

Holy Week Services

March 24 - Palm Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am - Worship Services

4:00 pm Requiem Musical Performance in the Sanctuary

March 28 - Maundy Thursday: 7:00 pm - Worship Service in the Sanctuary, including Communion

March 29 - Good Friday Service at 12:05 pm in the Sanctuary

March 31 - Easter Sunday:

7:30 am - Garden Service in the Courtyard

8:30 am - Worship Service, including Communion

9:45 am - Continental Breakfast, Cheatham Center & Locke Commons
(No Sunday School)

11:00 am - Worship Service, including Communion

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, March 17

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)

Monday, March 18

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, March 19

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (FH)

9:00 am Preschool

12:00 pm Sixty Plus & Minus Luncheon
(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 rivermont.com

Wednesday, March 20

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, March 21

9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Quinlan)

10:00 am Community Bible Study

Saturday, March 23

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

11:00 am Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt
(Riverside Park) 🏰

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

8:30 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

4:00 pm Requiem Musical Performance
(Sanctuary)



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

March 17, 2024

In Appreciation

What a blessing to belong to a church where its members care and pray for each other. Thanking each of you for your prayers, time, food, visits, cards and calls during my recent surgery and recuperation. I will begin outpatient PT next week and hope to be back to church before summer. God bless each of you.

With a VERY grateful and thankful heart, Pam Ruble

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. 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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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:

"Were You There?"

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when He rose up from the dead?

Ashley Plude, piano

arr. Phillip Keveren

WELCOME:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Lamentations 3:22-25 (responsively)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."

The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #2

"O Worship the King"

LYONS

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Before the Throne of God Above " (v. 3) BEFORE THE THRONE

**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)

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

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 12:25-29 (page 1009)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"The Story of Our Life"

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:

"Hymn of St. Patrick"

Doug and Julie Haley

Dwight Beal and John O'Keeffe

Christ be with me and within me, Christ behind me and before.
Christ beside me and to win me, Christ to comfort and restore.
Christ beneath me and above me, Christ in quiet and in danger.
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
Christ in ev'ry heart that's broken, Christ in ev'ry joy and pain.
Christ in ev'ry word that's spoken, Christ in sun and moon and rain.
Christ in resting and in rising, Christ the Lord of all my life.
Christ to guide me and to shield me, Christ protecting me in strife.

Grayson Laughon and Elizabeth Matney – violins
Rachel Love – cello; Jordan Castro - flute

*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.**

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*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours. Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all. We offer to You the riches You provide and the gifts You have given. We give to You, for You have given all to us through Christ our Savior. Grant us power and might to serve You, our King, and live to Your glory this day and forevermore. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #38

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

JOANNA

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Hadley Hall, organ

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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