

\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #358  
"For All the Saints"  
(Verse 3: Men & Boys; verse 4: Women & Girls)

SINE NOMINE

\*THE BENEDICTION

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

\*POSTLUDE: "Alleluia from 'Exultate, Jubilate'" W. A. Mozart

\*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.  
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This Sunday, we are delighted to welcome Josh Rutledge as our guest preacher. Josh serves as the Vice President of Spiritual Development at Liberty University, where he oversees the spiritual formation and discipleship of students, helping to cultivate a Christ-centered campus community. Josh, his wife Meredith, and their four children (Annie, John, Ruthie, and Peter) are cherished members of REPC. In addition to being a close personal friend of Pastor David, Josh shares his passion for ministry—and his enthusiastic love for Georgia Bulldogs football (Go Dawgs!). We are excited to hear Josh share God's Word with us and look forward to what the Lord has laid on his heart for our congregation.

**Rivermont Chimes**, the handchime choir for youth in Grades 2-6, has two openings. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 4:30-5:10 which began on January 8. Two scheduled presentations this spring. No previous background in music reading is necessary. Those participating in **Rivermont Chimes** will be able to enjoy making music in a group setting and develop the musical talents and skills they already possess. Please contact Peggy Bettcher, [pbettcher@rivermont.org](mailto:pbettcher@rivermont.org), for more information.

### 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](http://rivermont.org/prayer). 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](http://rivermont.org/sundayschool)).
- Join us for dinner and Bible Classes on Wednesday nights. 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, January 12

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Mi Patron)  
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)  
5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons)

### Monday, January 13

7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Room 201)  
9:00 am Preschool  
10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens)  
11:00 am Story Time (Room 207) 🏰  
11:00 am Caregivers' Support Group (Family Room)  
5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth Center) 🏰  
6:00 pm Art with Amy (Country Gardens) 🏰

### Tuesday, January 14

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
9:00 am Preschool  
1:00 pm Shepherding & Care (Library)  
6:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting (Library)

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event (Members Welcome!)  
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### Wednesday, January 15

9:00 am Preschool  
4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes & Praise Ringers  
5:15 pm Carillon  
5:15 pm Cherub, Chapel & New Song Choirs  
5:55 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal  
6:30 pm Bible Classes  
6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge)  
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 16

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

### Saturday, January 18

10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰

### Sunday, January 19

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)

## Contact Us

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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

January 12, 2025

## Preparation *for* Worship

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

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Eternal God, in the light of Your covenant faithfulness, we confront the darkness of our adulterous actions, realizing the gravity of our rebellion. Like Jerusalem of old, we acknowledge our desperate need for repentance, for our hearts have strayed. Grant us the humility to heed Your call. As Isaiah pleaded for cleansing, may Your refining fire purify our souls. In the midst of our transgressions, we find solace in the promise of forgiveness through Christ alone. As You turn our scarlet sins to snow white purity, instill in us contrite spirits, that we may dwell in the grace born of covenant love. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

(8:30) **"Spirit of God"** arr. David Paxton

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.  
Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

(11:00) **"Before the Throne of God Above"** Vicky Pogue, soloist  
Bancroft and Cook

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 heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart.  
When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of my guilt within,  
Upward I look to see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free,  
For God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.  
I see 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.

WELCOME: Dr. David Weber

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 124:8; 145:18-19 (responsively)  
*Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.*  
**The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.**  
*He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him;*  
**He also hears their cry and saves them.**

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #24  
**"Vast the Immensity, Mirror of Majesty"** MAJESTAS

\*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 103:1-5

\*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:  
**" 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" (vv. 2 & 3)** TRUST IN JESUS  
**O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;  
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!**

(Refrain) **Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!**

**Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.**

\*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 11:8-16 (page 1007)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **Josh Rutledge**  
**"The Christian Life as Pilgrimage"**

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!

MOMENT FOR MISSION: April Weber, Compassion Ministry

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: Vicky Pogue, soloist  
(8:30) **"Before the Throne of God Above"** Bancroft and Cook

(11:00) **"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"** Sanctuary Choir  
Earlene Rentz

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.  
O'er all those wide extended plains shines one eternal day  
When love forevermore shall reign, and turn the night to day.  
On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.  
There David stands with harp in hand as master of the choir;  
Ten thousand times was David blessed; the music rang with pow'r.  
No fear or sorrows or distress shall reach that blissful shore;  
All sickness, suff'ring, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.  
I'm bound for the promised land; oh, who will come and go with me?  
I'm bound for the promised land.  
On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye.  
Oh, who will come and go with me? Who will come and go?  
I'm bound for the promised land!

Miriam Amos – 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):  
Gracious 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.