

**Good News Club** is a weekly Bible-based program for children that teaches the gospel of Jesus Christ. The clubs are part of the Child Evangelism Fellowship ministry. Volunteers from Rivermont as well as other local churches meet one day a week after school at Bedford Hills Elementary School to share the good news of Jesus Christ with students, disciple them in the Word of God, and connect them to a local church. Children are taught that God loves them, that every person has value, and that God can help them do the right thing. There are many ways you can help: teaching bible lessons, providing administrative support, leading music, distributing snacks, shepherding students, and praying for students and leaders. If you would like more information or to volunteer, contact Jennifer Eaton at [Jennifer@rivermont.org](mailto:Jennifer@rivermont.org).

**Trail Life USA** is a Christian outdoor adventure, character and leadership program for boys and young men. Operating from troops that are chartered through churches in 48 states, the K-12 program centers on outdoor experiences that build a young man's skills and allow him to grow on a personal level and as a role model and leader for his peers.

REPC became the charter church for Troop VA2424, which was formed in 2016. Troop VA2424 holds meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at New Covenant Schools. At these regularly scheduled meetings, troop members are taught outdoor skills and godly character like servant leadership. Monthly outdoor activities are also scheduled for young men ranging from community projects, hiking, camping trips, and more. For more information go to [www.trailifeusa.com](http://www.trailifeusa.com) or contact Russ Matney, Andrew Pieleck, or T.J. Smiley.

### Session Meeting

Confirmed members are invited to attend monthly Session Meetings as a guest. Session meets on the third Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30 pm in the John Knox Room. Join us for Officer Prayer at 7:00 pm. Being the third Tuesday, Session will meet this Tuesday evening, March 18.

### 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](http://rivermont.org/prayer). All requests are confidential.

## 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 Get Connected 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](http://rivermont.org/sundayschool)).
- Join us for dinner and Bible Studies on Wednesday nights. To make reservations go to [rivermont.org/rfn](http://rivermont.org/rfn).
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont Weekend Class on May 16 and 17. For more information and to register go to [rivermont.org/gtkr](http://rivermont.org/gtkr).

## Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit [rivermont.org/events](http://rivermont.org/events)

### Sunday, March 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) 🏰  
 5:30 pm GTKR Dinner

### Monday, March 17

7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Room 201)  
 9:00 am Preschool  
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens)  
 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰

### Tuesday, March 18

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
 9:00 am Preschool  
 11:30 am Sixty Plus Luncheon (Charley's)  
 6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox Room)  
 7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox Room)  
 7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox Room)

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

For more information, please visit [inrivermont.com](http://inrivermont.com)

### Wednesday, March 19

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 Studies  
 6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge)  
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 20

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

### Saturday, March 22

10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏰  
 10:30 am Youth Guys' Bible Study (Home of Davis Hester)

### Sunday, March 23 - Membership Sunday

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)

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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

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

## Preparation *for* Worship

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

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Gracious Lord, our good and faithful Shepherd, we give You thanks for all the ways in which You guide and guard our lives. We thank You for protecting us and providing for our every need. We rejoice that You know us by name, and call us by name, and care for each one of us. We ask You now, O Shepherd of our souls, to be present with us in the power of Your Spirit. Comfort the afflicted, correct the wayward, assure the anxious, warn the straying, seek and save the lost, and lead us in the paths of righteousness, for Your name's sake. Amen.

### PRELUDE: *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

arr. Mark C. Jones

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary.  
Savior divine: now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day be wholly Thine.  
May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire; as Thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to Thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

### WELCOME: Pastor Shane Whelan

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 16:5-6, 11 (responsively)

*The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.*

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

*You make known to me the path of life;*

In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #457

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

NETTLETON

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

*"Amazing Grace" (verses 1, 2 and 6)*

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

### (11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Najha Norris

Dr. David Weber

### \*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 3:11-26 (page 911)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON: *"The Times of Refreshing"*

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: *"Praise and Glory to the Father"*

REGENT SQUARE

Praise and glory to the Father, praise and glory to the Son,  
Praise and glory to the Spirit: ever Three and ever One;  
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run!

### 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)

*"Lamb of God"*

Sanctuary Choir

arr. F. Melius Christiansen

Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Patient still and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer;  
Our sins by Thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

(11:00)

*"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"*

Jim Gleason, soloist

Gabriel/Martin, arr. Harris

Why should I feel discouraged, and why should the shadows come?

Why should my heart be lonely and long for heav'n and home,

When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He.

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

And I sing because I'm happy, yes, I sing because I'm free.

For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,

And resting on His goodness I lose my doubts and fears.

I draw Him closer to me. From care He sets me free.

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

### \*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDETH

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.

### \*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You did not spare Your own Son, but gave Him up for us all; and with Him, You have freely given us all things. Receive these offerings, we pray; and enable us, with all our gifts, so to yield ourselves to You that with body, soul, and spirit we may truly and freely serve You, and in Your service find our perfect freedom and our deepest joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (see insert)

*"In Christ Alone"*

IN CHRIST ALONE

### \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):

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

### \*POSTLUDE: *"Carillon-Sortie"*

Henri Mulet

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