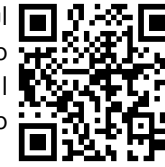


Welcome to Rivermont!

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 18

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

Monday, August 19

7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)
10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens)
11:00 am Story Time (Room 207) 🏰
5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰

Tuesday, August 20

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox Room)
7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox Room)
7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox Room)

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

For more information, please visit rivermont.com

Wednesday, August 21

6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge)

Saturday, August 24

10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏰

Sunday, August 25

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

Congregational Meeting

September 1, 9:45 am, during the Sunday School Hour
No Children's Sunday School - Nursery Only

For the Purposes of:

1. Electing a new class of Ruling Elders and Deacons
2. Electing a new class for the Officer Nominating Committee
3. General Assembly Report and Ministry Updates

In Appreciation

On behalf of the team who traveled to El Salvador with Sports Outreach this summer, we want to extend our deepest gratitude. Your generous giving enabled many of us to serve the Lord and the wonderful people of El Salvador without the burden of financial stress. During our time there, we witnessed God's love in action and were able to share His hope with many. Your support played a crucial role in making this mission possible, and we are incredibly thankful for the impact your contributions had. - Davis Hester, Director of Student Ministries

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers under the cross are given by Ritch and Richard Charles Gilmore to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nadine Gilmore who went to be with the Lord on August 6. A memorial service was held yesterday in the REPC Sanctuary.

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

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Please leave a message for an appropriate response.

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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 18, 2024

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty Father of everlasting love, we give You thanks for the gift of life, for the blessings of Your providence, and for the promise of Your presence with us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Spirit. We praise You for all the spiritual blessings which You have lavished upon us through Your Son, our Savior – for the gift of new birth, new life, the forgiveness of our sins, our adoption as Your children, and the hope of glory! All praise, honor, and glory be to You, the sovereign God of life and life everlasting. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Adagio in E Major"

Miriam Amos, organ

Frank Bridge

WELCOME:

Michael Hall, Ruling Elder

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 29:10-11, Revelation 5:12 (responsively)

Blessed are You, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

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.

Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head above all.

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain,

To receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #76

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Amazing Grace!" (vs. 1 & 4)

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.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

(8:30) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Joshua and Audrey Ashcroft present their daughter, Billie Kathleen, for baptism.

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Dr. David Weber

"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: Romans 12:1-2 (page 947)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Grace Transforms 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:

"Glorify Your Name"

Donna Adkins

FATHER, we love You, we praise You, we adore You: Glorify Your name in all the earth! Glorify Your name, glorify Your name, glorify Your name in all the earth! (Repeat, using: JESUS and SPIRIT)

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:

Doug and Julie Haley, Vicky Pogue

"I Then Shall Live/Be Still My Soul"

Gaither/Sibelius

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven.
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am His child, and I am not afraid.
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother;
The law of love I gladly will obey.
Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: the best, your heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
Your kingdom come around and through and in me;
Your power and glory, let them shine through me.
Your hallowed name, O may I bear with honor,
And may Your living kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,
And may You feed a hungry world through me. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDRETH

**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.**

*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: #94

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"How Firm a Foundation"

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

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