

Sanctuary Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 28. 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.

Children and Youth Choirs

In Psalm 100:2 the Lord instructs us to "Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!" It is never too early to begin teaching our children how to serve the Lord. Participating in a children or youth choir is a wonderful opportunity for service. Not only do the children benefit from a fine musical experience, but they are given the opportunity to serve in corporate worship several times each semester.

We encourage your child's participation in one of the children's youth vocal choirs this fall:

Cherub Choir – PreK-Grade 2 – Amy Hall, director

Chapel Choir – Grades 3-6 – Lori Flowers, director

New Song – Grades 7-College – Else Frazier, director

Rehearsals begin on September 4 and are from 5:15-5:45.

Please pre-register by contacting Peggy Bettcher at pbettcher@rivermont.org.

In Appreciation

Thank you to those who provided school supplies and backpacks for the families in our community. They were very much appreciated.

- "Thank you guys so very much it is everything she needs. She's putting her binders together now. Thank you so very much!"
- "We thank you guys for the backpacks and books and supplies"
- "Thank you all. It's very much appreciated. They were excited to show me."
- "Thank you so much! Can I hug you?"

Dear Friends at Rivermont, Your generous and consistent support of the Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center is such an encouragement to us and a blessing to those we serve. Thank you for partnering with us! - Staff at BRPC

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers under the cross are given to the glory of God by the family of Lowell Beach Sykes in honor of his goth birthday on August 12.

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.

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 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)

Monday, August 12

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

Tuesday, August 13

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study
(Fellowship Hall)
9:29 am High School 929 (Chick-fil-A near
Hobby Lobby)

Wednesday, August 14

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

Thursday, August 15

10:00 am Park Play Group (Riverside Park) 🏰
4:30 pm JumpstART (Country Gardens) 🏰

Saturday, August 17

8:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰
10:00 am Nature Walk in the Park
(Riverside Park)

Sunday, August 18

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

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event
(Members Welcome!)
For more information, please visit inrivermont.com

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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

August 11, 2024

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:

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

Grayson Laughon, violin

arr. Kristin Campbell

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love,
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

WELCOME:

Bert Murphy, Ruling Elder

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 27:4,7-8 (responsively)

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

You have said, "Seek My face." My heart says to You, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #508

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

ABERYSTWYTH

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Amazing Grace!" (vs. 1 & 3)

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.**

**Thro' many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

*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: Galatians 5:1-6 (page 974)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Grace Frees 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:

"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:

Grayson Laughon, violin

"Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment"

arr. Kristin Campbell

Day by day and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He Whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best –
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure, mingling toil with peace and rest.
Help me then in every tribulation
So to trust Your promises, O Lord, that I lose not faith's sweet consolation
Offered me within Your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting, till I reach the promised land.

*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.**

OLD HUNDREDETH

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

Yours, O Lord, are 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: #647

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

ST. PETER

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Grand Choeur – Sortie pour Noel"

Rebecca Edmiston, organ

Cesar Franck

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