

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):**
"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

***POSTLUDE:** "Toccata in A Minor" Jan Pieter Sweelinck

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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Congregational Meeting
Today, 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. To make dinner reservations go to www.rivermont.org/rfn.
- 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, 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)
 6:00 pm Youth SNL (Youth Center)

Monday, September 4

Church Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5

6:26 am High School Boys' 626 (Chick-fil-A)
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:30 am Women's Circle (Country Gardens)
 12:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
 4:00 pm Park Play Group (Riverside Park) 🏰

Wednesday, September 6

9:00 am Preschool
 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes & Praise Ringers
 5:15 pm Carillon
 5:15 pm Cherub, Chapel & New Song Choirs
 5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night
 6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge)

Wednesday, September 6, continued

6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)

Thursday, September 7

9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Quinlan)
 10:00 am Community Bible Study
 6:30 pm Pickup Basketball (Kingston Court) 🏰

Friday, September 8

6:00 pm 20 Somethings+ Pool Party (Home of Earl and Betsy Weaver)

Saturday, September 9

8:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏰
 12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community Church College Hill)

Sunday, September 10

8:30 am Worship Service
 9:45 am Sunday School
 9:45 am Getting To Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)
 11:00 am Worship Service
 11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Worship Service
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
 5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰
 6:00 pm Youth SNL (Youth Center)

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event (Members Welcome!)
For more information, please visit 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

September 3, 2023

Preparation *for* Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, hasten the coming of Your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, and draw the whole world into willing obedience to Your blessed reign. Overcome all the enemies of Christ, and cast low every power that is exalted against Him. Cast out all the evil things which cause wars among the nations, and let Your Spirit rule in the hearts of all people in righteousness and love. Grant power to the preaching of Your Word, build up Your church throughout all the earth, and may Your kingdom advance and increase, as people of every nation turn away from dead idols to worship You, the true and living God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30) **Miriam Amos, organ**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. John Innes

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly fore'er we adore Him.

(11:00) **Ashley Plude, piano**

"He Is My Peace"

Dennis and Nan Allen

He is wonderful, He is marvelous, He is Savior, He is King!
He is Comforter, He is mighty God, He is Lord of ev'rything.
But more than all of these, He is even more to me. Jesus. He is my peace.
Through the storms He holds me, through the dark He leads me,
Through the pain He calms me with His quiet, tender voice, so I rejoice!

WELCOME: **Pastor Brett Eubank**

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 68:4-6 (responsively)

Sing to God, sing praises to His name;

Lift up a song to Him Who rides through the deserts;

His name is the LORD;

Exult before Him!

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation.

God settles the solitary in a home; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #101

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

TRINITY

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Lamb of God" (verses 2 -3)

Twila Paris

Your Gift of love they crucified. They laughed and scorned Him as He died.

The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Chorus:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.

O wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side

To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a child of God. (Chorus)

*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 8:7-13 (page 1005)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **"A Better Covenant"** **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:

(8:30) **Ashley Plude, piano**

"He Is My Peace"

Dennis and Nan Allen

(11:00) **Sanctuary Choir**

"Amazing Grace"

arr. Marianne Forman

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, and grace will lead me home.

Miriam Amos - Accompanist

*THE COMMUNION HYMN: #469

"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" (verses 1-4) ST. COLUMBA

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: #469

"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" (verses 5-6) ST. COLUMBA