

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** "Trumpet Voluntary" John Stanley

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

Dear Rivermont family, thank you for your many prayers and expressions of concern during and following my heart surgery. I believe my overall outcome was greatly improved as a direct result of prayer. Thank you, too, for all the notes, calls, texts, meals and in-person expressions of concern. We truly felt surrounded by a loving family. In Him, Brigetta and Curtis Eshleman

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.

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 beginning April 7. For more information and to register go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, February 18

- 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 Youth SNL (Youth Center)
- 6:00 pm GTKR Dinner (Eubanks' Home)

Monday, February 19

- 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) 🏰

Tuesday, February 20

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 12:00 pm Sixty Plus or Minus Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)
- 7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
- 7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

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

Wednesday, February 21

- 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, February 22

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

Saturday, February 24

- 10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏰
- 11:00 am 20 Somethings+ and Sixty Plus or Minus Bingo Brunch (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, February 25

- 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)

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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 18, 2024

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Father of all grace and glory, look upon us in love and compassion through Your Son, Jesus Christ; and, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, enable us to worship You in spirit and in truth. Help us to draw near to You, in the assurance that You dwell with those who are of humble and contrite heart. Renew our minds by the truth of Your Word, strengthen our souls, and direct our wills; that we may more fervently love You and more sincerely serve You, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

Miriam Amos, organ

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

J. S. Bach

Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying:

Awake, Jerusalem, at last!

Midnight hears the welcome voices and at the thrilling cry rejoices:

Come forth, ye virgins, night is past!

The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take; Alleluia!

And for His marriage feast prepare, for ye must go to meet Him there.

WELCOME:

Pastor Shane Whelan

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Peter 1:3-4; Psalm 95:1-2 (responsively)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

And to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #523

"My Hope Is in the Lord"

WAKEFIELD

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" (v. 5)

HYFRYDOL

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

(8:30)THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Jacob and Madi Neiderer present their son, Reece Ashby Neiderer, for baptism.

(11:00) THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

James & Rachael Grant along with their children, Anna, Andrew, Abigail & David
Cameron Harris

Payden & Olivia Ludwick along with their children, Clover, Willard & Atlas

Annora Melton

Skylar Montrose

Téa Oliver

Maurice Page

Grace Pickard

Margaret Rife

Elizabeth Wells

Jonathan Wilson

*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 12:1-3 (Page 1008)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Fix Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Pastor Ron Cox

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" (Refrain)

LEMMEL

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face;

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of His glory and grace.

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

THE PHILIPPIAN CREED based on Philippians 2:6-11 (in unison):

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death — even death on a cross! Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name that is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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)

Kayla Suter, soloist

"In the Garden"

C. Austin Miles

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,

And He tells me I am His own;

And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

He speaks and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,

And the melody that He gave to me, within my heart is ringing.

I'd stay in the garden with Him, though the night around me be falling,

But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.

Else Frazier – Piano

(11:00)

Sanctuary Choir

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Marianne Forman

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to Thee again.

Jesus! Joy of loving hearts.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call;

To them that seek Thee, Thou art good, to them that find Thee, all in all.

We taste Thee, O Thou living bread, and long to feast upon Thee still;

We drink of Thee, the Fountainhead, and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;

Chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world Thy Holy light.

We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Kayla Suter – directing; Miriam Amos - Accompanist

*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):

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You did not spare Your own Son, but gave Him up for us all. And with Him, You have freely given us all things. In Your mercy, receive these offerings, which we dedicate to You. With all our gifts, enable us to yield ourselves to You, that with body, soul, and strength, we may truly and freely serve You. In Your service, may we find our perfect freedom and deepest joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #598

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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