

**\*THE DOXOLOGY:**

OLD HUNDREDDTH

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):**

God, You are the fountain of all good: we bring to You our gifts, according to the blessing You have given. Enable us, with our earthly things, to give You the love of our hearts and the service of our lives. Let Your favor, which is life, and Your loving kindness, which is better than life, be upon us now and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #203**

*"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

MENDELSSOHN

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

**\*POSTLUDE: "Overture from 'Unto Us a Child is Born' "**

J. S. Bach

\*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.  
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**December 24 - Christmas Eve**

5:00 pm - Family Worship Service  
(Especially for families with young children)  
Nursery is available.

7:00 pm: Traditional Service with Communion  
(orchestra beginning at 6:30 pm). Nursery is available.

9:00 pm - Traditional Service with Communion  
(orchestra beginning at 8:30 pm).

**Sunday, December 29**

8:30 am & 11:00 am - Worship Services  
9:45 am - Fellowship Sunday (No Sunday School Pre-K - Adult)

**PARKING AND OUR NEIGHBORS:** As we remember to love our neighbors as ourselves, this is a friendly reminder not to block our neighbors' driveways when we park for worship. Please also reserve closer parking for our visitors and senior saints, particularly during this Christmas season. Graciously, Randolph College allows use of their parking lots: Maier Museum and the Upper Gym lot. Also, Magnolia Foods has graciously allowed use of their parking lot. Thank you!

**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](http://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](http://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](http://rivermont.org/gtkr).

## Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit [rivermont.org/events](http://rivermont.org/events)

**Sunday, December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent**

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)  
7:00 pm Handel's Messiah (Sanctuary)

**Tuesday, December 17**

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

**Wednesday, December 18**

6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, December 21**

9:30 am Youth Strings Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏓

**Monday, December 16**

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

**Sunday, December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Adult Sunday School in Sanctuary  
11:00 am Worship Service  
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](http://inrivermont.com)

**YEAR-END DONATIONS:** For tax purposes, year-end donations for 2024 must be received or postmarked by Tuesday, December 31. The church office will be closed Dec. 25 - Jan. 1, but the outside black mailbox at the top of the ramp will be monitored during this time to receive donations. Those needing an update on their donations before the end of the year, please contact Kelly Nelson by phone (434-846-3441), or by email: [Kelly@rivermont.org](mailto:Kelly@rivermont.org).

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**OUR MISSION:** *For the glory of God and the good of His people, REPC seeks 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

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

## Preparation for Worship

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

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Sovereign Lord, deepen our affection for You through this service of worship, that we may truly and sincerely love You with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength, and in doing so, deepen our love for our neighbor that we may truly and sincerely love them as much as we should love ourselves. Root out all self-love and self-importance that would distract and destroy the worship You desire, as well as the heart to serve and love our neighbor. We pray this, knowing that Your Holy Spirit will empower us for that end, in Jesus' name. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

(8:30)

#### "A Baby in a Manger, Gloria!"

Chapel Choir

Vicky Tucker Courtney

A Baby in a manger, gloria! A Baby in a manger, Child of God.  
Angels are singin', all of heaven's ringin', a Baby in a manger, gloria!  
A star is shinin' brightly, gloria! A star is shining brightly, light of God.  
Angels are singin', all of heaven's ringin', a star is shinin' brightly, gloria!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! The shepherds come to see Him, gloria!  
The shepherds come to see Him, Child of God.  
Angels are singin', all of heaven's ringin', the shepherds come to see Him, gloria!  
A Baby in a manger, a star is shinin' brightly,  
The shepherds come to see Him, gloria!

Lori Flowers – Director; Patty Jennings – Accompanist

(11:00)

#### "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Sanctuary Choir

arr. Timothy Kile

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!  
O come, O Bright and Morning Star, and bring us comfort from afar!  
Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light.  
O Israel, rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!  
God with us, Emmanuel.

Rachel Love – Cello; Noah Caldwell – Accompanist

### WELCOME:

Dr. David Weber

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalms 97:1; 98:7-9 (responsively)

*The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;*

**Let the many coastlands be glad!**

*Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!*

**Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD,**

*For He comes to judge the earth.*

**He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #195

*"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"*

ANTIOCH

### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - JOY

8:30 am: Cameron and Téa Harris

11:00 am: Bill and Bernadette Lyford

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

### THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 2 Corinthians 8:9

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: #218

*"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"*

REGENT SQUARE

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

Cherub Choir

*"How Far Is It to Bethlehem?"*

arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

How far is it to Bethlehem, not very far? Shall we find the stable room lit by a star?  
Can we see the little child, is He within? If we lift the wooden latch, may we go in?  
May we stroke the creatures there, oxen or sheep?  
May we peek like them and see Jesus asleep?  
If we touch His tiny hand, will He awake?  
Will He know we've come so far just for His sake?  
O what can I give to Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I'd bring a lamb; If I were a wise man, I'd do my part;  
Yet what can I give to Him? Give Him my heart.

Amy Hall – Director; Miriam Amos - Accompanist

### \*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*"Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come."  
(Revelation 1:4)*

(Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to room #115.)

### THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:25-37 (Page 869)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

*"Neighborhood-Focused"*

Pastor Brett Eubank

### THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED (in unison)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who, for us and our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### \*THE GLORIA:

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"* (refrain)

GLORIA

Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o, Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o!  
(meaning, "Glory to God in the highest!" Luke 2:14)

### 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)

Rivermont Chimes

*"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

arr. Bettcher

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."  
Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Noah Caldwell – Director

(11:00)

*"O Magnum Mysterium"*

Sanctuary Choir

Morten Lauridsen

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum  
Ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, jacentum in praesepio!  
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia!  
*O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament,  
That animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in their manger!  
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!*