

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** "Rondo for Organ" John Bull

*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. The last RFN for 2024 is November 20. It will resume on January 8, 2025.
- 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 17

- 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) 🏠

Monday, November 18

- 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) 🏠

Tuesday, November 19

- 6:26 am High School 626 (Biscuitville)
- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 11:30 am 60 Plus Lunch (Charley's Restaurant)
- 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!)

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Wednesday, November 20

- 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, November 21

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

Friday, November 22

- 10:30 am GriefShare (Country Gardens)

Saturday, November 23

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

Sunday, November 24

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday school
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Thanksgiving Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Sermon Q & A (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm Youth SNL (Youth Center)



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 17, 2024

Women's Advent Fellowship

Come for an evening of fellowship, food, and a word from Barb Bell as we welcome the Advent Season! We will meet on Thursday, December 5 at 7 pm in the John Knox Room.

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers under the cross today are given by Ingrid Marshall to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stan Marshall.

Session Meeting

Confirmed members are invited to attend monthly Session Meetings as a guest. Session meets on the third Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30 pm in the John Knox Room. Join us for Officer Prayer at 7:00 pm. Being the third Tuesday, Session will meet this Tuesday evening, November 19.

Officer Nominations

The Officer Nominating Committee is seeking input from the congregation regarding potential candidates to be considered for the office of Elder and Deacon. Your participation is very important to the process of officer nomination and election. Please prayerfully consider which members you would like to suggest, then fill out a form with your suggestions and place it in one of the drop boxes found in the Cheatham Center and in the Locke Commons. You may also fill out the online form by visiting rivermont.org/nominations.

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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:

Our Father in heaven, Who sent Your only-begotten Son into the world, not to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved: we pray that You would be pleased to pour out Your Spirit upon us; that, with true repentance of our sins, we might take up our cross, deny ourselves, and faithfully follow Jesus Christ; in Whom alone we trust for our salvation, and in Whose holy name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Hymns of Praise"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise the Lord: ye heavens adore Him; praise Him, angels in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him; praise Him, all ye stars and light.

Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken; worlds His mighty voice obeyed:
Laws which never shall be broken for their guidance hath He made.

Ashley Plude, piano

Phillip Keveren

WELCOME:

Pastor Shane Whelan

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 96 (responsively)

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations,

His marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

He is to be feared above all gods.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #101

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

TRINITY

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"To God Be the Glory" (vs. 1)

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He has done!

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,

And opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory, great things He has done!

(11:00) ANTHEM FOR PREPARATION FOR THE WORD:

Cherub Choir

"We Thank Thee"

Ron Hamilton, arr. Shelly Hamilton

We thank Thee for the morning light, for rest and shelter through the night,

For health and food, for love and friends, for all Thy goodness sends.

Our God is great, our God is good, and we will thank Him as we should.

By His great hand we all are fed; He gives our daily bread.

We thank Thee for the summer breeze, for song of birds, for shade of trees,

For stars that glitter in the sky we thank Thee, Lord on high.

Amy Hall – Director

*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: John 15:1-11 (Page 901)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Christ-Centered Flourishing"

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:

"Glorify Your Name"

Donna Adkins

FATHER, we love You, we praise You, we adore You:

Glorify Your name in all the earth! Glorify Your name, glorify Your name,

Glorify Your name in all the earth! (Repeat, using: JESUS and SPIRIT)

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)

"Give to the Lord Honor and Praise"

Sanctuary Choir

John F. Wilson

Give to the Lord, give to the Lord glory and majesty,

Give to the Lord, give to the Lord honor and praise.

God of eternity, God of creation, God of the universe, God of all nations,

God of all humankind, God of salvation; Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(11:00)

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"

Jim Gleason, soloist

Wesley, arr. Dan Forrest

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears:

The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:

Before the Throne my Surety stands, my name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary,

They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:

"Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry, "nor let that ransomed sinner die."

God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;

He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;

With confidence I now draw nigh, and "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Christy Lynn – violin

*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):

We thank You, Gracious Father, that You loved the world so much that You gave Your only Son for us that we might believe in Him and have eternal life.

Empower us by Your Spirit to share these resources and this gospel with all people, in Lynchburg, the United States and the world. We offer to You the fruit of our labor, the gifts of our hands, and the love of our hearts for the sake of Your gospel and the salvation of the world; through Jesus, our Savior.

Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Please see insert)

"In Christ Alone"

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