

Rivermont Chimes youth handbell choir will be offered this fall to children entering Grades 3 through 5. Those participating in Rivermont Chimes will be able to develop to a higher level their musical talents and skills while they experience the rewards of playing in this unique ensemble.

A handchime is an instrument similar to a handbell, but it is shaped differently and has a more mellow, softer tone. Many of our current youth handbell players were trained in the Rivermont Chimes choir, and unfortunately, this choir was suspended in 2020 due to COVID. We are pleased that this fall we are again offering this opportunity to our grade school-aged youth.

Rehearsals for this choir will be each Wednesday afternoon from 4:30-5:10 p.m. beginning September 6, and presentations for this season will be approximately once every 5-6 weeks in a Sunday worship service through May of 2024. Noah Caldwell will be directing the group. Noah is a rising senior at New Covenant Schools and has a huge passion for music. He has grown up at Rivermont and at age nine became a member of Rivermont Chimes. For the past seven years he has been playing handbells, piano, and more recently the organ. In addition to music, Noah has coached at several local Sports Outreach camps for children ages five to eleven. In his free time he enjoys soccer theater, and jiu jitsu.

Parents of young people who are interested in this outstanding opportunity should contact Peggy Bettcher at pbettcher@rivermont.org. Space is limited. Prior experience in reading music (i.e. piano lessons) is helpful, but not required.

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Jack and Carolyn Hill to the glory of God and in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron J. Cole and Mr. and Mrs. John Sanford Hill.

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

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. All requests are confidential.

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 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)

Monday, July 10

- 7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)
- 9:30 am Story Time (Youth House) 🏰
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens)
- 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰
- 6:00 pm Art with Amy (Youth House) 🏰

Tuesday, July 11

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (FH)
- 4:00 pm Park Play Group (Riverside Park) 🏰
- 6:30 pm Youth Ultimate Frisbee (Peaks View Park)

Wednesday, July 12

- 6:30 pm Men's Cornhole Tournament (back parking lot of church)
- 7:00 pm Women's Summer Fellowship (FH)

Thursday, July 13

- 9:29 am Youth Boys' and Girls' 929 (Biscuitville, Old Forest Rd.)
- 6:30 pm Campus Outreach American Gospel 🏰 Movie Night
- 6:30 pm Pick-up Soccer (field at Early and Dinwiddie)

Saturday, July 15

- 8:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park)

Sunday, July 16

- 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
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

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For more information, please visit inrivermont.com

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ORDER of WORSHIP

July 9, 2023

Preparation *for* Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Father of all grace and glory, look upon us in love and compassion through Your Son, Jesus Christ; and, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, enable us to worship You in spirit and in truth. Help us to draw near to You, in the assurance that You dwell with those who are of humble and contrite heart. Renew our minds by the truth of Your Word, strengthen our souls, and direct our wills; that we may more fervently love You and more sincerely serve You, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Grayson Laughon, violin

arr. Kristin Campbell

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

WELCOME:

Rodney Suddith, REPC elder

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 28:6-9 (responsively)

Blessed be the LORD! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield;

In Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

My heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #168

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

TOULON

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (v. 1)

SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

*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 6:4-8 (page 1003)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"A Stern Warning for the Heart"

Pastor Ron Cox

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:

"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!

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: Leisl Amos, Amy Hall, Betsy Weaver, Beth Ulrich

"We Will Glorify"

Paris, arr. Jack Schrader

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.
Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.
He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live;
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to Him we give.
Let all who own Christ's holy name give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim aloud the wondrous story.
Cast every idol from its throne; the Lord is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!
Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM!

Miriam Amos – piano

*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):

Gracious Father, we praise You for every good and perfect gift which comes down from heaven. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins! We praise You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, by Whom we are born anew and adopted as Your children through Jesus our Lord. With joy, we present ourselves as living sacrifices in Your service. Receive and bless this offering, for the sake of Your kingdom, and send us forth in the power of Your Spirit to live as witnesses of Jesus Christ, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #441

"Jesus Shall Reign"

DUKE STREET

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Presto from Organ Concerto No. 5"

G. F. Handel

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