

*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. 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: #263

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Marche Romaine"

Charles Gounod

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

The Palms used in the service today are presented by the Butler family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Laura and Lindsay Butler, Lindsay Butler, Jr., and Hazel Butler.

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 starting in September.
- 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 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)	Wednesday, April 16 5:15 pm Carillon 6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge) 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Brass Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Monday, April 14 7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Room 201) 10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens) 11:00 am Caregivers' Support Group (Family Room) 11:00 am StoryTime (Riverside Park) 🏰 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth Center) 🏰	Thursday, April 17 7:00 pm Special Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, April 15 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 11:30 am 60 Plus Luncheon (Charley's Restaurant) 6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox Room) 7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox) 7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)	Friday, April 18 12:05 pm Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)
	Saturday, April 19 10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏀
	Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday 7:30 am Garden Service (Courtyard) 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion 9:45 am Fellowship Hour (Cheatham Center) 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event (Members Welcome!)
For more information, please visit [inrivermont.com](https://rivermont.org)

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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

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

Preparation *for* Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Triumphant Lord and God, we have come to welcome and worship Your Son today. Yet as the words of Scripture echo through our souls we realize how our behavior parallels that of the people of Jerusalem: one day we are celebrating Christ's arrival, the next we are criticizing Him for the demands He places on us. Gracious God, have mercy on us, for our faith is seldom mature. At times we resist Your message. At times, we have treated Your Word carelessly, producing a shallow belief. Many times we compromise and shape our faith around convenience. Loving Lord, we confess our involvement in these sins. Cleanse and renew us by the consistent love and life of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

arr. Pierre La Plante

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, Who had blessed them close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.

WELCOME:

Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:19-23, 26 (responsively)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble
and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and
give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless You from the house of the LORD.

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE: #235

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

ST. THEODULPH

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:34; 6:8, 11

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: #535

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

EBENEZER

(11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Dr. David Weber

Justin and Laura McClure present their son, James Everett, for baptism.

ANTHEM FOR PREPARATION FOR THE WORD:

Chapel and Cherub Choirs

"Hosanna, Hosanna!"

Patti Drennan

Hosanna, hosanna, blessed is He Who comes!
Hosanna, hosanna to the blessed One!
Crowds had gathered on that day to let their voices ring.
They lined the streets and shouted, “Blessed is the King!”
They waved palm branches in the air for David’s royal Son.
Blessed is He Who comes today, our Lord, the righteous One!
Riding on a donkey colt to Jerusalem,
The Savior saw the people come to worship Him.
They laid their coats upon the road for David’s royal Son.
Blessed is He Who comes today, our Lord, the righteous One!

Lori Flowers and Amy Hall – Directors; Noah Caldwell - Accompanist

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST: Revelation 1:4-5 (responsively)

Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come, and
from the seven spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful
witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To Him Who
loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood.

Hosanna in the highest!

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

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Acts 4:32-5:11 (page 912)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Good, but not Safe"

Dr. David Weber

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"

GREATOREX

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 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)

"The Palms"

Julie Haley, soloist

O’er all the way, green palm and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festal preparation,
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,
E’en now the throng to welcome Him prepare,
Join all and sing, His name declare,
Let every voice resound with acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!
His Word goes forth, and peoples by its might
Once more regain freedom from degradation,
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness find restored the light.
Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation.
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore.

(11:00)

"Hosanna to the King of Kings!"

Sanctuary Choir

Hosanna to the King of kings! Lift your voice in praise and sing:
He comes this day, O glorious day! Let your loud hosannas ring!
Let the people shout, let the rocks cry out! He comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna to the King of kings! Sing hosanna to the King!
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates; open wide, you ancient doors,
Open wide, that the King of glory may come in! Let us worship and adore.
Who is this King of glory Who comes in the name of the Lord?
He is the Lord Almighty! Sing hosanna to the King!
Hosanna, hosanna! Sing praise to Christ, the King!
We sing hosanna, hosanna!
Blessed is the One Who comes today in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna to the King of kings! Wave your palms and joyfully sing!
See the King Who comes on a donkey’s colt. Let your loud hosannas ring!
Rejoice, O people of Zion! He comes to set you free.
Hosanna to the King of kings! Hosanna to the King!

Miriam Amos – Accompanist