

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

Prayer Meeting | 5:00pm

MONDAY

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

Preschool | 9:00am

Prayer Group | 10:00am | Country Gardens

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

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

Trail Life | 6:30pm | Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY

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

Preschool | 9:00am

Story Time | 11:00am | Mission Thrift

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

WEDNESDAY

Preschool | 9:00am

Elder Pool Lunch | 12:00pm | Country Gardens

GriefShare | 4:00pm | Country Gardens

Rivermont Chimes | 4:30pm

Cherub and Chapel Choirs | 5:15pm

Club 56 Christmas Party | 6:00pm | Fellowship Hall

Sanctuary Choir | 6:30pm

SATURDAY

Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal | 9:00am | Sanctuary

Youth Strings Rehearsal | 9:30am | Choir Room

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

*In Rivermont For Rivermont

Incllement Weather Policy:

The final decision to cancel on-campus Sunday worship services will be announced by 6:00 am on Sunday. An announcement will be placed on the church website, the church's voicemail, and WSET-TV; and a church-wide email and text will be sent. If the 8:30 am service is cancelled, on-campus Sunday School is also cancelled. When on-campus activities are cancelled, the REPC staff will attempt to provide online worship. Wednesday music rehearsals will be held at the discretion of the Director of Music Ministry and notifications will be sent by email and text.

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
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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 7, 2025

Second 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

Redeemer God, come as we seek to open our hearts, creating a welcome space for You to abide. Awaken us from our laziness and rescue us from that which distracts us from knowing Your grace and love. Inspire our preparation and guide our worship that our Advent waiting might lead us to Your throne, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Carillon Handbells
Handel, arr. Linda R. Lamb

8:30 | *A Handel Christmas Medley*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing.
For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given;
And the government shall be upon His shoulder,
And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty
God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.
While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around. Hallelujah!

A Ringing Christmas

arr. Linda McKechnie
Grayson Laughon - violin

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!
Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear.
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

11:00 | *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

Praise Ringers
Hadley Jacobs - Director
arr. Kevin McChesney

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

THE WELCOME

Pastor Brett Eubank

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP | Isaiah 66:1-2 (responsively)

Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool;

What is the house that you would build for Me, and what is the place of My rest?

All these things My hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD.

But this is the one to whom I will look: He who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My Word."

† THE HYMN OF PRAISE | #196

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - PEACE

8:30 | Rodney, Heidi, Emmerson Foster, Bailey & Caleb Warrick

11:00 | Sally Peters

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:1-2)

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION:

Isaiah 1:2-4, 18

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Isaiah 40:1-2

† THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian Men, Rejoice (verses 2 & 3)

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!

He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;

Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

ANTHEM FOR PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

New Song
Elese Frazier - Director
Ashley Plude - Accompanist
Tomlin and Maher, arr. Fettle

11:00 | *He Shall Reign Forevermore*

In the bleak midwinter, all creation groans,
For a world in darkness, frozen like a stone.

Light is breaking in a stable for a throne.

And He shall reign forevermore.

Unto us a Child is born, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

And He shall reign forevermore.

If I were a wise man, I would travel far.

If I were a shepherd, I would do my part;

But, poor as I am, I will give to Him my heart.

Here, within a manger, lies the One Who made the starry skies,

This Baby born for sacrifice: Christ, the Messiah!

Into our hopes, into our fears, the Savior of the world appears,

The promise of eternal years: Christ, the Messiah!

† 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 13:44-52 (p. 922)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

Dr. David Weber

The Children of God

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 RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Carillon Handbells
Pachelbel, arr. Brenda Austin

8:30 | *The First Noel*

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel! Born is the king of Israel!

11:00 | *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Praise Ringers
arr. Tammy Waldrop

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold Him born the king of angels;

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

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 | #197

THIRSTING

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

† THE BENEDICTION

† THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN

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

† POSTLUDE

arr. Edward G. Mead

Lift Up Your Heads