

**THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is seeking input from the congregation regarding potential candidates to be considered for the office of Elder and Deacon. Your participation is very important to the process of officer nomination and election. Please prayerfully consider which members you would like to suggest, then fill out a form with your suggestions and deposit it in one of the drop-boxes found in the Cheatham Center and in the Locke Commons. You may also fill out the online form by visiting [rivermont.org/nominations](http://rivermont.org/nominations).

# 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). November 15 will be the last RFN for fall. It will resume January 10, 2024.
- 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](http://rivermont.org/gtkr).

## Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit [rivermont.org/events](http://rivermont.org/events)

### Sunday, November 12

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:00 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Youth House)
- 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) 🏠

### Monday, November 13

- 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' Support Group (Room 203)
- 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House)

### Tuesday, November 14

- 6:26 am High School 626 (Chick-fil-A)
- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (FH)
- 9:00 am Preschool

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

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### Tuesday, November 14, continued

- 12:00 pm Sixty Plus Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:00 pm Shepherding & Care Meeting (Room 203)

### Wednesday, November 15

- 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 16

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

### Saturday, November 18

- 9:00 am Coat Distribution (Youth House) 🏠
- 10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏠

### Sunday, November 19

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Thanksgiving Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Knitting Circle (Locke Commons)



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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

November 12, 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](http://rivermont.org/prayer). All requests are confidential.

### Emergency Phone Line

For Acute Illness and Death

Evenings and Weekends: (434) 426-3774

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00: (434) 846-3441

Please leave a message for an appropriate response.

## Contact Us

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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:

Lord, as we come to worship You this morning, may Your Spirit open our hearts and our understanding to see both our own desperate need and Your gracious provision for our salvation in Jesus Christ. Open our eyes also to see Your greatness and glory more clearly. Convict us, convert us, cleanse us and consecrate us, so that we may willingly and wholeheartedly give ourselves to You and to Your service. Enable us now to worship You in spirit and in truth. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

(8:30)

#### *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

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 through all eternity.

Hadley Hall – Director

Praise Ringers

arr. Matthew Compton

(11:00)

#### *"Thankful"*

Thankful, thankful, let us be thankful. Thankful, thankful, let us give thanks.  
Thank God for the sunshine. Thank Him for the falling rain.  
Thank God for the flowers. Thank Him for the harvest grain.  
Thank God for our fam'lies. Thank Him for their love so true.  
Thank God for our friendships. Thank Him for our teachers, too.  
Oh, let us give thanks to God.

Amy Hall – Director; Sandra Landry – Accompanist

Cherub Choir

Ruth Elaine Schram

### WELCOME:

Pastor Shane Whelan

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 24 (responsively)

*Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place?*

**He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

*He will receive blessing from the LORD and his righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

**Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

*Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.*

**Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (Please see insert)

#### *"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"*

HELMSLEY

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

#### *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (vs. 1 & 2)*

HAMBURG

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.**

### \*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 10:32-39 (page 1007)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"Faith That Stands The Test of Time"* Pastor Brett Eubank

### 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!**

### MOMENT FOR MISSION:

Lori Flowers, Fostering Hope

### 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)

#### *"Blessed Are They"*

(Based on Psalm 84)

Blessed are they who dwell with the Lord. Blessed are they.  
How lovely is God's dwelling place, adorned with love and lavished with grace.  
Blessed are they whose strength is in God. Blessed are they.  
With steadfast love, God lifts them high and on the wings of eagles they fly.  
God will grant them favor, honor sent from above.  
Those whose faith is in the Lord, blessed are they.  
Blessed are they who trust in God's name. Blessed are they.  
God will be their sun and shield, resplendent in the glory revealed!

Ellese Frazier – Director; Ashley Plude – Accompanist

(11:00)

#### *"Jesus Christ the Appletree"*

Sanctuary Choir

Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;  
The tree of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.  
His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell,  
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.  
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.  
I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.  
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

### \*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):

**Gracious heavenly 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: #605

#### *"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"*

ALL THE WAY

### \*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

### \*POSTLUDE:

#### *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

arr. Diane Bish

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