# WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

### **SUNDAY**

Worship Services | 8:30 am & 11:00 am Sunday School | 9:45 am Prayer Meeting | 5:00 pm | The Chapel

#### MONDAY

No Walls Bible Study | 7:00 am | Room 201 Preschool | 9:00 am Prayer Group | 10:00 am | Country Gardens \*IRFR | Chess Club | 5:30 pm | The Youth House

#### **TUESDAY**

Youth 626 | 6:26 am | Biscuitville

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

Preschool | 9:00 am

Women's Circle | 10:00 am | Country Gardens

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

#### **WEDNESDAY**

Preschool | 9:00 am
GriefShare | 4:00 pm | Country Gardens
Rivermont Chimes & Praise Ringers | 4:30 pm
Building and Grounds Meeting | 5:00 pm | Room 206
Carillon | 5:15 pm
Cherub, Chapel & New Song Choirs | 5:15 pm
Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal | 5:55 pm
Bible Classes | 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir | 6:30 pm

#### **THURSDAY**

Women's Bible Study | 9:30 am | Fellowship Hall \*IRFR | Good News Club | After School | Bedford Hills Elementary

## **SATURDAY**

\*IRFR | Beginner Pickleball | 11:00 am | Riverside Park
\*IRFR | Red Truck Food Ministry | 10:00 am | Rivermont Baptist

\*In Rivermont For Rivermont

#### All Saints' Day

In the church liturgical year, November 1 is designated as All Saints' Day, on which Christians traditionally remember with thanksgiving the life and witness of the faithful Christian men and women who have gone before us, following Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. In the Communion Prayer this morning, we remember the saints of this congregation who have passed away since November 1, 2024. This is not a prayer of intercession for them, but a prayer of thanksgiving for their life and faithful witness, in the assurance that Christians who have preceded us in death are "away from the body and at home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). The Westminster Shorter Catechism (#37) summarizes the teaching of Scripture by stating: "When believers die, their souls are made perfectly holy and immediately pass into glory. Their bodies, which are still united to Christ, rest in the grave until the resurrection."

Martha Elizabeth Evans
Robert Gordon
Michael Quintero
Janice Hindman
June 12
Joan Pennock
July 3
Janice Hatton
Kay Albee
Charlie Wilson
November 17
December 24
June 1
June 12
July 3
September 16
Cotober 5

# 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**

David Weber	Senior Pastor
Shane Whelan	Pastor of Discipleship & Administration

#### **CHURCH STAFF**

Cam Colquitt	
	Office Assistant
	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

Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church is a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, a group of churches whose beliefs are summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms. For more information, go to www.epc.org.



+ Those who are able, please stand

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

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, Who has knit together Your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of Your Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so as to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which You have prepared for those who sincerely love You; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **PRELUDE**

Julia Sansone, piano Gretzinger, arr. Sansone

No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus

If my heart could tell a story, if my life would sing a song,

If I have a testimony, if I have anything at all;

No one ever cared for me like Jesus,

His faithful hand has held me all this way.

And when I'm old and grey

And all my days are numbered on the earth,

Let it be known in You alone

My joy was found, oh my joy, my joy.

Let my children tell their children, let this be their memory,

That all my treasure was in heaven,

And You were everything to me.

I'm still in love, You're still enough for me; still all I want,

You're still my everything.

THE WELCOME

Pastor Shane Whelan

\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 34:1-3 (responsively)

I will bless the LORD at all times:

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

\* THE HYMN OF PRAISE | #345 AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

- \* THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION
- **† THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**+ THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE** 

Before The Throne of God Above | vs. 1 & 3

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,

No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Behold 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, With Christ, my Savior and My God!

**\* 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 11:19-30 (pg. 920)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

Dr. David Weber

BEFORE THE THRONE

The Backstage Builder

# 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** 

EBENEZER

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory; Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity. Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sanctuary Choir Hadley Jacobs, organ James Whitbourn

8:30 | Give Us the Wings of Faith

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil,

And see the saints above,

How great their joys, how bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their vict'ry came:

They, with united breath, ascribe the conquest to the Lamb,

Their triumph to His death.

They marked the footsteps that He trod,

His zeal inspired their breast,

And, foll'wing their incarnate God,

They reached the promised rest.

11:00 | More Precious Than Silver

**Rivermont Chimes** Noah Caldwell, director arr. Bettchei

Lord, You are more precious than silver. Lord, You are more costly than gold.

Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,

And nothing I desire compares with You.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session. After reviewing the Communion packet with your child, contact the church office to set up a meeting with the pastors. The packet may be found at www.rivermont.org/communion.

# The Words of Invitation and Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, 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 Distribution of the Bread and the Cup The Concluding Communion Prayer

\* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | #358

SINE NOMINE

For All the Saints

Verse 3 Men & Boys; Verse 4 Women & Girls

**\* THE BENEDICTION** 

\* THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN A-men, A-men, A-men!

**+ POSTLUDE** 

Fugue in C Major

J.S. Bach

The flowers under the cross are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Bailey Foster and Caleb Warrick, which took place yesterday in the REPC Sanctuary.