

***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 HUNDREDTH

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):**
Almighty and most merciful Father, we give You praise and thanks for all Your mercies: for Your goodness that created us; for Your bounty that sustains us; for Your discipline that corrects us; for Your patience that bears with us; and for Your love that has redeemed us. Grant us also, we pray, a heart to love You; and, by Your Spirit's power, enable us to show our thankfulness in lives of joyful service. Bless this offering for the sake of Your kingdom, for we offer these gifts in the name of Him Who loved us and gave Himself for us: Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Please see insert)**
"By Faith" GETTY AND TOWNEND

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** "Rondeau from Premiere Suite" Jean Joseph Mouret

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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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. All requests are confidential.

Emergency Phone Line

For Acute Illness and Death
Evenings and Weekends: (434) 426-3774
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00: (434) 846-3441
Please leave a message for an appropriate response.

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 Classes 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 9

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰
6:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Super Bowl Party (Earl and Betsy Weaver Home)

Monday, February 10

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 Group (Family Room)
5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth Center) 🏰
6:00 pm Art with Amy (Country Gardens) 🏰
6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, February 11

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
9:00 am Preschool
1:00 pm Shepherding & Care (Library)

Wednesday, February 12

9:00 am Preschool
4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes & Praise Ringers
5:15 pm Carillon
5:15 pm Cherub, Chapel & New Song Choirs
5:55 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal
6:30 pm Bible Classes
6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 13

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

Saturday, February 15

10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰
10:30 am Youth Guys Bible Study (Davis' Home)

Sunday, February 16

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰
6:00 pm Middle School SNL (Youth Center)

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event (Members Welcome!)
For more information, please visit rivermont.com

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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 9, 2025

Preparation *for* Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Lord, as we prepare to worship You this morning, we would meditate and dwell on Your wonderful faithfulness. Great indeed is Your faithfulness. There is no shadow of turning with You. We pray that You would open our eyes this morning so that we might see You more clearly, and our ears that we may hear Your voice more clearly. Open also our hearts that we may eagerly respond to do what You call us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30)

"The Samaritan Witness"

Chapel Choir

arr. Mary Ann Cooper

Who will be a witness for my Lord?
There was a man, so I've been told, who traveled down the road to Jericho.
He met some robbers who stole his load and left him lying on the road.
"Did the priest stop to help him?" No, Lord.
"Did the Levite help him?" No, Lord.
"Did anybody help him?" Just one man, and he was the hated Samaritan.
He was a witness for my Lord.
I wanna be a witness for my Lord.
Like the Samaritan on Jericho road, I wanna be a witness for my Lord.
I'll be a witness for my Lord, I wanna be a witness for my Lord!
Who will be a witness for my Lord?

Lori Flowers – Director; Patty Jennings – Accompanist

(11:00)

"Holy Forever"

New Song
Wickham, Tomlin, Johnson, Ingram, arr. Rouse

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb;
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.
Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all;
All thrones and dominions, all pow'rs and positions,
Your name stands above them all.
And the angels cry, "Holy!" All creation cries, "Holy!"
You are lifted high, Holy! Holy forever!
If you've been forgiven, if you've been redeemed,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb;
If you walk in freedom, and if you bear His name,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb;
We'll sing the song forever and amen.
And the angels cry, "Holy!" All creation cries, "Holy!"
You are lifted high, Holy! Holy forever!
Hear your people sings, "Holy!" To the King of kings, Holy!
You will always be, holy! Holy forever!
Jesus, Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.

Else Frazier – Director; Sarah Vo – Accompanist

WELCOME:

Pastor Shane Whelan

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 111:1-3;9-10 (responsively)

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

He sent redemption to His people;

He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name!

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #101

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

TRINITY

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (v. 1)

SOLID ROCK

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

(11:00) ANTHEM FOR PREPARATION FOR THE WORD:

"Keep Walking with the Lord"

Cherub Choir

Frank Garlock

Jesus wants to keep us in His care; ev'rywhere we go He's always there.
He can give us joy beyond compare, walking in the goodness of the Lord.
Keep walking with the Lord all the way;
Keep trusting in His Word ev'ry day.
Keep looking for the Son, watch and pray –
Keep walking, trusting, all the way, looking, watching, praying ev'ry day.
If we follow Jesus, He will lead; He will then supply our ev'ry need.
Absolute success is guaranteed – walking in the goodness of the Lord.
Jesus is our Savior, God, and King; we can look to Him for ev'rything.
After all He's done, let's shout and sing – walking in the goodness of the Lord.
Amy Hall – Director; Miriam Amos – Accompanist

*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 2:22-24

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Confirmed by God"

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:

"Glorify Your Name"

Donna Adkins

**FATHER, we love You, we praise You, we adore You:
Glorify Your name in all the earth! Glorify Your name, glorify Your name,
Glorify Your name in all the earth! (Repeat, using: JESUS and SPIRIT)**

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)

"Holy Forever"

Wickham, Tomlin, Johnson, Ingram, arr. Rouse

New Song

(11:00)

"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"

Sanctuary Choir

Paul Manz

(Based on Revelation 22)

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein!
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!