

Reverend Sean McCann

We welcome Reverend Sean McCann as guest pastor this morning. Sean was born and raised in Durham, North Carolina and came to faith in Christ through the Young Life chapter at his local high school. He studied history and philosophy at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, where he served with Campus Outreach, and met his wife, Lindsey. After graduation, they moved to Charlotte, North Carolina where he received a Master of Divinity at Reformed Theological Seminary, and from there they moved to Central America. Sean and Lindsey served with Mission to the World first in Costa Rica, and then for two years in Honduras. Upon their return Sean was ordained in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and served for five years as Associate Pastor of Sovereign Grace Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.

Sean has been at Covenant Reformed, Asheville, NC since 2016. He and Lindsey have four daughters, Lucy, Ellie, Anna, and Mary Neal.

In Appreciation

Pam Ruble and her family would like to thank the congregation for their care and support during the past weeks.

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.

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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. For more information go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, January 14

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Oliver's, Rivermont Ave.)
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons)

Monday, January 15

7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)
9:00 am Preschool
9:30 am Story Time (Youth House) 🏰
10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens)
11:00 am Caregivers' Support Group (Room 203)
5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰

Tuesday, January 16

6:26 am High School 626 (Biscuitville)
6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (FH)
9:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm Sixty Plus Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 pm Shepherding & Care Meeting (Room 203)
6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)
7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

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

Wednesday, January 17

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, January 18

9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Quinlan)
10:00 am Community Bible Study
6:30 pm Brunswick Stew Fundraiser (back of church)

Friday, January 19

7:00 pm 20 Somethings+ Liberty Hockey Game

Saturday, January 20

10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰

Sunday, January 21

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) 🏰
6:00 pm Youth SNL (Youth Center)

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ORDER of WORSHIP

January 14, 2024

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Eternal God, in the light of Your covenant faithfulness, we confront the darkness of our adulterous actions, realizing the gravity of our rebellion. Like Jerusalem of old, we acknowledge our desperate need for repentance, for our hearts have strayed. Grant us the humility to heed Your call. As Isaiah pleaded for cleansing, may Your refining fire purify our souls. In the midst of our transgressions, we find solace in the promise of forgiveness through Christ alone. As You turn our scarlet sins to snow-white purity, instill in us contrite spirits, that we may dwell in the grace born of covenant love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30) **"More Precious Than Silver"** DeShazo, arr. Bettcher
Lord, You are more precious than silver. Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with You.

(11:00) Lynn Seipp, clarinet in A; Sonna Seipp, piano
"Adagio from Concerto for Clarinet, Opus 107" W. A. Mozart

WELCOME: Dr. David Weber

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 124:8; 145:18-19 (responsively)

Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him;

He also hears their cry and saves them.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #24

"Vast the Immensity, Mirror of Majesty" MAJESTAS

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (vv. 1 - 3) Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom.

*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 1:21-31 (page 567)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **"The Unfaithful City"** Reverend Sean McCann

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)

"Teach Me Your Way, O Lord"

Teach me Your way, O Lord, teach me Your way.
Your guiding grace afford, teach me Your way.
Help me to walk aright, more by faith and less by sight;
Lead me in heav'nly light, teach me Your way.
When I am sad at heart, teach me Your way.
When earthly joys depart, teach me Your way.
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,
In failure or success, teach me Your way.
When doubts and fears arise, teach me Your way.
When storm clouds fill the skies, teach me Your way.
Shine through the wind and rain, through sorrow, grief, and pain;
Make now my pathway plain, make my pathway plain.
Long as my life shall last, teach me Your way.
Where'er my lot is cast, teach me Your way.
Until the race is run, until the journey's done,
Until the crown is won, teach me Your way.
Lord, teach me Your way.

Noah Caldwell – Accompanist

(11:00) Lynn Seipp, clarinet in Bb; Sonna Seipp, piano
"O Worship the King" Grant, J.M. Haydn, arr. Gardiner/Page/Anderson

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love,
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

***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):

Gracious Father, in response to Your great gift to us, we offer ourselves to you,
with thanksgiving and joy. Accept these tokens of our lives; bless and multiply
them for the spread of the gospel, the strengthening of Your church, and the
increase of Your kingdom, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #472** BRYN CALFARIA
"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched"

*THE BENEDICTION

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

***POSTLUDE:** **"Sinfonia to Act III of Solomon"** G. F. Handel

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

Lloyd Larson