

\*THE BENEDICTION

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

\*POSTLUDE: "Sortie" Denis Bedard

\*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.  
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**PARKING AND OUR NEIGHBORS:** With the blessings of growing attendance on Sunday mornings, one practical challenge each Lord's Day is parking. We occasionally block a neighbor's driveway or damage a yard. Graciously, Randolph College allows use of three parking lots: Maier Museum and the Upper Gym lot (accessed from Quinlan) and the Lower Gym Lot (accessed from Norfolk Avenue). Please serve one another in love, and respect our neighbors by allowing a little extra time on Sunday mornings and by parking in designated areas.

**Sanctuary Floral Arrangement**

The flowers under the cross are given by Sandy Mong to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Tom Mong, who went to be with the Lord on August 27. 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](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. To make reservations go to [rivermont.org/rfn](http://rivermont.org/rfn).
- 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](http://rivermont.org/gtkr).

## Coming Up This Week

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

### Sunday, September 1

- 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
- 9:45 am Congregational Meeting
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm Youth SNL (Youth Center)

### Monday, September 2 - Labor Day

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, September 3

- 6:26 am High School 626 (Biscuitville, Old Forest Rd.)
- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 10:30 am Women's Circle (Country Gardens)
- 6:30 pm Mission Steering Committee (Library)

### Wednesday, September 4

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 12:00 pm Monthly Prayer and Fasting (John Knox Room)
- 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes & Praise Ringers
- 5:15 pm Carillon
- 5:15 pm Cherub, Chapel & New Song Choirs

= In Rivermont for Rivermont Event (Members Welcome!)  
For more information, please visit [inrivermont.com](http://inrivermont.com)

### Wednesday, September 4, continued

- 5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal
- 6:30 pm Bible Studies
- 6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, September 5

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 am Park Play Group (Riverside Park)

### Friday, September 6

- 10:30 am GriefShare (Country Gardens)

### Saturday, September 7

- 8:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park)
- TBA High School Putt Putt (Tiny Town Golf)
- 10:00 am Rivermont United Soccer (Kingston Field)

### Sunday, September 8

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Deacons' Installation)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Getting To Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)
- 11:00 am Worship Service (Elders' Installation)
- 12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Market on Main, Main St.)
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons)

## 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 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

September 1, 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 our Lord Jesus Christ, hasten the coming of Your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, and draw the whole world into willing obedience to Your blessed reign. Overcome all the enemies of Christ, and cast low every power that is exalted against Him. Cast out all the evil things which cause wars among the nations, and let Your Spirit rule in the hearts of all people in righteousness and love. Grant power to the preaching of Your Word, build up Your church throughout all the earth, and may Your kingdom advance and increase, as people of every nation turn away from dead idols to worship You, the true and living God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

(8:30)

#### *"God of Every Grace"*

Vicky Pogue, soloist

Getty, Boswell, Papa

O let not this world of sorrows steal my only hope away,  
For the power of Your gospel shines within this jar of clay.  
In affliction, You bring wisdom that my comforts can't displace;  
How my true and greatest treasure is in You, the God of grace.  
Now to the God of every grace, Who counts my tears, Who holds my days,  
I sing through sorrow, sing with faith; O praise the God of ev'ry grace.  
Weary with the weight I carry, give me wings of faith to rise!  
For You know each grief that lingers through the watches of the night.  
Surely You have borne our suff'rings, at the cross took up our pain  
And You lead us on to glory as we trust You, God of grace.  
There's a dawning hope before us that I know is soon to break,  
As I wait upon Your mercy which will swallow ev'ry ache.  
Cries of joy and songs of vict'ry when we enter heaven's gates;  
All Your children home together, all with You, the God of grace.

(11:00)

#### *"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"*

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my love; my Lord I pour at Thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

### WELCOME:

Pastor Ron Cox

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 68:4-6 (responsively)

*Sing to God, sing praises to His name;*

**Lift up a song to Him Who rides through the deserts;**

His name is the LORD;

**Exult before Him!**

*Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation.*

**God settles the solitary in a home; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity!**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #101

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

TRINITY

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: John 3:16; 1 John 4:10

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

*"Lamb of God" (vs. 2 & 3)*

Twila Paris

Your gift of love they crucified. They laughed and scorned Him as He died.

The humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

#### Chorus:

Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.

Oh, wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side

To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a child of God.

### (11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Josh and Meredith Rutledge present their son, Peter Flanagan, for baptism.

### \*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: Isaiah 6:1-8 (page 571)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

*"No Reservations"*

Dr. David Weber

### 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:

(8:30)

*"Adoration"*

Sanctuary Choir

Bach/Gounod, arr. Fettke

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature! Son of God and Son of Man!

Light of my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair the morning sunshine, fair the ev'ning moonlight,

Bright and beautiful are all the sparkling stars in space.

Jesus is brighter, Jesus is purer.

Jesus shines in radiant beauty, shines in boundless love and grace.

Lord of all creation, we offer praise and adoration now and forever. Amen.

(11:00)

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### \*THE COMMUNION HYMN:#469

*"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" (vs. 1-4)*

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### 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](http://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: #469

*"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" (vs. 5-6)*

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