. He calls me by the thunder.
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.
Green trees a-bending. Poor sinner stands a-trembling.
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.
My Lord calls me. He calls me by the lightning.
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.

*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDDTH

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 everlasting Father, faithful in all Your ways and righteous in all Your doings: we praise You, and we give thanks for the bounty of Your gifts lavished upon us. Most of all, we thank You for the gift of Your Son: for His righteous life, His humble suffering, His atoning blood, His victorious resurrection, and His triumphant ascension to Your right hand. As we offer these tokens of our lives, we present ourselves to You as a living sacrifice of praise. May we live for Your glory, in faith and obedience, by the power of the Holy Spirit, until Jesus Christ comes again with power and glory! Amen!

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #359

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" DENNIS

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE: "Postlude in F Minor"

George Blake

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