

# WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

## SUNDAY

Worship Services | 8:30am & 11:00am  
 Sunday School | 9:45am  
 Historical Service | 6:00pm

## 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 | Rivermont Meals on Wheels | Contact John Lewis 434.515.3472  
 Sixty Plus Luncheon | 11:30am | Charley's  
 Deacons' Meeting | 6:15pm | John Knox Room  
 Officers' Prayer Meeting | 7:00pm | John Knox Room  
 Session Meeting | 7:30pm | John Knox Room

## 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  
 Brass Rehearsal | 7:30pm

## THURSDAY

Women's Bible Study | 9:30am | Fellowship Hall  
 Men's Hymn Sing | 6:00pm | Flowers' Home

## FRIDAY

Evening Worship Service and Portrait Unveiling | 6:00pm

## SATURDAY

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

\*In Rivermont For Rivermont

The flowers under the cross are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Hannah Flowers and Josiah Gavlin, which took place yesterday in the REPC Sanctuary.

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](mailto:pbettcher@rivermont.org) if you have a youth who is interested in participating. Please indicate the school grade level and the 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](http://www.rivermont.org/gtkr).

## PASTORAL STAFF

David Weber ..... Senior Pastor  
 Shane Whelan ..... Pastor of Discipleship & Administration  
 Brett Eubank ..... Pastor of Outreach & Connection

## CHURCH STAFF

Peggy Bettcher ..... Director of Music Ministry  
 Cam Colquitt ..... Regional Director of Campus Outreach  
 Katherine Colquitt ..... Director of Women's Ministry  
 Jennifer Eaton ..... Director of Neighborhood Outreach  
 George Everson ..... Office Assistant  
 Janet Freshour ..... Pastoral Administrative Assistant  
 Davis Hester ..... Director of Student Ministry  
 Cecil Jackson ..... Security  
 Hadley Jacobs ..... Student Ministry Assistant  
 Melissa Johnson ..... Custodian  
 Rhonda McCombs ..... Receptionist  
 Skylar Montrose ..... Director of Communications and Technology  
 Kelly Nelson ..... Business Administrator  
 Treasa Plude ..... Director of Preschool  
 Adrienne Scruggs ..... Care Ministry Coordinator  
 Liza Shields ..... Director of Children's Ministry  
 Donna Sligh ..... Building Superintendent  
 Nicole Strubhar ..... Nursery Supervisor

## CURRENT ELDERS

Clay Atkins	Kevin Hicks	Matt Schubert
Ken Bradford	Russ Matney	Andrew Shields
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
Reid Goss	Drew Neiderer	Brad Weaver
Scott Hall	Wistar Nelligan III	Brandon White

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
October 19, 2025

† Those who are able, please stand      Lyrics and music reproduced under CCLI#64526

**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 | *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*      arr. Alessandra Ward

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

11:00 | *My Hope Is in the Lord*      Doug and Julie Haley  
Joseph M. Martin

My hope is in the Lord, my hope is in the Lord.  
When all my strength has failed me, in Christ I am restored.  
When danger gathers near me, God's Word will be my sword.  
When shadows fall around me, and when silence steals my song;  
When I bend beneath my burden, God's love will keep me strong.  
When the tempest rages 'round me, God is shelter from the storm.  
Lord, when I walk through valleys deep,  
When mountains rise before my way,  
When enemies surround me, when shadows steal the day,  
You are the Lord of my life, my song in the night.  
You are truth and light!

**THE WELCOME**      Pastor Shane Whelan

† **THE CALL TO WORSHIP** | Psalm 1 (responsively)

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he  
meditates day and night.  
He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit  
in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does,  
he prospers.  
The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind  
drives away.  
Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor  
sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way  
of the wicked will perish.*

† **THE HYMN OF PRAISE** | #115  
*All Creatures of Our God and King*      LASST UN ERFREUEN

† **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

† **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

† **THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE**  
*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners! (verse 5)*      HYFRYDOL

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;  
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His and He is mine.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

† **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 11:1-18 (p. 919)

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**THE SERMON**      Dr. David Weber  
*A United Church*

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

† **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** | Colossians 1:15-20 (in unison)

**We believe in Christ Jesus: Who is the image of the  
invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all  
things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and  
invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or  
authorities—all things were created through Him and for  
Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold  
together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is  
the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in  
everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the  
fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to  
reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in  
heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.**

† **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 | *My Hope Is in the Lord*

11:00 | *If Ye Love Me*  
*Based on John 14:15-17*

If ye love Me, keep My commandments.  
And I will pray the Father,  
And He will give you another Comforter;  
Even the Spirit of truth.

Doug and Julie Haley  
Joseph M. Martin  
Sanctuary Choir  
Philip Stopford

† **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.

† **OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)**

Gracious Father, we praise You for every good and perfect gift  
which comes down from heaven. We praise You for the gift of  
Your Son, our Savior, in Whom we have redemption, the  
forgiveness of sins! We praise You for the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
by Whom we are born anew and adopted as Your children  
through Jesus our Lord. With joy, we present ourselves as living  
sacrifices in Your service. Receive and bless this offering for the  
sake of Your kingdom, and send us forth in the power of Your  
Spirit to live as witnesses of Jesus Christ, to the glory of Your  
name. Amen.

† **THE HYMN OF RESPONSE** | (See insert)

*All Glory Be to Christ*      Scottish Traditional

† **THE BENEDICTION**

† **THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN**

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

† **POSTLUDE**

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*      arr. Don Hustad