

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE:** "Fugue 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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General Fund as of August 31, 2023	
Budget to date:	\$ 338,513
Ahead of Budget:	\$ 18,235
Year-to-date contributions:	\$ 356,748
Year-to-date expenses:	\$ 327,164
Contributions Above Expenses:	\$ 29,584

### Hospital Admittance

If you would like us to know of your hospital admission, please remember to tell the hospital admissions clerk that you are a member of Rivermont EPC.

### 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. 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. For more information 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 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)

### Monday, September 25

- 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)
- 11:00 am Caregivers' Meeting (Room 203)
- 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰

### Tuesday, September 26

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:00 pm Play Group (Riverside Park) 🏰

### Wednesday, September 27

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes & Praise Ringers

### Wednesday, September 27 (continued)

- 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 28

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

### Saturday, September 30

- 7:30 am Virginia 10 Miler (Front of Church)
- 10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰
- 10:30 am Soccer Outreach (ARC Field) 🏰
- 11:00 am Middle School Youth at Trampoline Park

### Sunday, October 1

- 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰
- 6:00 pm Youth SNL (Youth House)

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event (Members Welcome!)  
For more information, please visit [inrivermont.com](http://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

September 24, 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 and everlasting God, in Whom alone is our peace and security: Grant us this day to draw near to You in faith, with sorrowful repentance for all our sins, with humble trust in Jesus Christ the only Savior, with renewed resolve to honor and obey You, placing all our confidence and hope in You alone; all by the grace of the Holy Spirit, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

**(8:30)** **"Take Time to Be Holy"** arr. Lani Smith

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.  
Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak;  
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.  
Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul;  
Each thought and each motive beneath His control;  
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,  
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

**(11:00)** **Mike Garcia, Mark Landry, Jeffrey Smith**  
**"It Is Well With My Soul"** arr. Dan Burgess

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."  
My sin - - O the bliss of this glorious thought! - - my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
"Even so" - - it is well with my soul.

Miriam Amos - piano

### WELCOME:

Pastor Shane Whelan

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Peter 1:3-4, Psalm 95:1-2 (responsively)

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead;*

**And to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled and unfading!**

*O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!*

**Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #181

*"We Come, O Christ, to You"*

DARWALL

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

*"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (vs. 1 & 3)*

TOWNEND

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss - - the Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart - - His wounds have paid my ransom.

### \*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 9:15-22 (Page 1006)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"The Only Mediator between God and Man"* Pastor Ron Cox

### THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

THE PHILIPPIAN CREED based on Philippians 2:6-11 (in unison)

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death — even death on a cross! Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name that is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### \*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:

**(8:30)** **Mike Garcia, Mark Landry, Jeffrey Smith**  
**"It Is Well With My Soul"** arr. Dan Burgess

**(11:00)** **Sanctuary Choir**  
**"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"** arr. David M. Cherwien

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The unity of heart and mind is like to that above.  
Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.  
We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,  
And often, for each other flows the sympathizing tear.  
From sorrows, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Noah Caldwell – Accompanist

### \*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDRETH

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 God, our heavenly Father, You did not spare Your own Son, but gave Him up for us all; and with Him, You have freely given us all things. Receive these offerings, we pray; and enable us, with all our gifts, to yield ourselves to You so that with body and soul we may truly and freely serve You, and in Your service find our perfect freedom and our deepest joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #172

*"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"* ALL SAINTS OLD