

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

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

Sunday School | 9:45am

Adult Sunday School | 9:45am | Sanctuary
 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

Prayer Meeting | 5:00pm | Chapel

MONDAY

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

Prayer Group | 10:00am | Country Gardens

Caregivers' Support Group | 11:00am | Family Room

TUESDAY

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

Orchestra Rehearsal | 6:00pm | Sanctuary

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

WEDNESDAY

Christmas Eve Family Service | 5:00pm | Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Service with Communion | 7:00pm | Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Service with Communion | 9:00pm | Sanctuary

THURSDAY

Church Office Closed

FRIDAY

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*In Rivermont For Rivermont

Parking

With the blessings of wondrous attendance during worship services, one practical challenge is parking. We occasionally block a neighbor's driveway or damage a yard. Memphis Avenue, which runs parallel to Rivermont Avenue and perpendicular to Quinlan Street, has become a concern. Graciously, Randolph College allows use of three parking lots: the Maier Museum and the Upper Gym lot (accessed from Quinlan) and the Lower Gym Lot (accessed from Norfolk Avenue). Please serve one another in love and respect our neighbors by allowing a little extra time on Sunday mornings and by parking in designated areas.

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.

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

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

Ken Bradford

Randy Davy

Paul Denham

Kevin Hicks

Russ Matney

Ben Moomaw

Ben Reeves

Matt Schubert

Andrew Shields

Chris Smith

Earl Weaver

CURRENT DEACONS

Andrea Adams

Grant Barkley

Beth Doan

Claire Dodd

Baxter Gordon

Reid Goss

Scott Hall

Evan Harris

Eric Harrison

Eddie Ivins

Ron Meng

Steve Mullen

Drew Neiderer

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Ryan Pickard

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TJ Smiley

Chris Steed

Branson Terrell

Brad Weaver

Brandon White

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

† 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

Our Father in heaven, Who sent Your only-begotten Son into the world, not to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved: we pray that You would be pleased to pour out Your Spirit upon us; that, with true repentance of our sins, we might take up our cross, deny ourselves, and faithfully follow Jesus Christ; in Whom alone we trust for our salvation, and in Whose holy name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

O Come, Little Children
We Three Kings
Long, Long Ago
Silent Night

Rivermont Youth Strings
Ginger Paris, Anna Grace McCloskey - Leaders
Doris Boyer, piano
Folk Song
Hopkins
Bayly
Gruber

THE WELCOME

Pastor Shane Whelan

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 146:1-2 (responsively)

Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

† THE INVOCATION

† THE HYMN OF PRAISE | #214

GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard on High

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - LOVE

8:30 | William, Amber and Lorelai Moore
11:00 | Gordon Hackman

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:9-11)

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

STILLE NACHT

Silent Night! Holy Night! (verse 3)
Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION | 1 John 1:5-9 (responsively)

God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

ALMIGHTY AND HOLY FATHER, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You, by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts and minds. We have not loved You wholeheartedly, nor our neighbors as ourselves, nor one another as Christ has loved us. We confess our sins of selfishness and pride, ingratitude and envy, faithlessness and willful disobedience; and all the ways that we have displeased You by our forgetfulness of Your love and power. Our only hope is in Your mercy and grace. Forgive us, O Father, according to the promise of the gospel. We look again to Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior, Who came into the world to save us from our sins. We plead His blood shed for us, for the cleansing of our sins; we plead His righteousness as our own, by Your grace alone. And through Him, we seek the assurance of Your steadfast love and mercy, and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit, so that we may now follow Jesus more faithfully and serve You more fully, living for Him Who died and rose again for us, and Who now reigns at Your right hand for us; to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

TRURO

Silent Night! Holy Night! (verse 4)
Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

† 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 | Luke 1:26-38 (p. 855)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

Dr. David Weber

Receiving Christmas

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)

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

Rivermont Youth Strings
English Carol

What Child Is This?

What Child is this, Who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the son of Mary.

† 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)

Almighty Father of everlasting love, we give You thanks for the gift of life, for the blessings of Your providence, and for the promise of Your presence with us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Spirit. We praise You for all the spiritual blessings which You have lavished upon us through Your Son, our Savior – for the gift of new birth, new life, the forgiveness of our sins, our adoption as Your children, and the hope of glory! All praise, honor, and glory be to You, the Sovereign God of life and life everlasting. Amen.

† THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | #200

CAROL

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

† THE BENEDICTION

† THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN

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

† POSTLUDE

Rivermont Youth Strings
Handel

Joy to the World!

Youth Strings participating in worship this morning:
Danielle Boyers, Emily Boyers, Miriam Boyers, Sophia Boyers,
Gigi Caldwell, Joia Colquitt, Anna Grace McCloskey,
Elizabeth McCloskey, Margaret McCloskey, Mary McCloskey,
Olivia Steed, Broughton Webb,
Eva Weber, Ruthie Yeoman, Stella Yeoman, Weston Yeoman