

**\*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.

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

Gracious Father, Your goodness overflows upon us! We give You thanks and praise for Your faithfulness, Your kindness, and Your love. Receive this offering, we pray, as we offer ourselves anew to You. May all that we are, all that we have, and all that we do, be blessed for the spread of the gospel, the increase of Your kingdom, and the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #100**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy!"*

NICAEA

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

**\*POSTLUDE:**

*"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"*

arr. Albert L. Travis

\*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.  
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**We recognize those officers who have completed their term of service as well as those who have accepted another term on the Session and the Diaconate. We are grateful for their service.**

**Elders:** Michael Hall, Vance Pickard, Chris Smith, Eric Vess

**Deacons:** Grant Barkley, Beth Doan, Mark Faulconer, Brandon Miller, Andrew Neiderer, Erick Petersen, Bill Westenbarger

**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. To make reservations go to [rivermont.org/rfn](http://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](http://rivermont.org/gtkr).

## Coming Up This Week

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

### 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)

### Monday, September 11

- 7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 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, September 12

- 6:26 am High School Girl' 626 (Chick-fil-A)
- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (FH)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:00 pm Park Play Group (Riverside Park)

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event (Members Welcome!)  
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### Wednesday, September 13

- 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)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, September 14

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

### Saturday, September 16

- 8:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰
- 9:00 am Nature Walk (Riverside Park) 🏰
- 9:00 am High School Breakfast and Devil's Marbleyard Hike

### Sunday, September 17

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

## Contact Us

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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

September 10, 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:

**(8:30)** **"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"** arr. Alfred V. Fedak

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!  
Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

**(11:00)** **Julie Haley and Vicky Pogue**

**"Sov'reign Ruler of the Skies"** Ryland, Foto, Monk, arr. Keveren

Sov'reign ruler of the skies, ever gracious, ever wise;  
All my times are in Your hand, all events at Your command.  
His decree, Who formed the earth, fixed my first and second birth;  
Now my life to Him I owe, where He leads me I will go.  
Ever faithful, ever true. Keep my heart to only You.  
Since I cannot part with Thee, sov'reign ruler ever be.  
Plagues and deaths around me fly, till He bids, I cannot die;  
Not a single shaft can hit, till the God of love thinks fit.  
Times the tempter's pow'r to prove, times to taste a Savior's love;  
All must come, and last, and end, as shall please my heav'nly Friend.  
He that formed me in the womb, He shall guide me to the tomb;  
All my times shall ever be ordered by His wise decree.  
Thee at all times will I bless, having Thee I all possess;  
Since I cannot part from Thee, sov'reign ruler ever be.

**Elizabeth Matney – violin; Rachel Love – cello**

**WELCOME:** **Pastor Shane Whelan**

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 16:34–36 (responsively)

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;*

**For His steadfast love endures forever!**

*Say also: "Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise.*

**Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!**

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #9**  
**"All You That Fear Jehovah's Name"**

PARK STREET

**\*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: (See Insert)**  
**"O Great God"** Bob Kaufflin

### THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS:

**(8:30) DEACONS:** Grant Barkley, Beth Doan, Reid Goss, Evan Harris,  
Eric Harrison, Steve Mullen and Drew Neiderer

**(11:00) ELDERS:** Russ Matney, Andrew Shields, Chris Smith and Earl Weaver

The Words of Instruction  
The Constitutional Vows of the Officers  
\*The Constitutional Vows of the Congregation  
The Prayer of Ordination and Installation  
The Declaration of Ordination and Installation  
The Welcome, Charge, and Blessing

### \*THE PSALM OF UNITY:

Psalm 133

(Tune: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing)

**Behold how good a thing it is and how becoming well,  
When those that brethren are delight in unity to dwell!**

**For it is like the precious oil poured out on Aaron's head,  
That, going down upon his beard, upon his garment spread!**

**Like Hermon's dew upon the hills of Zion that descends,  
The Lord commands His blessing there, even life that never ends!**

### \*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 9:1-10** (page 1005)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**THE SERMON:** **"Not Yet"** 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:** **"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:

**(8:30)** **Julie Haley and Vicky Pogue**  
**"Sov'reign Ruler of the Skies"** Ryland, Foto, Monk, arr. Keveren

**(11:00)** **Sanctuary Choir**  
**"Praise the One Who Makes Us One"** Tom Trenney

Praise the One Who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.  
Praise the One Who frees the pris'ners turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One Who preached the gospel, curing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.  
Praise the One Who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.  
Praise the One Who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.  
Praise the One Who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.  
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in ev'ry land.  
Praise the One true love incarnate Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the One redeeming glory. Praise the One Who makes us one.  
**Hadley Hall – Accompanist**