

In Appreciation

Dear members of the congregation, thank you for your donation to Meals on Wheels of Greater Lynchburg. Your gift enables us to continue to serve our homebound friends and neighbors in need. Thank you for all your help and support!
- Meals on Wheels

Dear members, your monthly support has been a true gift - you have helped families find the stability of home. Thank you for making such a difference in our community! With gratitude, your friends at Miriam's House

Dear congregation, thank you so much for your generous gift. Your support of Rush Homes brings independence and dignity to our neighbors who need housing that works for them no matter their socio-economic status or disability. What a gift that is! - Rush Homes

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 on January 26 during the Sunday School hour. For more information and to register go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, January 26

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Getting To Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏛️

Monday, January 27

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) 🏛️
11:00 am Caregivers' Support (Family Room)
5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏛️
6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, January 28

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
9:00 am Preschool

Wednesday, January 29

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 Studies
6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 30

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

Friday, January 31

Women's Retreat (Natural Bridge)

Saturday, February 1

Women's Retreat (Natural Bridge)
10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏛️
10:30 am Youth Boys' Bible Study

Sunday, February 2

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 Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏛️
6:00 pm High School SNL (Youth Center)

🏛️ = 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

January 26, 2025

General Fund as of December 31, 2024

Budget to date:	\$ 1,095,949
Ahead of Budget:	\$ 98,207
Year-to-date contributions:	\$ 1,194,156
Year-to-date expenses:	\$ 1,064,429
Contributions Ahead of Expenses:	\$ 129,727

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:

Gracious Father, we give You thanks for the gift of this day on which we gather as Your people to find our rest in You. May Your Spirit dwell with us, work within us, and move among us, that we may worship You in spirit and in truth. May Your Word come to us in power, and be received by us in faith. May our love for You and for one another be increased; and may our lives be further sanctified, that we may grow in the likeness of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in Whose name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30) ***"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"*** arr. Craig Phillips
Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

(11:00) **Mike Garcia, Mark Landry, Lee Richwine, Jeffrey Smith**
"How Can I Keep From Singing?" arr. DeFord/Loynes
My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing,
It finds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing?
What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord, my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Refuge clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?
I lift mine eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it.
And day by day this pathway smoothes, since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am His; how can I keep from singing?
Miriam Amos – piano

WELCOME: **Pastor Brett Eubank**

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 50:3-5, 14-15 (responsively)

Our God comes; He does not keep silence;

Before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people:

"Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!

*Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,
and call upon Me in the day of trouble;*

I will deliver You, and you shall glorify Me."

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #331

"Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit" LUX PRIMA

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Spirit of the Living God" IVERSON

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

*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: Acts 2:1-13 (Page 909)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: ***"Why the Spirit?"*** 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) **Mike Garcia, Mark Landry, Lee Richwine, Jeffrey Smith**
"How Can I Keep From Singing?" arr. DeFord/Loynes

(11:00) **Sanctuary Choir**

"Honor and Glory"

Honor and glory be to God in the highest, Hallelujah.

Sing praises to His name, Hallelujah.

Miriam Amos – organ

***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):

Almighty and eternal God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer thanks and praise for the multitude of Your blessings upon us; for what do we have that we have not received? These gifts which we now offer are the gifts of Your own hand, and they all belong to You. With these gifts, therefore, we would offer ourselves, entirely and joyfully, to the praise of Your glorious grace; for we are not our own: we have been bought with a price, by Him Who loved us and gave Himself up for us. So may the offering of this substance and the offering of our lives be blessed for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the world and the glory of Your name forever and ever. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #441**
"Jesus Shall Reign" DUKE STREET

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

POSTLUDE:** ***"Toccata for Organ" John Weaver