

***THE BENEDICTION**

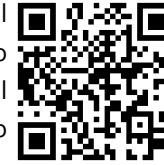
***THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):**
"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

***POSTLUDE:** "Rigaudon" Andre Campra

*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. 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. For more information go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, January 28

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏛️
- 6:30 pm Campus Outreach Citywide College Night (Cheatham Center)

Monday, January 29

- 7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:30 am Story Time (Youth House) 🏛️
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)
- 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏛️

Tuesday, January 30

- 6:26 am High School 626 (Biscuitville)
- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 am Preschool

Wednesday, January 31

- 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, January 31 (continued)

- 5:15 pm Cherub, Chapel & New Song Choirs
- 5:15 pm Carillon
- 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, February 1

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

Friday, February 2

- 5:45 pm Women's Retreat (Fellowship Hall) New River Presbytery, Kernersville, NC

Saturday, February 3

- 8:45 am Women's Retreat (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) New River Presbytery, Kernersville, NC

Sunday, February 4

- 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 Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏛️
- 6:00 pm Youth SNL (Youth House)



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

ORDER of WORSHIP

January 28, 2024

General Fund as of December 31, 2023	
Budget to date:	\$ 1,015,538
Ahead of Budget:	\$ 132,421
Year-to-date contributions:	\$ 1,147,959
Year-to-date expenses:	\$ 1,012,884
Contributions Ahead of Expenses:	\$ 135,075

In Appreciation

Dear Rivermont Family,
Thank you for all the loving kindness shown Bill and me during Bill's lengthy illness and recent passing. The prayers, cards, visits and support were greatly appreciated. Thanks for being such a thoughtful church family.
Lucy Aiken.

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
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00: (434) 846-3441
Please leave a message for an appropriate response.

Contact Us

MAIL: 2424 Rivermont Avenue
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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:

Gracious Father, we give You thanks for the gift of this day on which we gather as Your people to find our rest in You. May Your Spirit dwell with us, work within us, and move among us, that we may worship You in spirit and in truth. May Your Word come to us in power, and be received by us in faith. May our love for You and for one another be increased; and may our lives be further sanctified, that we may grow in the likeness of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in Whose name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30) Mike Garcia, Mark Landry, Thomas Miller, Jeff Smith, Jeffrey Westbrook
"Lead Me, Lord" arr. Mark Landry

Lead me, Lord; lead me in Thy righteousness. Make Thy way plain before my face.
Teach me, Lord; teach me of Thy righteousness.
Make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou Lord; Thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.
Keep me, Lord; keep me in Thy righteousness.
Make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.
Lead me, Lord.

Miriam Amos - Accompanist

(11:00) "Shall We Gather at the River" arr. Dale Wood

Shall we gather at the river where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever, flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river.
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

WELCOME: Pastor Shane Whelan

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 50:3-5, 14-15 (responsively)**

Our God comes; He does not keep silence;

Before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people:

Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #53**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (vs. 1 & 4)

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.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

***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 11:23-26 (Page 1008)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Faith's Choices"

Dr. David Weber

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)**

Sanctuary Choir

"I Choose You"

Deborah Govenor

When I am weak and heavy-laden, Christ comes to me and I can hear Him say,
"Lean on Me, I am your refuge; trust in Me and do not be afraid.
I choose you to be My beloved, I choose you to be My joy.
I choose you to live with Me forever; I choose you, I choose you."
When days are dark and nights seem endless,
When I am lost and cannot find my way, Christ is my light, my comfort.
I call on Him and then I hear Him say,
"I choose you to be My beloved, I choose you to be My joy.
I choose you to live with Me forever, I choose you, I choose you."
Noah Caldwell – Accompanist; Thomas Miller - clarinet

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"Lead Me, Lord" arr. Mark Landry

***THE DOXOLOGY:**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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):**

Almighty and eternal God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer thanks and praise for the multitude of Your blessings upon us; for what do we have that we have not received? These gifts which we now offer are the gifts of Your own hand, and they all belong to You. With these gifts, therefore, we would offer ourselves, entirely and joyfully, to the praise of Your glorious grace; for we are not our own: we have been bought with a price, by Him who loved us and gave Himself up for us. So may the offering of this substance and the offering of our lives be blessed for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the world and the glory of Your name forever and ever. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #441**

"Jesus Shall Reign"

DUKE STREET