

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 September 4.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont Class beginning September 8. For more information and to register go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, August 4

8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

Monday, August 5

7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)
10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens)
11:00 am Story Time (Riverside Park) 🏰
5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰
7:30 pm WEEE Connect (Room 201)

Tuesday, August 6

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Rooms 203/204)
6:30 pm Mission Steering Committee (Library)

Wednesday, August 7

6:00 pm Youth Ultimate Frisbee (Centenary Methodist Church Kingston Field)
6:00 pm Missional Small Groups
6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge)

Thursday, August 8

10:00 am Park Play Group (Riverside Park) 🏰

Saturday, August 10

8:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏰
12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community Church College Hill)

Sunday, August 11

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (El Mariachi, 1001 Jefferson St.)
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

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

For more information, please visit inrivermont.com

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Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church is a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, a group of churches whose beliefs are summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms. For more information, go to www.epc.org.



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

August 4, 2024

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.

Sanctuary Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 28 at 6:30 pm. The choir sings for Sunday morning worship services (alternating between the 8:30 and 11:00 am services) beginning September 1. This December we look forward to presenting the Christmas portion of Handel's MESSIAH. Membership is open to singers college age and above who have some previous choir or other vocal performance experience. Please contact Peggy Bettcher at pbettcher@rivermont.org for more information.

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.

Preparation *for* Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who is and was, and Who is to come. You have appointed us a High Priest, in Whose name we may come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may find mercy and power to help in time of need. Your Word teaches that a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. This day we seek to draw near to You in prayer, Word, and sacrament through the intercession of Jesus Christ and by the power of His Spirit. Grant us the grace to taste and see that You are good. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Hadley Hall, organ

arr. John Innes

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.

WELCOME:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 84 (responsively)

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #80

"Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee"

RIPLEY

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Amazing Grace" (vs. 1-2)

AMAZING GRACE

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

*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: Ephesians 2:1-9 (page 976)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Grace Saves Us"

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:

"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 RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Else Frazier, piano

"Blessed Assurance"

arr. Frank Milholland

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

*THE COMMUNION HYMN:#705

"I Know Whom I Have Believed" (vs. 1-3)

EL NATHAN

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: #705

"I Know Whom I Have Believed" (vs. 4-5)

EL NATHAN

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Fugue in C Major"

J. S. Bach

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