

## 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  
 Club 56 | 5th-6th grade | 9:45am | Room 207  
 Middle & High School | 9:45am | Youth House

**Service of Lessons and Carols** | 7:00pm | Sanctuary

### MONDAY

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

**Preschool** | 9:00am

**Prayer Group** | 10:00am | Country Gardens

**Margaret Shanks Memorial Service** | 11:00am | Sanctuary

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

### TUESDAY

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

**Preschool** | 9:00am

**60 Plus Cookies and Carols** | 10:00am | Cheatham Center

**Preschool Christmas Play** | 11:00am | Sanctuary

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

### WEDNESDAY

**Preschool** | 9:00am

**GriefShare** | 4:00pm | Country Gardens

**Sanctuary Choir** | 6:30pm

### THURSDAY

**Prayer Service for College Campuses** | 7:00pm | Sanctuary

### SATURDAY

**Youth Strings Rehearsal** | 9:30am | Sanctuary

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

\*In Rivermont For Rivermont

**Year-end Donations:** For tax purposes, year-end donations for 2025 must be received or postmarked by Wednesday, December 31. The church office will be closed from December 25 to January 1, but the outside black mailbox at the top of the ramp will be monitored during this time to receive donations. Those needing an update on their donations before the end of the year, please contact Kelly Nelson by phone (434-846-3441), or by email at [kelly@rivermont.org](mailto:kelly@rivermont.org).

## 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  
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 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

## December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

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

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

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Gracious and ever-faithful God, over the centuries Your people have prayed Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus, come! As we continue our journey this Advent season, be among us with Your guiding Spirit. Open our eyes that we might see, open our ears that we might truly worship in spirit and truth Your Son Who is coming again. In anticipation we pray this in Jesus' mighty name. Amen.

### PRELUDE

8:30 | *Christmas Glory*

Sing out a song of Christmas glory!  
Sing out a song of Christmas praise!  
Sing out a song and share the story: Jesus is born today!  
Sing with the angels, run with the shepherds,  
Shine like the stars on high!  
Follow the faithful, reach for the promise,  
Worship the Child of Light!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Chapel Choir  
Lori Flowers - Director  
Noah Caldwell - Accompanist  
Joseph M. Martin

11:00 | *Each Little Lamb*

He watches over each little lamb  
And holds them in the palm of His hand.  
With love, the shepherd cares for His sheep,  
By day or night, awake and asleep.  
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky look down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.  
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there. Be near.

Cherub Choir  
Amy Hall - Director  
Patty Jennings - Accompanist  
Diane Beckstead

### THE WELCOME

Pastor Brett Eubank

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 97:1, 98:7-9 (responsively)

*The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;  
Let the many coastlands be glad!  
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!  
Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together  
before the LORD,  
For He comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.*

† THE HYMN OF PRAISE | #195

ANTIOCH

*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - JOY

8:30 | Brian and Kristi Kidd

11:00 | CJ Williams

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

### THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

TRURO

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates! (verses 5 & 6)*

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.  
So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on until the glorious crown be won.

† THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come." | Revelation 1:4 | Pre-K-1st grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to Rm. 115

### THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE | Acts 14 (p. 923)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

Dr. David Weber

*Healthy Gospel Growth*

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

† THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | THE NICENE CREED (in unison)

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who, for us and our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

† THE GLORIA

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*Angels We Have Heard on High* (refrain)

Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o, Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o!

(meaning, "Glory to God in the highest!" Luke 2:14)

### MOMENT FOR MISSION

Lori Flowers, Fostering Hope

### 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 | *Silent Night/Away in a Manger*

Silent night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.  
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky look down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Rivermont Chimes  
Noah Caldwell - Director  
arr. Bettcher

11:00 | *Once in Royal David's City*

Once in Royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her Baby in a manger for His bed;  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little Child.  
He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall:  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Savior holy.  
For He is our childhood's pattern; day by day, like us He grew;  
He was little, weak, and helpless;  
Tears and smiles like us He knew;  
And He feeleth for our sadness, and He shareth in our gladness.  
Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
We shall see Him, but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high;  
Where like stars His children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.

Sanctuary Choir  
Miriam Amos - Soloist  
arr. Philip Stopford

† THE DOXOLOGY

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)

Dear 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.

† THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | #203

MENDELSSOHN

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

† THE BENEDICTION

† THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN

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

† POSTLUDE

Johann Pachelbel

*Come, Redeemer of Mankind*