

\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #310

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

DARWALL

\*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

\*POSTLUDE:

"Toccata in E Minor"

Johann Pachelbel

\*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.  
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### General Fund as of July 31, 2023

Budget to date:	\$ 169,256
Ahead of Budget:	\$ 27,944
Year-to-date contributions:	\$ 197,200
Year-to-date expenses:	\$ 159,985
Contributions Above Expenses:	\$ 37,215

### 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

### Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Terry Beckloff to the glory of God and in loving memory of his wife, Colleen, on the anniversary of their wedding 60 years ago on August 31.

### 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.

# 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 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) 🏰

### Wednesday, August 30

- 6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care ( Pastors' Lounge)

### Monday, August 28

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

### Saturday, September 2

- 8:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰

### Sunday, September 3

- 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
- 9:45 am Congregational Meeting
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰

### Tuesday, August 29

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

🏰 = 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 27, 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:

#### "Hymns of Peace"

Catherine Meyer, piano

arr. Philip Keveren

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.  
Peace, peace, wonderful peace coming down from the Father above.  
Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray, in fathomless billows of love.  
When peace like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well, with my soul."

### WELCOME:

Bert Murphy, REPC Elder

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 115 (responsively)

*Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness!*

**Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases.**

*O Israel, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.*

**The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron; He will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.**

*May the LORD give you increase, you and your children! May you be blessed by the LORD, Who made heaven and earth!*

**The heavens are the LORD's heavens, but the earth He has given to the children of man. The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any who go down into silence. But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #166

#### "Wondrous King, All-Glorious"

WUNDERBARER KÖNIG

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: #242

#### "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

FESTAL SONG

### (8:30) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Pastor Ron Cox

Brandon and Julia White present their daughter, Emerson Grace, for baptism.

### \*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 8:1-6 (Page 1005)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

#### "The Power of Place"

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"

GREATOR EX

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!

### MOMENT FOR MISSION:

Cam Colquitt, Campus Outreach

### 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:

(8:30)

#### "As the Deer Panteth"

Katy Bloker and Bill Hayes

Martin Nystrom

As the deer panteth for the water so my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.  
You're my Friend and You are my Brother even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other; so much more than anything.  
I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.

(11:00)

#### "The Gift of Love"

Rachel Love

Hal H. Hopson

(Based on 1 Corinthians 13)

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.  
Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turn strangely thin.  
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed. Amen.

### \*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDDTH

**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):

**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. May all that we have and all that we are be consecrated for Your service and Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**