

\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE:#695

"By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven"

NEUMARK

\*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

\*POSTLUDE:

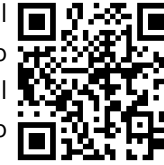
"Trumpet Tune in D-flat Major"

William B. Fuhrer

\*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](http://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](http://rivermont.org/gtkr).

## Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit [rivermont.org/events](http://rivermont.org/events)

### 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)

### Monday, July 24

7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)  
 9:30 am StoryTime (Youth House) 🏰  
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens)  
 11:00 am Caregivers' Meeting (Room 203)  
 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰

### Tuesday, July 25

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 26

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

### Thursday, July 27

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

### Friday, July 28

RYM leaving for camp  
 6:00 pm Campus Outreach and 20 Somethings+  
 Bocce and Hibachi (Youth House)

### Saturday, July 29

8:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰

### Sunday, July 30

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](http://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 23, 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](http://rivermont.org/prayer) or email [janet@rivermont.org](mailto: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 Lord, we humbly ask Your blessing upon 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:

**Mark Landry and Lee Richwine**

*"Draw Me Nearer"*

Doane, arr. Ovid Young

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to Thee.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou has died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to Thy precious, bleeding side.  
Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the pow'r of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine.  
There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with Thee.

**Sandra Landry - piano**

### WELCOME:

**Michael Hall, REPC Elder**

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 116 (responsively)

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,*

**Whose sin is covered.**

*Many are the sorrows of the wicked,*

**But steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.**

*Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,*

**And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #24

*"Vast the Immensity, Mirror of Majesty"*

MAJESTAS

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*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.**

### \*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 6:13-20 (Page 1004)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

*"An Anchor of Assurance"*

**Dr. David Weber**

### THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from Colossians 1:15-20 (in unison)

**We believe in Christ Jesus: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn  
of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,  
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all  
things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and  
in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church.  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might  
be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and  
through Him to reconcile to Himself all things whether on earth or in heaven,  
making peace by the blood of His cross.**

### \*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:

**Doug Haley, Julie Haley,  
Drew Neiderer, Vicky Pogue**

*"Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor"*

Boswell, Papa, arr. Campbell

Christ, the sure and steady anchor, in the fury of the storm;  
When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn;  
In the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,  
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.  
Christ, the sure and steady anchor, while the tempest rages on;  
When temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won;  
Deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused;  
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.  
Christ, the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief;  
Hopeless, somehow, O my soul now, lift your eyes to Calvary.  
This my ballast of assurance, see His love forever proved;  
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.  
Christ, the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of death;  
When these trials give way to glory, and we draw our final breath;  
We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secured;  
And the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endured.  
Christ, the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true;  
We will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

### \*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):

**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.**