

***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 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. In Your mercy, receive these offerings, which we dedicate to You. With all our gifts, enable us to yield ourselves to You, so that with body, soul, and strength, we may truly and freely serve You. In Your service, may we find our perfect freedom and deepest joy, through Jesus Christ 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:** "Fanfare" Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

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

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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.

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 Weekend Class on May 16 and 17. For more information and to register go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, March 9 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

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

Monday, March 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, March 11

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

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

For more information, please visit rivermont.com

Wednesday, March 12

9:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm Elder Pool Lunch (Country Gardens)
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, March 13

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

Friday, March 14

Spring Youth Conference (Thomas Rd. Outpost)

Saturday, March 15

Spring Youth Conference (Thomas Rd. Outpost)
10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰

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) 🏰

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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 9, 2025

First 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:

(8:30) *"Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"* J. S. Bach
Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word we are gathered all to hear Thee;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear Thee.
By Thy teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love Thee solely.

(11:00) **Liesl Amos, Amy Hall, Beth Ulrich, Betsy Weaver**
"I Want to Be Like Jesus/Lord Be Glorified" arr. Tom Fettke
In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
I have one deep, supreme desire, that I may be like Jesus.
To this I fervently aspire, that I may be like Jesus.
I want my heart His throne to be, so that a watching world may see
His likeness shining forth in me. I want to be like Jesus.
O perfect life of Christ, my Lord! I want to be like Jesus.
My recompense and my reward, that I may be like Jesus.
His Spirit fills my hung'ring soul, His power all my life control;
My deepest prayer, my highest goal, that I may be like Jesus.
In my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus.
Noah Caldwell – Accompanist

WELCOME: **Pastor Ron Cox**

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 146:5-10 (responsively)

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God.

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, Who keeps faith forever;

Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #9

"All You That Fear Jehovah's Name" PARK STREET

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 103:8, 10-12

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (verses 1, 4, 6)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

AZMON

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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

Cherub Choir

"Keep Walking with the Lord"

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; Hadley Hall – 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 3:1-10 (page 911)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"Moving Beyond the Gate"* **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) **Liesl Amos, Amy Hall, Beth Ulrich, Betsy Weaver**
"I Want to Be Like Jesus/Lord Be Glorified" arr. Tom Fettke

(11:00) **Sanctuary Choir**

"Only a Holy God"

Farren, Robinson, Smith, Thompson

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?

Who else could make ev'ry king bow down?

Who else could whisper and darkness tremble? Only a holy God.

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.

Cry out! Sing holy! Forever a holy God.

Come and worship the holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?

What other splendor outshines the sun?

What other majesty rules with justice? Only a holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?

What other power can raise the dead?

What other name remains undefeated? Only a holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?

Who else would offer His only Son?

Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a holy God.