

In Appreciation

- Dear Rivermont Family, We are grateful for the outpouring of kindness and support we've received since our son John Parker passed away. We thank each and every one of you for making us feel loved and cared for during this difficult time. With love in Christ, Jim, Melissa, Zach and Katie Stanley
- Thanks to all of you who helped make our Vacation Bible School such a great time for our children! We learned many Bible truths, memory verses, and fun songs. Praise God for the wonderful volunteers who worked together, using their gifts and talents to impact lives for Christ!

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by the Harrison family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lionel Payne Harrison who went to be with the Lord on June 19. A memorial service was held yesterday in the REPC Sanctuary.

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 beginning September 10. For more information and to register go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, July 2

- 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am College Hour Sunday School (CO House, 2436 Rivermont Avenue)
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm Youth Dinner and Fireworks Viewing (CVCC Parking Lot)

Monday, July 3

- 7:00 am No Walls Men's Bible Study (Quinlan)
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens)
- 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰

Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

- 7:00 pm Women's Summer Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, July 6

- 9:29 am Youth Boys' and Girls' 929 (Biscuitville, Old Forest Rd.)
- 6:30 pm Pick-up Soccer (Field at intersection of Early and Dinwiddie) 🏰

Saturday, July 8

- 8:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏰
- 9:00 am Nature Walk in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏰
- 12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community Church College Hill)

Sunday, July 9

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am College Hour Sunday School (CO House, 2436 Rivermont Avenue)
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Worship Service
- 12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Market at Main, 904 Main Street)
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event (Members Welcome!)
For more information, please visit inrivermont.com

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

July 2, 2023

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.

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Gracious Father, we give You thanks for the gift of this day on which we gather as Your people to find our rest in You. May Your Spirit dwell with us, work within us, and move among us, that we may worship You in spirit and in truth. May Your Word come to us in power, and be received by us in faith. May our love for You and for one another be increased; and may our lives be further sanctified, that we may grow in the likeness of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ; in Whose name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Miriam Amos, organ

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

WELCOME:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 57:9-11 (responsively)

*I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to You among the nations.
For Your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let Your glory be over all the earth!*

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #34

"The God of Abraham Praise"

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*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (verse 1) LAUDA ANIMA
Praise my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me, His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the everlasting King.

*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 5:11-6:3 (page 1003)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Beyond the Basics"

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:

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

EBENEZER

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

**Mike Garcia, Mark Landry,
Lee Richwine, Jeffrey Smith**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Mark Landry

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 COMMUNION HYMN: #308

"Jesus Paid It All" (verses 1-3)

ALL TO CHRIST

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.

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: #308

"Jesus Paid It All" (verse 4)

ALL TO CHRIST

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Toccata in B Minor"

Eugene Gigout

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