

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

Almighty and gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness to us and over all creation; but above all we give thanks for the gift of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, in Whom alone we have life and peace and everlasting joy. In His name, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and entirely; and we pray that You will bless and multiply these tokens of our lives, and use them for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the earth; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #585**

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

HENDON

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:**

"Trumpet Tune"

Georg Philipp Telemann

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so. Lyrics and music reproduced under CCLI#64526.

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, October 15

- 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) 🏛️
- 6:00 pm Youth SNL (Youth House)

Monday, October 16

- 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, October 17

- 6:26 am High School 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)
- 6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)
- 7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
- 7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

Wednesday, October 18

- 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 Meal
- 6:30 pm Bible Studies
- 6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 19

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Quinlan)
- 10:00 am Community Bible Study

Saturday, October 21

- 10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏛️
- 10:30 am Soccer Outreach (ARC Field) 🏛️

Sunday, October 22

- 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) 🏛️

🏛️ = 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

October 15, 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:

Gracious Lord, we humbly ask Your blessing upon this worship service, that by Your power we may worship You in spirit and in truth, and truly honor You. May Your glory be magnified, may Your name be exalted, and may we find our greatest joy in You. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us afresh: to strengthen the fainthearted, encourage the weak, comfort the suffering, and call us all into renewed faith and committed discipleship, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"In Christ Alone"

arr. Jeff Bennett

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace;
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand!
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

WELCOME:

Pastor Shane Whelan

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 51:15-17 (responsively)

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

For You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; You will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #302

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (v.1)

DIADEMATA

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.

(8:30)THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Dr. David Weber

Carter and Liddy Nelligan present their daughter, Katherine Watts Nelligan, 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 10:1-10 (Page 1006)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"An Obedient Sacrifice"

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:

"Gloria Patri"

GREATOREX

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!

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)

"Search Me, O God"

Sanctuary Choir

Bobby Huguley

O Lord, You've made me and You know me well,
You are familiar with my ways.
You hear my words long before they're spoken,
You know my deepest thoughts and dreams all my days.
Search me, O God, and know my heart today,
Try me and know my thoughts, I pray.
Hear my confession, purge my transgression,
Restore the joy that comes from following Your way.
Move in my life, O Father, teach me to do Your will.
Lead me to places where You are working, use me Your purpose to fulfill,
Help me do Your will.
O Lord, You are my God, I cannot hide from You.
You always want the best, Your love is always true!

Hadley Hall - Accompanist

(11:00)

"Hymn of Heaven"

Wickham, Davenport, Johnson, arr. Duren

How I long to breathe the air of heaven,
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets,
To look upon the One Who bled to save me and walk with Him for all eternity.
There will be a day when all will bow before Him,
There will be a day when death will be no more;
Standing face to face with He Who died and rose again, holy, holy is the Lord!
And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation,
The songs of faith we sang thro' doubt and fear;
In the end we'll see that it was worth it when He returns to wipe away our tears.
And on that day we join the resurrection and stand beside the heroes of the faith;
With one voice a thousand generations sing worthy is the Lamb Who was slain.
Forever He shall reign!
So let it be today we shout the hymn of heaven!
With angels and the saints we raise a mighty roar!
Glory to our God Who gave His life beyond the grave! Holy, holy is the Lord!

Sarah Vo - Accompanist

*THE DOXOLOGY:

**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.**

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