

## 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](mailto:pbettcher@rivermont.org) for more information.

## Children and Youth Choirs

In Psalm 100:2 the Lord instructs us to "Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!" It is never too early to begin teaching our children how to serve the Lord. Participating in a youth choir is a wonderful opportunity for service. Not only do the children benefit from a fine musical experience, but they are given the opportunity to serve in corporate worship several times each semester.

We encourage your child's participation in one of the children's youth vocal choirs this fall:

Cherub Choir - PreK-Grade 2 - Amy Hall, director

Chapel Choir - Grades 3-6 - Lori Flowers, director

New Song - Grades 7-12 – Else Frazier, director

Rehearsals begin on September 6 and are from 5:15-5:45.

Please pre-register by contacting Peggy Bettcher at [pbettcher@rivermont.org](mailto:pbettcher@rivermont.org).

## 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 are provided. Located in the Fellowship Hall.

## In Appreciation

Dear REPC Family, Betty and I would like to thank everyone for their kindness during Betty's surgery and recovery. Your meals, cards, calls and prayers were overwhelming. We have been so very blessed by your love.

In Christ's love, Clay Atkins

## 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). 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](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, August 13

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
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)

### Monday, August 14

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, August 15

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (FH)  
4:00 pm Park Play Group (Riverside Park) 🏰  
6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)  
7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)  
7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

### Saturday, August 19

8:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰

### Sunday, August 20

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

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

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

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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

August 13, 2023

## 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:

#### "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided:  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.  
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

N. Abraham, piano

arr. Abraham

### WELCOME:

Carey Roberts, REPC Elder

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 27:4,7-8 (responsively)

*One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:*

That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.

*Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!*

You have said, "Seek My face." My heart says to You, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #4

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

(Verse 4 women, Verse 5 men)

MT. FREUDEN ZART

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"He Will Hold Me Fast" (verse 1)

Matt Merker

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

**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 7:20-25 (page 1004)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

"The Power of Permanence"

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 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 and Julie Haley, Vicky Pogue

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

arr. The Martins and R. W. Johnson

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine. For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou.  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.  
I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow.  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.  
In mansions of glory and endless delight I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright.  
I'll sing with a glittering crown on my brow.  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

### \*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDRETH

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):

Dear Father, in response to Your great gift to us, we offer ourselves to You. We bring these gifts as expressions of our gratitude and love. Accept them, we pray, and bless them for the sake of the gospel and the increase of Your kingdom, to the glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #305

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"

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### \*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

### \*POSTLUDE:

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Alice Jordan