

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):**
"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

***POSTLUDE: "Tocatta on 'All Creatures of Our God and King' "** Diane Bish

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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Welcome to Rivermont!

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to our church, we are so grateful to the Lord that He has brought you to us this morning. We would love to connect with you more personally and we 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 to Connect:

We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to this church body.

- Attend Sunday School classes at 9:45 am (rivermont.org/sundayschool).
- Join us for dinner and Bible Studies on Wednesday nights. To make reservations go to rivermont.org/rfn.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont Class. For more information go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, February 23

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Ty Thai)
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏛️

Monday, February 24

- 7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Room 201)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens)
- 11:00 am Caregivers' Support (Family Room)
- 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏛️
- 6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, February 25

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 am Preschool

Wednesday, February 26

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes & Praise Ringers
- 5:15 pm Carillon
- 5:15 pm Cherub, Chapel & New Song Choirs

🏛️ = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event (Members Welcome!)

For more information, please visit inrivermont.com

Wednesday, February 26, continued

- 5:55 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal
- 6:30 pm Bible Studies
- 6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 27

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, February 28 - Missions Festival

- 5:30 pm Festival of Food (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm ADULTS: Missionary Panel Q & A (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm YOUTH: An Evening with Humberto Alferez (Youth House)

Saturday, March 1 - Missions Festival

- 8:00 am Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:45 am Devotional with Eric Vess
- 9:00 am Missionary Workshops
- 10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏛️
- 10:30 am Youth Guys' Bible Study

Sunday, March 2 - Missions Festival

- 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
- 12:30 pm Missionary Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00 pm Special Missionary Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏛️
- 6:00 pm High School SNL (Youth Center)



OUR MISSION: *For the glory of God and the good of His people, REPC seeks to follow Jesus Christ to awaken gospel renewal through Spirit-empowered worship, discipleship and mission, beginning in our church, extending to our neighborhood and our world.*

ORDER of WORSHIP

February 23, 2025

General Fund as of January 31, 2025

Budget to date:	\$ 1,278,608
Ahead of Budget:	\$100,274
Year-to-date contributions:	\$ 1,378,882
Year-to-date expenses:	\$ 1,219,754
Contributions Ahead of Expenses:	\$ 159,128

Session minutes from our monthly and called meetings are available for review by confirmed members in the church office. Please contact Janet Freshour (846-3441) if you would like to schedule a time for review.

Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, you can share your needs on a Connect Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate or one of the designated prayer boxes located outside the Library and in the Locke Commons. You may also submit a prayer request at rivermont.org/prayer or email janet@rivermont.org. All requests are confidential.

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Preparation *for* Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Holy Father, Whose only-begotten Son endured the cross for our salvation: grant us grace, and the power of the Holy Spirit, that we in true faith might take up our cross daily and follow Him. In this hour of worship, replenish our souls, renew our minds, and refresh our spirits, so that we may run with endurance the race that is set before us. And not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

(Romans 15:7)

(Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to room #115.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:36-41 (Page 910)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"What Shall We Do?"

Dr. David Weber

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:

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

EBENEZER

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 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)

"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

Sanctuary Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us, where to sin our hearts are lured.
Ever in His footsteps treading, living here, yet home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me. Savior, lead, I follow Thee.
Let us also die with Jesus; by His cross He conquer'd death,
Freed us from our souls' destruction, quickened us with life's new breath.
Let us mortify, while living, self and pride, and die to sin.
And the grave that shuts us in shall prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to Thee, there to dwell eternally.
Let us gladly live with Jesus; He is risen from the dead.
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry; Jesus, Thou art now our Head.
Living members of Thy Body, where Thou livest, we shall be.
Thou wilt keep us constantly. Even so, dear Lord, come quickly.
Jesus, here I live to Thee. There to dwell eternally.
Let us ever walk with Jesus.

Noah Caldwell - organ

(11:00)

"Glorify Your Name"

Rivermont Chimes

Adkins, arr. Bettcher

Father, we love You, we praise You, we adore You:
Glorify Your name in all the earth!
Jesus, we love You, we praise You, we adore You:
Glorify Your name in all the earth!

Noah Caldwell – Director

*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.

OLD HUNDRETH

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

Eternal God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – we praise You for Your providence above, around, beneath and within our lives! We thank You for every good and perfect gift which we have received from Your all-gracious hand. We rejoice in Your unfailing faithfulness and unchanging goodness. Receive this offering, we pray, as we offer ourselves anew to You. May Your kingdom increase in our lives, in Your church, and throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (see insert)

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Whittier/Parry

PRELUDE:

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Parry, arr. Tucker

(Please see insert for text)

WELCOME:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 27:1, 5-6 (responsively)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,

And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #128

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

DUNDEE

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Colossians 2:13-14

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Before the Throne of God Above" (vv.1-2)

BEFORE THE THRONE

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 heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,

No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,

Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free;

For God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,

To look on Him and pardon me.