

Holy Week Services

April 13 - Palm Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am - Worship Services

April 17 - Special Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service: 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Features anthems by the Sanctuary Choir, congregational hymns, and the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. A Tenebrae service follows the medieval tradition of Christian worship in which the final hours of the Lord’s life are experienced by the worshipers through Scripture, music, and symbolism. During “Tenebrae,” which means “darkness” or “shadows,” candles are traditionally extinguished one by one so that the participants will feel the impending void and grief of Christ’s death on the cross.

April 18 - Good Friday Service at 12:05 pm in the Sanctuary

April 20 - Easter Sunday:

7:30 am - Garden Service in the Courtyard

8:30 am - Worship Service including Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (No Children's Church)

9:45 am - Continental Breakfast, Cheatham Center & Locke Commons (No Sunday School)

11:00 am - Worship Service including Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (No Children's Church)

Birthday Card Ministry

The Birthday Card Committee would like to thank you for the card donations. A special thank you to a member of the congregation who does the beautiful artwork for the cards.

Confirmands

Anna and Sophia Boyers were confirmed as members last week during the 11:00 am service but were inadvertently not listed in the bulletin.

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.

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, April 6
8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰

Monday, April 7
7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Room 201)
9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens)
11:00 am Story Time (Riverside Park)
5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰
7:30 pm WEEE Connect (Room 201)

Tuesday, April 8
6:30 am Men's Dawn Patrol Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
9:00 am Preschool
1:00 pm Shepherding and Care (Library)

Wednesday, April 9
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](https://rivermont.org)

Wednesday, April 9, continued
5:55 pm RFN Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm Bible Classes
6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 10
9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, April 12
10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏰
10:00 am Soccer Outreach 🏰 (1851 Monsview Place)
10:30 am Youth Girls' Prayer Group (1600 Wards Ferry Rd., Apt. 401)
11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt (Riverside Park) 🏰
12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community Church College Hill)

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday
8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Sawa, 14595 Forest Rd., Forest)
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)



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

April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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:

Father of all grace and glory, look upon us in love and compassion through Your Son, Jesus Christ; and, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, enable us to worship You in spirit and in truth. Help us to draw near to You, in the assurance that You dwell with those who are of humble and contrite heart. Renew our minds by the truth of Your Word, strengthen our souls, and direct our wills; that we may more fervently love You and more sincerely serve You, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:
(8:30)

Mike Garcia, Mark Landry, Lee Richwine, Jeffrey Smith

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

arr. Joel Raney

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown:
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss 'til now was Thine;
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.
What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

Rachel Love – cello; Miriam Amos - piano

(11:00)

"Rondo Espressivo"

K. P. E. Bach

WELCOME:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95:6-7 (responsively)

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #4

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Verse 4 - Women; Verse 5 -Men

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 John 1:9; Psalm 103:12

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Man of Sorrows! What a Name" (vs. 3)

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

*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: Philippians 1:3-11 (page 980)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"I Thank God For You!"

Pastor Todd Erickson,
Second Presbyterian Church

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

THE PHILIPPIAN CREED based on Philippians 2:6-11 (in unison)

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death — even death on a cross! Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name that is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*THE GLORIA:

"Gloria Patri"

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end! A—men, A—men!

THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:30)

Sanctuary Choir

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

arr. Philip W. J. Stopford

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an off’ring far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

(11:00)

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"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

arr. Joel Raney

*THE COMMUNION HYMN:

"Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him" (vs. 1-3)

(To the tune of: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus)

Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him? Is not Thine a captured heart?
Chief among ten thousand own Him; joyful choose the better part.
Refrain: Captivated by His beauty, worthy tribute haste to bring;
Let His peerless worth constrain thee, crown Him now unrivaled King.
Idols once they won thee, charmed thee, lovely things of time and sense;
Gilded thus does sin disarm thee, honeyed lest thou turn thee thence.
(Repeat Refrain)
What has stripped the seeming beauty from the idols of the earth?
Not a sense of right or duty, but the sight of peerless worth.
(Repeat Refrain)

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:

"Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him" (vs. 7)

(To the tune of: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus)

Draw and win and fill completely, till the cup o'erflow the brim;
What have we to do with idols who have companied with Him?
Refrain: Captivated by His beauty, worthy tribute haste to bring;
Let His peerless worth constrain thee, crown Him now unrivaled King.

*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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