

All Saints' Day

In the church liturgical year, November 1 is designated as All Saints' Day, on which Christians traditionally remember with thanksgiving the life and witness of the faithful Christian men and women who have gone before us, following Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. In the Communion Prayer this morning, we are remembering the saints of this congregation who have died since November 1, 2023. This is not a prayer of intercession for them, but a prayer of thanksgiving for their life and faithful witness, in the assurance that Christians who have preceded us in death are "away from the body and at home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). The Westminster Shorter Catechism (#37) summarizes the teaching of Scripture by stating:

"When believers die, their souls are made perfectly holy and immediately pass into glory. Their bodies, which are still united to Christ, rest in the grave until the resurrection."

(Hebrews 12:23; Luke 23:43; Philippians 1:21,23; 2 Corinthians 5:1-8; Romans 8:21; 1Thessalonians 4:14)

Tami Urbina	November 15
Jesse Wasserman	December 3
Bill Aiken	December 19
Jake Matthes	April 18
Vivian Schmidt	May 10
Marcy Shilling	June 12
Carol Thompson	June 23
Nadine Gilmore	August 6
Tom Mong	August 27

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers under the cross today are given by Vance and Kathy Pickard to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Pickard to Timothy Johnson, 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 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 beginning on January 12, 2025. For more information and to register go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, November 3 - All Saints' Day (Daylight Savings Time Ends)

8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run
(Waterstone Pizza)
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
5:00 pm Sermon Q & A (Chapel)
5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏛️

Monday, November 4

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) 🏛️
5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏛️
7:30 pm WEEE Connect (Room 201)

Tuesday, November 5

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)

🏛️ = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event
(Members Welcome!)

For more information, please visit inrivermont.com

Wednesday, November 6

9:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm Monthly Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
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, November 7

9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, November 8

10:30 am GriefShare (Country Gardens)

Saturday, November 9

9:00 am Compassion Ministry
(Country Gardens)
10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏛️
12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic
(Gospel Community Church College Hill)

Sunday, November 10

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
5:00 pm Sermon Q & A (Chapel)
5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏛️
6:00 pm Youth SNL (Youth Center)

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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 our church, extending to our neighborhood and our world.*

ORDER of WORSHIP

November 3, 2024

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Preparation *for* Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty God, Who has knit together Your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of Your Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so as to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which You have prepared for those who sincerely love You; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Blessings"

Emily Emanuel, soloist

Laura Story

We pray for blessings. We pray for peace,
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep. We pray for healing, for prosperity.
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering.
And all the while, You hear each spoken need,
Yet love us way too much to give us lesser things.
'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears? What if a thousand sleepless nights
Are what it takes to know You're near?
And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?
We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear.
And we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near.
We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love,
As if every promise from Your Word is not enough.
And all the while, You hear each desperate plea,
And long that we'd have faith to believe.
When friends betray us, when darkness seems to win,
We know that pain reminds this heart that this is not, this is not our home.
'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?
What if my greatest disappointments, or the aching of this life,
Is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy?
And what if trials of this life, the rain, the storms, the hardest nights
Are Your mercies in disguise?

WELCOME:

Pastor Shane Whelan

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 34:1-3 (responsively)

I will bless the LORD at all times;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #345

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*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 heav'n 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 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: Colossians 1:15-20 (page 983)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"To Reconcile All Things"

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:

"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)

Sanctuary Choir

Craig Carnahan

"Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal"

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.
Alleluia, glory to the great I AM!
And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.
Alleluia, glory to the great I AM!
Souls have crossed before me saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.
Alleluia, praise the Lamb! Alleluia, glory to the great I AM!

(11:00)

Rivermont Chimes

arr. Bettcher

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life. I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way;
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Noah Caldwell - Director

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.

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: #358

"For All the Saints"

SINE NOMINE

(Verse 3: Men & Boys; verse 4: Women & Girls)

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE: *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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