

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Worship Services | 8:30am & 11:00am
 Churchwide Fellowship | 9:45am | Cheatham Center
 Nursery | 4 & under | 8:30am, 9:45am, & 11:00am | Nursery Area

MONDAY

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY

Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY

Church Office Closed

THURSDAY

Church Office Closed

FRIDAY

Church Office Open

SATURDAY

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

*In Rivermont For Rivermont

General Fund as of November 30, 2025

Budget to date:	\$917,458
Ahead of Budget:	\$ 41,067
Year-to-date contributions:	\$958,525
Year-to-date expenses:	\$838,206
Contributions Ahead of Expenses:	\$120,319

Session minutes from our monthly and called meetings are available for review by confirmed members in the church office. Please contact Janet Freshour 434.846.3441 if you would like to schedule a time for review.

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
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 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
December 28, 2025

First Sunday in Christmastide

† 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, You have poured on us the new light of Your Incarnate Word: may that same light burn in our hearts and shine in our lives; and may that light be evident this morning as we gather to worship You in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Noah Caldwell, organ
arr. Rex Koury

○ *Come, All Ye Faithful*
○ come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
○ come ye, ○ come ye to Bethlehem;
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels;
○ come, let us adore Him, ○ come, let us adore Him,
○ come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest.
Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

THE WELCOME

Pastor Brett Eubank

† **THE CALL TO WORSHIP** | John 1:1-5, 14 (responsively)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

† **THE HYMN OF PRAISE** | #225

IRBY

Once in Royal David's City

† **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

† **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

† **THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE** | #207

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

† **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

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE | Acts 15:1-35 (p. 923)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

Pastor Shane Whelan

The Agenda

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**

GLORIA

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

Else Frazier, piano
arr. Joseph Martin

○ *Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
○ come, ○ come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, ○ Israel.
○ come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, ○ Israel.

† **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 and praise that, in the fullness of time, You sent forth Your Son, born of woman, born under the law, that we might be redeemed from the curse of sin to live as Your beloved children! We offer ourselves to You as we offer these gifts which we have received from Your hand. May Your glory fill the earth, may all the peoples praise You, and may all the world come to know that Jesus Christ is the Savior Whom You have sent into the world. Amen.

† **THE HYMN OF RESPONSE** | #230 QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

† **THE BENEDICTION**

† **THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN**

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

† **POSTLUDE**

arr. Harold DeCou

Angels We Have Heard on High