

We recognize those officers who have completed their term of service on the Session and the Diaconate. We are grateful for their service.

Elders: Warner Hall, Wistar Nelligan, Carey Roberts, Jeff Widmeyer

Deacons: Rodney Foster, Connie Hecker, Kevin Hicks, Matthew Johnson, Larry Langhans, Andrew Pieleck, Mark Smith, Beth Ulrich

We welcome the following new members to the Nominating Committee, Class of 2026:
Russ Matney (Co-Chair), Jacob Caldwell, Brandon White
Returning members are: Earl Weaver (Chair), Sarah Grace Barkley, Kelli Johnson, Kaye Moomaw

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.

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

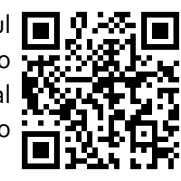
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Please leave a message for an appropriate response.

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 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, 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) 🏰

Monday, September 9

- 7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens)
- 11:00 am Story Time (Room 207) 🏰
- 11:00 am Caregivers' Group (Family Room)
- 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰
- 6:00 pm Art with Amy (Country Gardens) 🏰

Tuesday, September 10

- 6:26 am High School 626 (Biscuitville, Old Forest Road)
- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 1:00 pm Shepherding & Care Meeting (Library)

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

Wednesday, September 11

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes & Praise Ringers
- 5:15 pm Carillon
- 5:15 pm Cherub, Chapel & New Song Choirs
- 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 12

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

Friday, September 13

- 10:30 am GriefShare (Country Gardens)

Saturday, September 14

- 8:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰
- 10:00 am Rivermont United Soccer (Kingston Field)
- 12:00 pm No Walls second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community Church College Hill)

Sunday, September 15

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:30 pm Missionary Luncheon (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 8, 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:

"Beautiful Savior"

Noah Caldwell, organ

arr. Charles W. Ore

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

WELCOME:

Pastor Shane Whelan

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 16:34-36 (responsively)

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

For His steadfast love endures forever!

Say also: "Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #17

"Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him"

FABEN

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Before the Throne of God Above" (vs. 1 & 3) BEFORE THE THRONE

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea:

A great High Priest Whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart.

I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,

No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,

The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.

One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood.

My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,

With Christ, my Savior and my God!

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS:

(8:30) DEACONS: Andrea Adams, Ron Meng, Erick Petersen, Neil Selz,
T.J. Smiley, Christopher Steed, Brad Weaver,
Brandon White

(11:00) ELDERS: Ken Bradford, Ben Moomaw, Ben Reeves, Matt Schubert

The Words of Instruction

The Constitutional Vows of the Officers

***The Constitutional Vows of the Congregation**

The Prayer of Ordination and Installation

The Declaration of Ordination and Installation

The Welcome, Charge, and Blessing

*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 1:3-14 (page 976)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"God's Glory, Our Good"

Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from Colossians 1:15-20 (in unison)

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

*THE GLORIA:

"Praise and Glory to the Father"

REGENT SQUARE

Praise and glory to the Father, praise and glory to the Son,

Praise and glory to the Spirit: ever Three and ever One;

One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run!

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)

"God's Great Mercy"

Noah Caldwell, piano

arr. N. Caldwell

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
What can wash away my sin? nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(11:00)

"We Walk By Faith"

Sanctuary Choir

arr. Kenneth T. Kosche

We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
From Christ, Who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe Him near.
We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near and seek where You are found:
That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
We may behold You with endless sight.

*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: #455

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

SAGINA

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Te Deum"

Marc-Antoine Charpentier