

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

**\*POSTLUDE:**

"Toccata in C Major"

J. S. Bach

\*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.  
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**GETTING TO KNOW RIVERMONT:** Pastor Brett will host an eight-week class about the life, ministry and mission of Rivermont EPC during the Sunday School hour beginning December 3. This class is designed for the curious as well as for those desiring to pursue formal membership at Rivermont EPC. Please go to our website at [www.rivermont.org/gtkr](http://www.rivermont.org/gtkr) for more information and to register.

**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 place it in one of the dropboxes found in the Cheatham Center or in the Locke Commons. You may also fill out the online form by visiting [rivermont.org/nominations](http://rivermont.org/nominations).

### Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Martha Craig to the glory of God, thankful for His bountiful harvest!

### 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) or email [janet@rivermont.org](mailto:janet@rivermont.org). 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.

# 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. 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](http://rivermont.org/gtkr).

## Coming Up This Week

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

### 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) 🏰

### Monday, November 27

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 28

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)  
9:00 am Preschool  
6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)  
7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)  
7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

### Wednesday, November 29

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 Potluck Dinner  
6:30 pm Chrismon Service

### Thursday, November 30

10:00 am Community Bible Study

### Saturday, December 2

10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰  
4:00 pm Christmas on the Corner 🏰

### Sunday, December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Worship Service with Communion  
9:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Getting To Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)  
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion 🏰  
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)  
5:00 pm Knitting Circle (Locke Commons)

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

## Contact Us

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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 26, 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.

### \*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:** Genesis 4:1-5 and Hebrews 11:4  
(Pages 3 & 1007)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

*"What's the Plan?"*

Pastor Shane Whelan

### 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)

*"A Time for Everything"*

(Based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

There is a time for ev'rything, a season for ev'rything under heaven:  
A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to harvest,  
A time to kill and a time to heal, a time to destroy and a time to rebuild,  
A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to grieve and a time to dance,  
A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones,  
A time to embrace and a time to turn away,  
A time to search and a time to lose, a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
A time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
A time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.  
There is a time for ev'rything under heaven. There is a time.

(11:00)

*"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.  
Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings.  
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.  
The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky;  
The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun.  
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them ev'ryone.  
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.  
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.  
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.  
God made things, all things well.

Hadley Hall – 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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Father, in response to Your great gift to us, we offer ourselves to You, with thanksgiving and joy. Accept these tokens of our lives; bless and multiply them for the spread of the gospel, the strengthening of Your church, and the increase of Your kingdom, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE:#252

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

HAMBURG

### PRELUDE:

*"The Peace May Be Exchanged"*

Hadley Hall, organ

Dan Locklair

### WELCOME:

Pastor Ron Cox

### \*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: #460

*"Amazing Grace"*

AMAZING GRACE

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 103:12; 1 John 1:7,9

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

*"Nothing but the Blood" (vs. 1 & 2)*

PLAINFIELD

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

REFRAIN: O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this I see - nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my pardon this my plea - nothing but the blood of Jesus.