WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Worship Services | 8:30am & 11:00am

Sunday School | 9:45am

Faith & Doctrine | The Heidelberg Catechism | The Chapel Emmaus | 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus | Room 201
The Bible Class | The Gospel of John | Room 202
Barnabas | Gospel of Luke | Room 203-204
Foundations | The Basics & Reformed Theology 101 | Room 205
Sojourners | Gospel of Luke | Room 206
20 Somethings + | The Larger Catechism | Fellowship Hall Room A Homebuilders | The Holy Spirit & Parenting | John Knox Room Explorers | Library
College Hour | Church | Fellowship Hall
Nursery | 4 & under | 8:30am, 9:45am, & 11:00am | Nursery Area Children's Sunday School | K-4th grade | 9:45am | Third Floor

Middle & High School | 9:45am | Youth House Prayer Meeting | 5:00pm | The Chapel

Club 56 | 5th-6th grade | 9:45am | Room 207

MONDAY

No Walls Bible Study | 7:00am | Room 201

Preschool | 9:00am

Prayer Group | 10:00am | Country Gardens

*IRFR | Story Time | 11:00am | Riverside Park

*IRFR | Chess Club | 5:30pm | Club 56 Room

TUESDAY

Youth 626 | 6:26am | Biscuitville

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

Preschool | 9:00am

*IRFR | 11:00am | StoryTime | Mission Thrift

*IRFR | Rivermont Meals on Wheels | Contact John Lewis 434.515.3472

WEDNESDAY

Preschool | 9:00am

GriefShare | 4:00pm | Country Gardens

Rivermont Chimes & Praise Ringers | 4:30pm

Carillon | 5:15pm

Cherub, Chapel & New Song Choirs | 5:15pm

Sanctuary Choir | 6:30pm

Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal | 5:55pm

Bible Classes | 6:30pm

Esther (Women's Study) | John Knox Room Ephesians (Men's Study) | Room 201

The Bible & Homosexuality | Room 206 Financial Freedom God's Way | Room 205

Embrace Grace | Country Gardens Open Table Principles | Room 203-204

Missionary Prayer Meeting | Pastors' Lounge Youth | 7th-12th grade | Quinlan

Club 56 | Room 207

1st-4th grade | Boys Room 301 | Girls Room 302

THURSDAY

Women's Bible Study | 9:30am | Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY

*IRFR | Beginner Pickleball | 10:00am | Riverside Park

*In Rivermont For Rivermont

Rivermont's Youth String Players (grade school - high school) are invited to participate in the 8:30 & 11:00 worship services on Sunday, December 21. The youth will present a special prelude, offertory, and postlude. This is for ALL levels of string players and will be led by Ginger Paris. Rehearsals are Saturdays, December 13 and 20, from 9:30-10:30. Please contact Peggy Bettcher at pbettcher@rivermont.org if you have a youth that is interested in participating. Please indicate school grade level and instrument that they play.

WELCOME TO RIVERMONT

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to Rivermont, we are so grateful the Lord has brought you to us this morning. We would love to 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

We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to Rivermont.

- Attend a Sunday School class at 9:45am between worship services.
- Join us for dinner on Wednesday nights (called Rivermont Fellowship Night).
- Join a Life Group, which meet throughout the week in member homes.
- Sign up for our next Getting To Know Rivermont class at www.rivermont.org/gtkr.

PASTORAL STAFF

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Shane Whelan	Pastor of Discipleship & Administration
	Pastor of Outreach & Connection

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CURRENT ELDERS

Clay Atkins	Kevin Hicks	Matt Schubert
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Randy Davy	Ben Moomaw	Chris Smith
Paul Denham	Ben Reeves	Earl Weaver

CURRENT DEACONS

Andrea Adams	Evan Harris	Ryan Pickard
Grant Barkley	Eric Harrison	Neil Selz
Beth Doan	Eddie Ivins	TJ Smiley
Claire Dodd	Ron Meng	Chris Steed
Baxter Gordon	Steve Mullen	Branson Terrell
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+ Those who are able, please stand

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THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Gracious Lord, we humbly ask Your blessing upon this worship service, that by Your power we may worship You in spirit and in truth, and truly honor You. May Your glory be magnified, may Your name be exalted, and may we find our greatest joy in You. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us afresh: to strengthen the fainthearted, encourage the weak, comfort the suffering, and call us all into renewed faith and committed discipleship; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE

8:30 | A Quiet Prelude

Gilbert M. Martin

11:00 | Cantabile

Lynn Seipp, clarinet Niels Gade

THE WELCOME

Pastor Brett Eubank

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 92:1-2; 12-15 (responsively)

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name,

O Most High; to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,

To declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

* THE HYMN OF PRAISE | #316

The Mighty God, the Lord

DIADEMATA

- **† THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**
- **+ THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
- **† THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE**

Before the Throne of God Above (verse 2)

When Satan tempts me to despair

And tells me of the guilt within,

Upward I look and see Him there,

Who made an end of 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,

To look on Him and pardon me.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

11:00 | Reid and Kat Goss present their son, James Grey, for baptism.

*** THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." | Romans 15:7

Pre-K - 1st grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to Room 115

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE | Acts 10:34-48 (p. 919) THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

Dr. David Weber

Gospel Advancement

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

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 | The Gift of Love Based on 1 Corinthians 13 Rachel Love, soloist arr. Hal H. Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed.
By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

11:00 | Like a River Glorious

Lynn Seipp, clarinet arr. Christine D. Anderson

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day,
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.
Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.
We may trust Him fully all for us to do;
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

+ 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.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

Almighty and gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness to us and over all creation; but above all, we give thanks for the gift of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, in Whom alone we have life and peace and everlasting joy. In His name, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and entirely; and we pray that You will bless and multiply these tokens of our lives, and use them for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the earth; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | #660

O God beyond All Praising

THAXTED

* THE BENEDICTION

† THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN A-men, A-men, A-men!

+ POSTLUDE

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

arr. Robert A. Hobby

The flowers under the cross are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charlie Wilson, who passed away on October 5.