

**\*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. Receive these offerings, we pray; and enable us, with all our gifts, so to yield ourselves to You that with body, soul, and spirit we may truly and freely serve You, and in Your service find our perfect freedom and our deepest joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #263**      *"Lift High the Cross"*      CRUCIFER

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

**\*POSTLUDE: "March on a Theme of Handel (Lift Up Your Heads)"** Alexandre Guilmant

\*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.  
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**General Fund as of February 29, 2024**

Budget to date:	\$ 1,354,051
Ahead of Budget:	\$ 207,638
Year-to-date contributions:	\$ 1,561,689
Year-to-date expenses:	\$ 1,335,682
Contributions Ahead of Expenses:	\$ 226,007

**The Sanctuary Floral Arrangement**

The Palms used in the service today are presented by the Butler family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Laura and Lindsay Butler, Lindsay Butler, Jr., and Hazel Butler.

**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.

# 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. This will resume in September.
- 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](http://rivermont.org/gtkr).

## Coming Up This Week

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

### 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)

### Monday, March 25

- 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, March 26

- 6:26 am High School 626 (Biscuitville)
- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 11:00 am Story Time at Mission Thrift 🏰

### Wednesday, March 27

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 6:15 pm Brass/Carillon Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge)

### Thursday, March 28

- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

### Friday, March 29

- 12:05 pm Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

### Saturday, March 30

- 10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰
- 10:30 am Soccer Outreach (Kingston Field) 🏰

### Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

- 7:30 am Garden Service (Courtyard)
- 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
- 9:45 am Fellowship Hour (Cheatham Center)
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion

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

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

## Contact Us

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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

March 24, 2024  
Palm Sunday

## Preparation for Worship

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

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Triumphant Lord and God, we have come to welcome and worship Your Son today. Yet as the words of Scripture echo through our souls we realize how our behavior parallels that of the people of Jerusalem: one day we are celebrating Christ's arrival, the next we are criticizing Him for the demands He places on us. Gracious God, have mercy on us, for our faith is seldom mature. At times we resist Your message. At times, we have treated Your Word carelessly, producing a shallow belief. Many times we compromise and shape our faith around convenience. Loving Lord, we confess our involvement in these sins. Cleanse and renew us by the consistent love and life of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

(8:30) **Praise Ringers**

#### *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

arr. Valerie Stephenson

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

**Hadley Hall - Director**

(11:00) **"The Palms"** Jean Baptiste Faure

O'er all the way, green palms and blossoms gay  
Are strewn this day in festal preparation.  
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,  
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.  
Join all and sing, His Name declare, let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation.  
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord! Bless Him Who cometh to bring us salvation!

**WELCOME:** **Pastor Brett Eubank**

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:19-23, 26 (responsively)

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble  
and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

**Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

*This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.*

**I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.**

*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

**This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

*Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD!*

**We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

\*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE: #235

#### *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

ST. THEODULPH

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:34; 6:8, 11

\*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: #535  
*"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"*

EBENEZER

(11:00) THE RECEPTION OF CONFIRMATION: **Pastor Shane Whelan**

Jesse Bonebright  
Anna Boyers  
Cooper Cannon  
Jackson Eubank  
Kelly Hoskins  
Ava Layman  
Connor McCombs  
Danielle Watson  
Judah Weber

(11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Cooper Cannon  
Danielle Watson

ANTHEM FOR PREPARATION FOR THE WORD: **Cherub and Chapel Choirs**

#### *"Hosanna, Hosanna!"*

Patti Drennan

Hosanna, hosanna, blessed is He Who comes!  
Hosanna, hosanna to the blessed One!  
Crowds had gathered on that day to let their voices ring.  
They lined the streets and shouted, "Blessed is the King!"  
They waved palm branches in the air for David's royal Son.  
Blessed is He who comes today, our Lord, the righteous One!  
Riding on a donkey colt to Jerusalem,  
The Savior saw the people come to worship Him.  
They laid their coats upon the road for David's royal Son.  
Blessed is He Who comes today, our Lord, the righteous One!  
**Lori Flowers and Amy Hall – Directors; Sandra Landry – Accompanist**

\*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST: Revelation 1:4-5 (responsively)

*Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood.*

**Hosanna in the highest!**

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

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: **Matthew 16:13-18** (Page 822)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"The Most Important Question"* **Dr. David Weber**

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) **Praise Ringers**  
*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"* arr. Kimberly Morton  
Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang;  
To Jesus, Who had blessed them close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

(11:00) **Sanctuary Choir**  
*"Lift Your Voice"* David Lantz III  
Lift your voice! Lift it like a trumpet!  
Clap your hands, sing for joy, shout with the people of God!  
Hosanna! Blessed is the King Who comes in the name of the Lord!  
See, He comes, riding on a donkey.  
Israel's King, Jesus Christ, comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna! Blessed be the King Who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Lift your voice! Lift it like a trumpet! Blessed be the King!  
Praise the living God! Glory in the highest! Stand and shout, "Hosanna!"  
**Noah Caldwell - Accompanist**

\*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.