

**\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Please see insert)**  
"The Communion Hymn" (verse 4)

COMMUNION

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE:** "We Thank Thee, God, We Thank Thee" J. S. Bach

\*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](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).
- 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](http://rivermont.org/gtkr).

## Coming Up This Week

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

### Sunday, February 4

8:30 am Worship Service with Communion  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion  
12:30 pm College Lunch (CO House)  
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)  
5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰  
6:00 pm Youth SNL (Youth House)

### Monday, February 5

7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)  
9:00 am Preschool  
9:30 am Story Time (Youth House) 🏰  
10:00 am Prayer Group (Library)  
5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰  
7:30 pm WEEE Connect (Room 201)

### Tuesday, February 6

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
9:00 am Preschool  
10:30 am Women's Circle (Room 201)  
6:30 pm Mission Steering Committee (Library)

### Wednesday, February 7

9:00 am Preschool  
12:00 pm Monthly Prayer Meeting (John Knox)

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

For more information, please visit [inrivermont.com](http://inrivermont.com)

### Wednesday, February 7, continued

4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes & Praise Ringers  
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 8

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

### Saturday, February 10

10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏰  
12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community Church College Hill)

### Sunday, February 11

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) 🏰  
6:00 pm 20 Somethings+ Super Bowl Watch (Home of Earl and Betsy Weaver)

### 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.

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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

February 4, 2024

## Preparation for Worship

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

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty and everlasting God, Who governs all things in heaven and earth: mercifully hear our prayers and receive our praises, and grant us Your peace by the power of Your Word and Spirit; to the glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

(8:30)

#### *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

Noah Caldwell, organ

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

(11:00)

#### *"Jonah! (Don't try to run!)"*

This is the tale of a man named Jonah.  
God told him, "Go!" but he said, "No!"  
But as he learned, where God's concerned, you cannot run away.  
Jonah was a prophet, a man who heard from God.  
Prophets were like preachers; they did things that were odd.  
One day God told Jonah, "Go to Nineveh."  
But Jonah didn't want to, and so he said "Nah."  
Down at the boat dock, he paid to sail away.  
God sent a storm, that ship began to sway.  
The sailors asked ol' Jonah if he had caused this mess,  
and Jonah said, "I'm on the run. It's true. I must confess."  
Don't try to run, it's just no fun. When God shows the way,  
It's time to obey. God has a plan, please understand.  
He wants your best, but there's no rest if you put Him to the test.  
Jonah told the sailors, "Throw me overboard."  
They tossed him over and prayed unto the Lord,  
"God, please don't let us drown because of this clown."  
To their surprise, before their eyes, the waves and winds died down.  
God wasn't finished by far with Jonah yet.  
He's a God of mercy, though sometimes we forget.  
God sent a great fish who made Jonah his main dish.  
The only sound for three days was squish, squish, squish, squish, squish!  
Jonah prayed to God, Who listened to his prayer.  
God spoke to the fish, who spat Jonah in the air.  
At last no longer whale-bound, faster than a greyhound,  
Jonah went to Nineveh, he preached all over town!  
He said, "Don't try to run, it's just no fun. When God shows the way,  
It's time to obey. God has a plan, please understand.  
He wants your best, but there's no rest if you put Him to the test."  
God only wants your best!

Lori Flowers – Director, Hadley Hall – Accompanist

Chapel Choir

Craig Curry

### WELCOME:

Pastor Ron Cox

### \*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)

#### *"Only a Holy God"*

New Song

arr. Molly Ijames

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a holy God.  
What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendor outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice? Only a holy God.  
Come and behold Him, the One and only.  
Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God, come and worship the holy God.  
What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated? Only a holy God.

Else Frazier – Director, Noah Caldwell – Accompanist

(11:00)

#### *"The Last Words of David"*

Sanctuary Choir

Randall Thompson

(2 Samuel 23: 3-4)

He that ruleth over men must be just; ruling in the fear of God.  
And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth,  
Even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass  
Springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia. Amen.

Miriam Amos – Accompanist

### \*THE COMMUNION HYMN: (Please see insert)

*"The Communion Hymn" (verses 1-3)*

COMMUNION

### 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](http://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 CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 30:4-5 (responsively)

*Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,  
and give thanks to His holy name.*

*For His anger is but for a moment,  
and His favor is for a lifetime.*

*Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.*

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #3

*"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"*

WARRINGTON

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Ephesians 1:7-8; Psalm 103:12

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

*"There Is a Redeemer" (verse 2)*

Melody Green

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.  
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is 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 11:27-29 (page 1008)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

*"The Faith to Be Free"*

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.