

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** "Litanies" Jehan Alain

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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General Fund as of January 31, 2024	
Budget to date:	\$ 1,184,794
Ahead of Budget:	\$ 169,487
Year-to-date contributions:	\$ 1,354,281
Year-to-date expenses:	\$ 1,169,689
Contributions Ahead of Expenses:	\$ 184,592

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 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)

Monday, February 26

- 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)
- 11:00 am Caregivers' Support Group (Family Room)
- 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏛️

Tuesday, February 27

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

Wednesday, February 28

- 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, February 28 (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 29

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

Friday, March 1

- 5:30 pm Missions Festival

Saturday, March 2

- 8:00 am Missions Festival
- 10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏛️

Sunday, March 3

- 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
- 12:30 pm Covered-Dish Lunch with Missionaries (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00 pm Special Missionary Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏛️
- 6:00 pm Youth SNL (Youth House)

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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 25, 2024

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Holy Father, Whose only-begotten Son endured the cross for our salvation: grant us grace, and the power of the Holy Spirit, that we in true faith might take up our cross daily and follow Him. In this hour of worship, replenish our souls, renew our minds, and refresh our spirits, so that we may run with endurance the race that is set before us. And not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Just As I Am"

Elizabeth Matney, violin

arr. James Michael Stevens

Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Just as I am, Thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

WELCOME:

Pastor Ron Cox

(Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to room #115.)

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 27:1, 5-6 (responsively)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,

And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #128

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

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*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Before the Throne of God Above"

BEFORE THE THRONE

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest Whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

(Romans 15:7)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 12:4-13 (Page 1008)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"The Father's Forge"

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:

"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 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)

"Ave Verum"

Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine:
Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examime.
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, Fili Mariae, miserere nobis. Amen.
*Hail, true body of Christ, born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind.
From Whose pierced side flowed water and blood;
Be our consolation in death's ordeal.
O Jesus, sweet Jesus, O Jesus, holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on us. Amen.*

(11:00)

"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 - Director

*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.

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

Eternal God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – we praise You for Your providence above, around, beneath and within our lives! We thank You for every good and perfect gift which we have received from Your all-gracious hand. We rejoice in Your unfailing faithfulness and unchanging goodness. Receive this offering, we pray, as we offer ourselves anew to You. May Your kingdom increase in our lives, in Your church, and throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Please see insert)

"O Great God"

Bob Kaufflin

Sanctuary Choir

Philip Stopford

Rivermont Chimes

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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