

All Saints' Day

In the church liturgical year, November 1 is designated as All Saints' Day, on which Christians traditionally remember with thanksgiving the life and witness of the faithful Christian men and women who have gone before us, following Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. In the Communion Prayer this morning, we are remembering the saints of this congregation who have died since November 1, 2022. This is not a prayer of intercession for them, but a prayer of thanksgiving for their life and faithful witness, in the assurance that Christians who have preceded us in death are "away from the body and at home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). The Westminster Shorter Catechism (#37) summarizes the teaching of Scripture by stating:

"When believers die, their souls are made perfectly holy and immediately pass into glory. Their bodies, which are still united to Christ, rest in the grave until the resurrection."

(Hebrews 12:23; Luke 23:43; Philippians 1:21,23; 2 Corinthians 5:1-8; Romans 8:21; 1Thessalonians 4:14)

Sherry Marsh	November 9, 2022
Anne Blanks	February 3
Warren Tillapaugh	February 3
CJ Weaver	February 12
Becky White	March 1
Bill Bell	March 21
Lucy Harris	April 1
Sandy Stuart III	April 8
Parker Stanley	April 19
Doris MacIntyre	April 23
Carolyn Wennerstrom	May 15
Lionel Payne Harrison	June 19
Jean Markham	July 13
Marilyn Fanning	August 1
Debbie Miller	August 4
Sandy Matthes	September 26

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.

Emergency Phone Line

For Acute Illness and Death
Evenings and Weekends: (434) 426-3774
Officer Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00: (434) 846-3441
Please leave a message for an appropriate response.

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, November 5 - All Saints' Day (Daylight Saving Time Ends)

8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
5:00 pm Knitting Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰
6:00 pm Youth SNL (Youth House)

Monday, November 6

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) 🏰
7:30 pm WEEE Connect (Room 201)

Tuesday, November 7

6:26 am High School Boys' 626 (Chick-fil-A)
6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
9:00 am Preschool
10:30 am Women's Circle (Country Gardens)
5:00 pm Relational Discipleship
6:30 pm Mission Steering Committee (Library)

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event
(Members Welcome!)

For more information, please visit rivermont.org

Wednesday, November 8

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, November 9

9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Room 203-204)
10:00 am Community Bible Study

Saturday, November 11

10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏰
12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community Church College Hill)
8:00 pm Campus Outreach Women's Little Black Dress Event (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, November 12

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:20 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Oliver's, Rivermont Ave.)
12:00 pm New Members' Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
1:30 pm Campus Outreach Men's Paintball (Stonewall Paintball, Glasgow, VA)
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
5:00 pm Knitting Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰

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OUR PASSION: *For the glory of God and the good of His people, REPC seeks to follow Jesus Christ in His mission to awaken Gospel renewal through Spirit-empowered worship, discipleship and mission, beginning in the Rivermont Community and extending to the ends of the earth.*

ORDER of WORSHIP

November 5, 2023

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Preparation *for* Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty God, Who has knit together Your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of Your Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so as to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which You have prepared for those who sincerely love You; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PRELUDE:

Chapel Choir

"Overflowing with Your Goodness/Come Thou Fount"

Milton and Joanne LeDoux

Overflowing with Your goodness, Your blessings I see.

For Your grace is never-ending, it flows over me.

Let us sing like heaven's angels, praising God from high above.

Overflowing with Your goodness and unending love.

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.

Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Lori Flowers – Director; Hadley Hall – Accompanist

WELCOME:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 48 (responsively)

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth!

We have thought on Your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of Your temple.

Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your

judgments! Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her

ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God,

Our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #345

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Before the Throne of God Above" (vs. 1, 3)

Cooke and Bancroft

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,

A great High Priest Whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart.

I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,

No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,

The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood.

My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,

With Christ, my Savior and my God.

*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 10:26-31 (page 1007)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Thy Rod and Thy Staff"

Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, #1 (responsively):

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

My only comfort is that I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. At the cost of His own precious blood, He has fully paid for all my sins, and has set me free from the dominion of the devil. He also watches over me so well that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. Indeed, all things must work together to fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly ready and willing from now on to live for Him. Amen!

*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 RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:30)

"More Precious Than Silver"

Rivermont Chimes

DeShazo, arr. Bettcher

Lord, You are more precious than silver, Lord, You are more costly than gold;

Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,

And nothing I desire compares with You.

Noah Caldwell – Director

(11:00)

"No Night There"

Sanctuary Choir

Dan Forrest

God is with us; God is for us; do not be afraid.

There shall be no night there, no crying there,

God shall wipe away ev'ry tear from their eyes.

Even in the valley of the shadow of death, God is with us,

I will fear no evil; God is for us.

Lo, I am with you always, even to the end, I am with you to the end.

Elizabeth Matney – violin; Miriam Amos – piano

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session. After reviewing the Communion packet with your child, contact the church office to set up a meeting with the pastors. The packet may be found at www.rivermont.org/communion.

The Words of Invitation and Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, 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 the Bread and the Cup

The Concluding Communion Prayer

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #358

"For All the Saints"

SINE NOMINE

(Verse 3: Men & Boys; verse 4: Women & Girls)

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Sortie"

Cesar Franck

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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