

Farewell Dinner

Join us on Wednesday, May 15 at 5:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a farewell dinner for Pastor Weber and his family as they prepare to embark on their sabbatical journey. They will share their itinerary and prayer requests for the summer. This will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and to seek God's guidance and blessings together. The church will provide ham and rolls and we ask that those whose last name begins with A-J bring a salad, K-S bring a side dish and T-Z bring a dessert. Please bring enough for your family and then some to share.

2024 Graduates

Please pray for our graduates as they go into the next season in their lives. We would like to honor our graduates by listing them in the May 12 bulletin. If you have a 2024 graduate (high school, college, graduate school, trade school) please submit their name, school they will graduate from, and future plans to rhonda@rivermont.org or call 846-3441 by May 8.

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 beginning in September.
- 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.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, May 5

8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
4:00 pm Rivermont Choir Concert (Sanctuary)
5:30 pm Youth Soup-Er Man Fundraiser (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, May 6

7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)
9:00 am Preschool
9:30 am Story Time (Room 207) 🏰
10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens)
5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰
7:30 pm WEEE Connect (Room 201)

Tuesday, May 7

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Women's Circle (Country Gardens)



= In Rivermont for Rivermont Event (Members Welcome!)

For more information, please visit inrivermont.com

Wednesday, May 8

9:00 am Preschool
5:00 pm Handbell Polishing (Chapel)
6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 11

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

Sunday, May 12

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

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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

May 5, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Eastertide

Preparation *for* Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Lord, as we come to worship You this morning, may Your Spirit open our hearts and our understanding to see both our own desperate need and Your gracious provision for our salvation in Jesus Christ. Open our eyes also to see Your greatness and glory more clearly. Convict us, convert us, cleanse us and consecrate us, so that we may willingly and wholeheartedly give ourselves to You and to Your service. Enable us now to worship You in spirit and in truth. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30)

"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping loving, He is with me to the end.
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.

Carillon Handbells

arr. Matthew Compton

(11:00)

"Great Is Our God/How Great Thou Art"

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.
How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God,
And all will see how great, how great is our God!
Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead Three in One; Father, Spirit, Son;
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.
Name above all names, worthy of our praise;
My heart will sing how great is our God!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Hadley Hall - Director

Praise Ringers

arr. Bettcher

WELCOME:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 67:1-5 (responsively)

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,
That Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You!*

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (Please see insert) *"May The Peoples Praise You"*

Getty, Townend, Cash, Zimmer

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (vs. 4)
Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer hail! for Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise, shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

DIADEMATA

*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: Acts 1:1-8 (page 909)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"What Happens Next? (Part 2)"* Pastor Brett Eubank

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"*
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!

GREATOREX

THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:30)

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!
Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

Carillon

arr. Matthew Compton

(11:00)

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

Praise Ringers

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

*THE COMMUNION HYMN: #647

"How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds"

ST. PETER

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.

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 Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

The Concluding Communion Prayer

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #690

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

BRADFORD

*THE BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Prologue"

Carl Bohm

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