

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** "Fanfare from Premiere Suite" Jean Joseph Mouret

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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General Fund as of August 31, 2024

Budget to date:	\$ 365,317
Behind Budget:	\$ 46,137
Year-to-date contributions:	\$ 319,180
Year-to-date expenses:	\$ 335,464
Contributions Behind Expenses:	\$ 16,284

Session minutes from our monthly and called meetings are available for review by confirmed members in the church office. Please contact Janet Freshour (846-3441) if you would like to schedule a time for review.

Opportunities for Youth String Players

Rivermont's music ministry is pleased to offer two opportunities this fall for our youth string players to participate in worship.

1) Wednesday, December 4 - Chrismon service from 6:30-7:00 pm. For youth 7th grade and older. Provide the prelude and postlude for this special tree lighting service in Cheatham. Rehearsal Sunday, December 1 from 9:45-10:30 am in the Choir Room.

2) Sunday, December 22 - 8:30 and 11:00 am services. For ALL levels of youth string players. Ginger Paris will lead the group. Provide prelude, offertory, and postlude. Rehearsals TBD.

Please contact Peggy Bettcher at pbettcher@rivermont.org if you have a youth who would be interested in either or both of these opportunities. Please indicate the school grade level and instrument that they play.

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. To make reservations go to 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. For more information go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, September 22

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰
- 6:30 pm Youth Get-Together (Olmstead Home)

Monday, September 23

- 7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens)
- 11:00 am Caregivers' Support (Family Room)
- 11:00 am Story Time (Room 207) 🏰
- 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰

Tuesday, September 24

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 am Preschool

Wednesday, September 25

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 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 rivermont.com

Wednesday, September 25, 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 26

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

Friday, September 27

- 10:30 am GriefShare (Country Gardens)
- 6:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Family Feud (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, September 28

- 7:30 am Virginia Ten-Miler
- 10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏰

Sunday, September 29

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday school
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:30 pm Missionary Luncheon with Chris and Ashlyn (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰

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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 22, 2024

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

O Lord, I bless Thee that the issue of the battle between Thyself and Satan has never been uncertain, and will end in victory. Calvary broke the dragon's head, and I contend with a vanquished foe, who with all his subtlety and strength has already been overcome. When I feel the serpent at my heel, may I remember Him Whose heel was bruised, but Who, when bruised, broke the devil's head. My soul with inward joy extols the mighty conqueror. Heal me of any wounds received in the great conflict, if I have gathered defilement, if my faith has suffered damage, if my hope is less than bright, if my love is not fervent, if some creature-comfort occupies my heart, if my soul sinks under pressure of the fight. O Thou Whose every promise is balm, every touch life, draw near to Thy weary warrior; refresh me, that I may rise again to wage the strife, and never tire until my enemy is trodden down. Give me such fellowship with Thee that I may defy Satan, unbelief, the flesh, the world, with delight that comes not from a creature, and which a creature cannot mar. Give me a draught of the eternal fountain that lieth in Thy immutable, everlasting love and decree. Then shall my hand never weaken, my feet never stumble, my sword never rest, my shield never rust, my helmet never shatter, my breastplate never fall, as my strength rests in the power of Thy might. *(The Servant in Battle, The Valley of Vision).*

PRELUDE:

(8:30) *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* arr. Lani Smith

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.
O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

(11:00) *"Jesus, My All in All"* Amy Hall, soloist
Faye Lopez

Jesus, my Savior, I love and adore Thee,
Nothing on earth would I worship before Thee;
Precious Redeemer from sin and from sorrow,
Jesus the same in the past and tomorrow.
Jesus, my all in all, Jesus, my all in all.
Jesus, my Savior, I love and adore Thee, Jesus, my all in all.
Jesus, who died for my sins, precious Master!
Jesus, my comfort in ev'ry disaster;
Jesus, my wisdom and righteousness ever,
Jesus, my holiness, failing me never.

WELCOME: Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #297** *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"* DIADEM

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Isaiah 53:5 and Colossians 1:14**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: (Please see insert)** *"Romans Doxology"* John Elliot

(11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
Drew and Julie Neiderer present their son, John Michael, 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: Matthew 28:16-20 (Page 835)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"The How of Our Mission"* 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:** *"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: (8:30) Amy Hall, soloist
"Jesus, My All in All" Faye Lopez

(11:00) *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* Sanctuary Choir
arr. Craig Courtney

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield, be Thou still my strength and shield.
When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Song of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.

Miriam Amos – Accompanist

***THE DOXOLOGY:** OLD HUNDREDTH
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):**
Gracious Father, Your goodness overflows upon us! We give You thanks and praise for Your faithfulness, Your kindness, and Your love. Receive this offering, we pray, as we offer ourselves anew to You. May all that we are, all that we have, and all that we do, be blessed for the spread of the gospel, the increase of Your kingdom, and the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Please see insert)** *"O Church, Arise"* Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Chris Tomlin