

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** "All Creatures of Our God and King" Hal H. Hopson

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

Monday, January 22

- 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 23

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

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

Wednesday, January 24

- 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 25

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Quinlan)
- 10:00 am Community Bible Study

Saturday, January 27

- 10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏛️

Sunday, January 28

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 4:00 pm Campus Outreach Student Event (Cheatham Center)
- 5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏛️



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.*

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.

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ORDER of WORSHIP

January 21, 2024

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Most holy God, Who has created us and Who sustains us through Your mighty hand of providence; we pray that this morning You would send forth Your light and Your truth, that they would lead us and guide us, so that You would be honored in the praises of us Your people. In Christ's holy name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30) **"For the Beauty of the Earth"** arr. James Mansfield

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

(11:00) **Doug and Julie Haley, Vicky Pogue**

"I Will Serve Thee/Majesty Medley" Bill & Gloria Gaither/Jack Hayford

I will serve Thee, because I love Thee. You have given life to me.
I was nothing before You found me, You have given life to me.
Heartaches, broken pieces, ruined lives are why You died on Calvary.
Your touch was what I longed for, You have given life to me.
Majesty, worship His majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from His throne unto His own;
His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His Majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

WELCOME: Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 23 (responsively)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #9

"All You That Fear Jehovah's Name" PARK STREET

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: #691
"It Is Well with My Soul"

VILLE DU HAVRE

*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: Hebrews 11:20-22 (Page 1008)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **"The Final Word"** 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 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) **Doug and Julie Haley, Vicky Pogue**
"I Will Serve Thee/Majesty Medley" Bill & Gloria Gaither/Jack Hayford

(11:00) **Sanctuary Choir**

"Awake! Awake!"

Craig Courtney

Awake, awake! Let every heart in loudest praise adore
The great eternal Lord of all, Who reigns forevermore.
He paints the orient sky of morn, He gives the flow'r its hue,
And gently o'er its fragrant leaves He drops the pearly dew.
Strangers, pilgrims, here below, He will lead us while we go;
Where the cooling waters flow, His hand our steps will guide.
Awake, exalt His glorious name; and on this holy day,
Rejoicing in the house of prayer, Your grateful homage pay.
As o'er the earth the genial sun a radiant luster throws,
So in the bosom where He dwells the light of mercy glows.
How sweet when human voices join to sing His pardoning love
While angels waft the joyful strain to purer worlds above.
Awake, awake! Let every heart in loudest praise adore
The great eternal Lord of all, Who reigns forevermore.
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Hadley Hall – 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):

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.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Please see insert)

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" Stennett and Miner