

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** "Now Thank We All Our God" J. S. Bach, arr. V. Fox

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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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. Rivermont Fellowship Night has ended for the fall. It will resume on 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.



Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

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) 🏛️
- 5:00 pm 20 Somethings+ Soup Cook-off (Cox Home)

Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 24

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Saturday, November 25

10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏛️

Monday, November 20

- 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) 🏛️

Sunday, November 26

- 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) 🏛️

Tuesday, November 21

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

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

Thanksgiving Worship Service
Today at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary
"Thanksgiving with Gratitude, Confidence, and Affection"
Philippians 1:3-8
Pastor Ron Cox

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 dropboxes found in the Cheatham Center and in the Locke Commons. You may also fill out the online form by visiting rivermont.org/nominations.

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Ingrid Marshall to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stan Marshall.

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

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Please leave a message for an appropriate response.

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OUR MISSION: *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 19, 2023

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Our Father in heaven, Who sent Your only-begotten Son into the world, not to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved: we pray that You would be pleased to pour out Your Spirit upon us; that, with true repentance of our sins, we might take up our cross, deny ourselves, and faithfully follow Jesus Christ; in Whom alone we trust for our salvation, and in Whose holy name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30) Mike Garcia, Mark Landry, Lee Richwine, Jeffrey Smith, Jeffrey Westbrook

"Psalm 1"

Mark Lewis Landry

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked
Or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.
But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And on His law he meditates day and night.
He is like a tree planted by the streams of water,
Which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.
Not so the wicked! They are like the chaff that the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
For the Lord watches o'er the way of the righteous,
But the way of the wicked will perish.
Blessed is the man.

Miriam Amos – Accompanist

(11:00) *"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"* arr. John Ferguson

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

WELCOME:

Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 96 (responsively)

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.
Declare His glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #66o

"O God beyond All Praising"

THAXTED

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"To God Be the Glory" (v. 1)

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!

*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 11:1-3 (Page 1007)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"The Nature of Faith"

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:

"Glorify Your Name"

Donna Adkins

FATHER, we love You, we praise You, we adore You: Glorify Your name in all the earth! Glorify Your name, glorify Your name, glorify Your name in all the earth! (Repeat, using: JESUS and SPIRIT)

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)

"I Will Give Thanks"

Sanctuary Choir

Craig Courtney

(Based on Psalms 9, 30 and 57)

I will give thanks to You with all my heart;
And I will tell of all Your wondrous deeds.
I will rejoice in You and be glad; I will sing the praises of Your name, O Most High!
I proclaim Your love in the morning and Your faithfulness into the night.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Your glory be over all the earth.
My heart is steadfast, Lord, my heart is sure;
I will sing praise to You, make melody.
Among the nations, I give You thanks,
I will sing of You among the peoples, O God.
For great is Your love above the heavens, Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Your glory be over all the earth.
O be exalted, Lord, above the heav'ns, and let Your glory be o'er all the earth.
Awake, my soul, awake, O harp and lyre,
For the joy at what Your hands have done, Lord Most High.

Noah Caldwell - Accompanist

(11:00) Mike Garcia, Mark Landry, Lee Richwine, Jeffrey Smith, Jeffrey Westbrook

"Psalm 1"

Mark Lewis Landry

*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.

OLD HUNDREDETH

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

We thank You, gracious Father, that You loved the world so much that You gave Your only Son for us that we might believe in Him and have eternal life. Empower us by Your Spirit to share these resources and this gospel with all people, in Lynchburg, the United States and the world. We offer to You the fruit of our labor, the gifts of our hands, and the love of our hearts for the sake of Your gospel and the salvation of the world; through Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #508

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

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