

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):**

Almighty Father of everlasting love, we give You thanks for the gift of life, for the blessings of Your providence, and for the promise of Your presence with us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Spirit. We praise You for all the spiritual blessings which You have lavished upon us through Your Son, our Savior – for the gift of new birth, new life, the forgiveness of our sins, our adoption as Your children, and the hope of glory! All praise, honor, and glory be to You, the sovereign God of life and life everlasting. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Back of Insert)**

"The Power of the Cross"

Getty and Townend

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Hadley Hall, organ

arr. John Innes

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so. Lyrics and music reproduced under CCLI#64526.

Congregational Meeting
September 3, 9:45 am, during the Sunday School Hour
No Children's Sunday School - Nursery Only

For the Purposes of:

1. Electing a new class of Ruling Elders and Deacons
2. Electing a new class for the Officer Nominating Committee
3. Approving Trustees in accordance with our Book of Order
4. Introducing the Mission, Vision and Values Statement

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.

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 20

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

Wednesday, August 23

6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge)

Friday, August 25

6:00 pm 20 Somethings+ Food and Fun (Home of Earl and Betsy Weaver)

Saturday, August 26

10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏠

Sunday, August 27

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons)

Monday, August 21

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, August 22

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom) 🏠
4:00 pm Park Play Group (Riverside Park) 🏠

🏠 = 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

August 20, 2023

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, our good and faithful Shepherd, we give You thanks for all the ways in which You guide and guard our lives. We thank You for protecting us and providing for our every need. We rejoice that You know us by name, and call us by name, and care for each one of us. We ask You now, O Shepherd of our souls, to be present with us in the power of Your Spirit. Comfort the afflicted, correct the wayward, assure the anxious, warn the straying, seek and save the lost, and lead us in the paths of righteousness, for Your name's sake. Amen.

PRELUDE: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

arr. Alfred V. Fedak

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.
He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

WELCOME: Ben Moomaw, REPC Elder

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 29:10-11, Revelation 5:12 (responsively)

Blessed are You, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty,

For all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours.

Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head above all.

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain,

To receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #161

"O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire"

BRADFORD

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION (responsively):

Lord, we adore you! You are good and You are great!

You love us so much, even though we don't deserve it.

We have sinful hearts, and out of our heart comes every sinful thing.

We confess our sins now together using Jesus's very words

"What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within,

out of the heart of man, come...

evil thoughts, Lord, we know and confess our sin

sexual immorality, Lord, we know and confess our sin

theft, Lord, we know and confess our sin

murder, Lord, we know and confess our sin

adultery, Lord, we know and confess our sin

coveting, Lord, we know and confess our sin

wickedness, Lord, we know and confess our sin

deceit, Lord, we know and confess our sin

sensuality, Lord, we know and confess our sin

envy, Lord, we know and confess our sin

slander, Lord, we know and confess our sin

pride, Lord, we know and confess our sin

foolishness, Lord, we know and confess our sin

"All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Lord, we know and confess our sin. We are defiled. But You love us so much that You cleanse our every defilement! Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: (See Insert)

"See the Destined Day Arise"

Matt Merker

*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 7:26-28 (Page 1005)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Perfectly Fitting"

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:

"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:

Emily Emanuel, soloist

"I Can Only Imagine"

Bart Millard

I can only imagine what it will be like when I walk by Your side.

I can only imagine what my eyes will see when Your face is before me.

I can only imagine.

Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel?

Will I dance for You, Jesus, or in awe of You be still?

Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees will I fall?

Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all?

I can only imagine.

I can only imagine when that day comes and I find myself standing in the Son.

I can only imagine when all I will do is forever worship You.

I can only imagine.

*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.