

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #94
"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

*THE BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We all Our God" Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

*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 starting January 8, 2025. 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 on January 26, 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 24

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Thanksgiving Service (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm Youth SNL (Super Rad Arcade)

Monday, November 25

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

Tuesday, November 26

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

Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Day

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 29

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Saturday, November 30

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

Sunday, December 1, First Sunday in Advent

- 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Sermon Q & A (Chapel)

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

For more information, please visit inrivermont.com

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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 24, 2024

General Fund as of October 31, 2024

Budget to date:	\$ 730,633
Behind Budget:	\$ 35,881
Year-to-date contributions:	\$ 694,752
Year-to-date expenses:	\$ 699,465
Contributions Behind Expenses:	\$ 4,713

Session minutes from our monthly and called meetings are available for review by confirmed members in the church office. Please contact Janet Freshour (846-3441) if you would like to schedule a time for review.

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.

Preparation *for* Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Father of all grace and glory, look upon us in love and compassion through Your Son, Jesus Christ; and, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, enable us to worship You in spirit and in truth. Help us to draw near to You, in the assurance that You dwell with those who are of humble and contrite heart. Renew our minds by the truth of Your Word, strengthen our souls, and direct our wills; that we may more fervently love You and more sincerely serve You, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Great Is thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Miriam Amos, organ

arr. Dan Miller

WELCOME:

Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Peter 1:3-4, Psalm 95:1-2 (responsively)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead;

And to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled and unfading!

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #4

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

Verse 4 - Women; Verse 5 - Men

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (vs. 1 & 4)

HAMBURG

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

*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: Genesis 45:1-15 (Page 38)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"God's Cause, Not His Curse"

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:

"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)

"We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer"

Miriam Amos, piano

arr. William Stickles

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee,
We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.
With voices united our praises we offer,
And gladly our song of true worship we raise;
Our sins now confessing, we pray for Thy blessing,
To Thee, our great Redeemer, ever be praise.

(11:00)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Marianne Forman

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.
All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
The Son, and Him Who reigns with Them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.

Mark Landry – Directing

*THE DOXOLOGY:

**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.**

OLD HUNDREDT

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

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.