

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):**
Gracious Father, we praise You for every good and perfect gift which comes down from heaven. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins! We praise You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, by Whom we are born anew and adopted as Your children through Jesus our Lord. With joy, we present ourselves as living sacrifices in Your service. Receive and bless this offering, for the sake of Your kingdom, and send us forth in the power of Your Spirit to live as witnesses of Jesus Christ, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Please see insert)**
"All Glory Be to Christ" Scottish Traditional

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** **"Psalm XX"** Benedetto Marcello

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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General Fund as of September 30, 2023		
Budget to date:	\$	507,769
Behind Budget:	\$	19,460
Year-to-date contributions:	\$	488,309
Year-to-date expenses:	\$	486,807
Contributions Above Expenses:	\$	1,502

In Appreciation

We needed 120 volunteers for the Fall Festival. Our wonderful covenant family responded with 118. That is a big time appreciative WOW!!! Many thanks!

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. 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 beginning on December 3. For more information and to register go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

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 Knitting Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰

Monday, October 23

- 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, October 24

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
- 9:00 am Preschool

Wednesday, October 25

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

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

Wednesday, October 25 (continued)

- 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
- 7:30 pm Brass Rehearsal

Thursday, October 26

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

Friday, October 27

- 6:00 pm 20 Somethings+ pumpkin carving (2007 Pansy Street)

Saturday, October 28

- 10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰

Sunday, October 29 - Reformation Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Knitting Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰

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Rivermont
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

October 22, 2023

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:
(8:30)

Noah Caldwell, organ

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore"

arr. John Innes

(11:00)

Liesl Amos, Miriam Amos, Amy Hall, Beth Ulrich, Betsy Weaver

"A Heart Like Thine"

Vandeventer, arr. Wood

Give me a love that knows no ill. Give me the grace to do Thy will.
Pardon and cleanse this soul of mine. Give me a heart like Thine.
Come to my heart, blessed Jesus. Hear me, O Savior divine.
Open the fountain and cleanse me. Give me a heart like Thine.
Open my eyes that I may see. Show me the cross of Calvary.
There may I go and not repine. Give me a heart like Thine.
Show me the ways of the Savior dear. Help me to live that others may hear.
May I reflect Thy love Divine; give me a heart like Thine.

WELCOME:

Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 116 (responsively)

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.
Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
But steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.
Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,
And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #115

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

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*THE CALL TO CONFESSION: Psalm 32:2 (responsively)

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

*THE SILENT CONFESSION

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" (v. 5)

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness; I am His, and He is mine.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

HYFRYDOL

(11:00) THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Joshua & Jenna Bird
Sam Bird
Julia Crim
Carolyn Crotts
Melanie Denney
Ethan Gazan
Riley Jarvis
Todd & Patricia Jennings
Tim Johnson
Bryan & Carolyn Litfin
Karen Meadows
Grace Petty
David Riley
Kincaid Robinson
Chris & Ellen Steed along with their children, Olivia, Piper, Camille & Clara
Jeffery Tan
Christine Underation

*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 10:11-18 (Page 1006)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Waiting for Assurance"

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:

"Gloria Patri"

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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)

Liesl Amos, Miriam Amos, Amy Hall, Beth Ulrich, Betsy Weaver

"A Heart Like Thine"

Vandeventer, arr. Wood

(11:00)

Sanctuary Choir

"If Ye Love Me"

(Based on John 14:15-17)

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you another Comforter,
That He may abide with you forever, ev’n the Spirit of Truth.

*THE DOXOLOGY:

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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.