

***THE BENEDICTION**

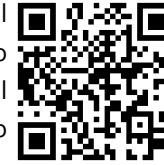
***THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):**
"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

***POSTLUDE:** **"Trumpet Tune"** Robert J. Powell

*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).
- Join us for dinner and Bible Studies on Wednesday nights beginning September 6.
- 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 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)

Monday, July 17

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) 🏰

Tuesday, July 18

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study
 (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom) 🏰
 4:00 pm Park Play Group (Riverside Park) 🏰
 6:30 pm Youth Frisbee/MayLynn's
 (Peaks View Park)

Wednesday, July 19

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

Thursday, July 20

9:29 am Youth Boys' and Girls' 929
 (Biscuitville, Old Forest Road)
 6:30 pm Pick-up Soccer (Field at Early and
 Dinwiddie) 🏰
 6:30 pm Campus Outreach Picnic and Kickball
 (Peaks View Park)

Saturday, July 22

8:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰

Sunday, July 23

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)

🏰 = 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 16, 2023

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bill and Phyllis Westenbarger's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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:

Lord, as we come to worship You this morning, may Your Spirit open our hearts and our understanding to see both our own desperate need and Your gracious provision for our salvation in Jesus Christ. Open our eyes also to see Your greatness and glory more clearly. Convict us, convert us, cleanse us and consecrate us, so that we may willingly and wholeheartedly give ourselves to You and to Your service. Enable us now to worship You in Spirit and in truth. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

PRELUDE:

Elizabeth Matney, violin

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

arr. Rowland H. Prichard

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

WELCOME:

David Sosin, REPC Elder

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 100 (responsively)

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing! Know that the Lord, He is God!*

It is He Who made us, and we are His; We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #55

"To God Be the Glory"

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*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (vv. 1 & 3)

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom.

*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 6:9-12 (Page 1004)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

Cam Colquitt, Campus Outreach

"Blessed Assurance"

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 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:

Elizabeth Matney, violin

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. James Michael Stevens

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

*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 heavenly 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:#693

"Blessed Assurance"

ASSURANCE