

Sanctuary Choir

Sanctuary Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 30. The choir sings for Sunday morning worship services (alternating between the 8:30 and 11:00 am services) beginning September 3. This December we look forward to presenting the Vivaldi Gloria. Membership is open to singers college age and above who have some previous choir or other vocal performance experience. Please contact Peggy Bettcher at pbettcher@rivermont.org for more information.

Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 6:30. Starting on 8/15/23 we will begin a study on the book of Titus taught by Ken Bradford. Coffee and light breakfast food is provided. Located in the Fellowship Hall.

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, August 6

- 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)

Monday, August 7

- 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, August 8

- 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 Ultimate Frisbee and MayLynn's (Peaks View Park)

Wednesday, August 9

- 7:00 pm Women's Fellowship and Lawn Games (Youth House and Lawn)

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event (Members Welcome!)

For more information, please visit inrivermont.com

Thursday, August 10

- 10:00 am Youth End-of-Summer Event
- 6:30 pm Men's Cornhole Tournament (Back of Church)

Saturday, August 12

- 8:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏰
- 4:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community Church College Hill)

Sunday, August 13

- 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 (Mi Patron, Boonsboro Road)
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Martha Craig to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Layne and Elsie Craig.

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

August 6, 2023

Preparation *for* Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who is and was, and Who is to come. You have appointed us a high priest, in Whose name we may come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may find mercy and power to help in time of need. Your Word teaches that a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. This day we seek to draw near to You in prayer, Word, and sacrament through the intercession of Jesus Christ and by the power of His Spirit. Grant us the grace to taste and see that You are good. Amen.

PRELUDE:

Grayson Laughon, violin

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

arr. Kristin Campbell

All praise to God, Who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul He fills, the God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

WELCOME:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 84 (responsively)

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #57

"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul"

RIPLEY

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 5:8; Ephesians 1:7

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"He Will Hold Me Fast" (verse 3)

Matt Merker

**For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!**

**Refrain: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

*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 7:11-19 (page 1004)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"The Power of Perfection"

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:

Grayson Laughon, violin

"Day by Day"

arr. Kristin Campbell

Day by day and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He Whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best –
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure, mingling toil with peace and rest.

*THE COMMUNION HYMN: #455

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" (verses 1-3)

SAGINA

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: #455

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" (verses 4-5)

SAGINA

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Grand Choeur – Sortie pour Noel"

Hadley Hall, organ

Cesar Franck