

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #253

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

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*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Prelude in A Minor"

J. S. Bach

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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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. To make reservations go to 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. For more information go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

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) 🏰

Monday, September 18

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) 🏰

Tuesday, September 19

6:26 am High School Boys' and Girls' 626 (Chick-fil-A)
6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
9:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm Sixty Plus Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
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)

Wednesday, September 20

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 21

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

Saturday, September 23

8:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰

Sunday, September 24

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) 🏰
5:00 pm 20 Somethings+ & Youth Lawn Games (Home of Caleb and Autumn Wade)

🏰 = 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 17, 2023

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.

Preparation *for* Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

O Lord my Lord, this is Your day, the heavenly command of rest, the open door of worship, the record of Jesus' resurrection, the seal of the Sabbath to come, the day when Your people unite in endless song. I bless You for the throne of grace, that here favor reigns; that open access to it is through the blood of Jesus; that the veil is torn aside and I can enter the holiest and find You ready to hear, waiting to be gracious, inviting me to pour out my needs, encouraging my desires, promising to give more than I ask or think. But while I bless You, shame and confusion are mine: I remember my past misuse of sacred things, my irreverent worship, my base ingratitude, my cold, dull praise. Sprinkle all my past Sabbaths with the cleansing blood of Jesus, and may this day witness deep improvement in me. Give me in rich abundance the blessings the Lord's Day was designed to impart; may my heart be fast bound against worldly thoughts or cares; flood my mind with peace beyond understanding; may my meditations be sweet, my acts of worship life, liberty, joy, my drink the streams that flow from Your throne, my food the precious Word, my defense the shield of faith, and may my heart be more knit to Jesus. Amen. (*The Valley Of Vision*)

PRELUDE:

(8:30) **"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"** arr. Robert Hebble
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song: praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song: praising my Savior all the day long.

(11:00) **Lynn Seipp, clarinet; Sonna Seipp, piano**
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. Holcombe
Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light in accessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

"O, Lord Most Holy" Rogers, Franck

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty, O loving Father,
Thee would we be praising always.
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee;
Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace.

WELCOME: Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Hebrews 12:22-24 (responsively)

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God,
The heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,
And to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,
And to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
And to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,
And to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #44** **"How Great Thou Art"** O STORE GUD

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: #307** **"Nothing but the Blood"** PLAINFIELD

(8:30)THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
Ryan and Christine Pickard present their son, Calvin Ebenezer, 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 9:11-14 (Page 1006)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **"Power in the Blood"** 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: (See Insert)** **"There Is Power in the Blood"** Lewis E. Jones

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)** **Sanctuary Choir**
"Praise, O Praise the King of Heaven!" Lloyd Larson
(Based on Psalm 103)

Praise, O praise the King of heaven; to His feet your tribute bring!
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, lift your voices and gladly sing!
Praise the everlasting King!
Praise Him for His grace and favor to all people in distress!
Praise Him still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Glorious is God's faithfulness!
Father-like, He tends and spares us; and in His hands He gently bears us.
He rescues us from our foes; so widely His mercy flows.
Praise the King on high!
Frail as the summer's flower, we flourish; blows the wind and it is gone.
And while mortals rise and perish, God endures, the unchanging One.
Angels, help us to adore Him, you behold Him face to face.
Saints triumphant, bow before Him, lift your voices and gladly sing!
Praise the everlasting King!

Hadley Hall - Accompanist

(11:00) **Lynn Seipp, clarinet; Sonna Seipp, piano**
"It is Well with My Soul" arr. Carter/Anderson
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!"
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

***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.