*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (see insert)

Getty, Getty, and Townend

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

***POSTLUDE:**

Noah Caldwell, organ Benedetto Marcello

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so. Lyrics and music reproduced under CCLI#64526.

2025 Graduates

Please pray for our graduates as they embark on the next season in their lives. We would like to honor our graduates by listing them in the May 18 bulletin. If you have a 2025 graduate (high school, college, graduate school, trade school) please submit their name, school they will graduate from, and future plans to rhonda@rivermont.org or call 846-3441 by May 11.

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by David & Megan Dinsmore to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sue Ann Dinsmore on her birthday, April 13.

In Appreciation

The Embrace Grace baby shower was a blessed event because of the generosity and love shown by this covenant fellowship through all the prayers and gifts of time, energy, talents and presents that were showered to our six moms. All our hearts are full. The moms were so appreciative and thankful! Blessings, Judy Taylor

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.

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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 Studies on Wednesday nights starting September 3.
- 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 <u>rivermont.org/events</u>

Sunday, April 27

8:30 am Worship Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 12:45 pm Youth Senior Lunch (La Villa) 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel) 6:00 pm HS and MS SNL (Youth House)

Monday, April 28

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) 📥

Tuesday, April 29

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 9:00 am Preschool

Wednesday, April 30

9:00 am Preschool 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes & Praise Ringers 5:15 pm Carillon

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

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Friday, May 2 Presbytery, First Presbyterian, Martinsburg, WV

5:00 pm Trail Life Brunswick Stew Fundraiser

Wednesday, April 30, continued

6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

(Back Portico)

Lounge)

5:15 pm Cherub, Chapel & New Song Choirs

6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors'

Saturday, May 3

Thursday, May 1

Presbytery, First Presbyterian, Martinsburg, WV 10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 📥 10:30 am Youth Guys' Bible Study (Davis Hester's House)

Sunday, May 4

8:30 am Worship Service with Communion 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion 4:00 pm Rivermont Choir Concert (Sanctuary) 5:30 pm Youth Fundraiser (Fellowship Hall)

"By Faith"

"Psalm XIX"



OUR MISSION: For the glory of God and the good of His people, REPC seeks to follow Jesus Christ to awaken gospel renewal through Spiritempowered worship, discipleship and mission, beginning in our church, extending to our neighborhood and our world.

ORDER of **WORSHIP**

April 27, 2025 First Sunday in Eastertide

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, we humbly ask Your blessing upon this worship service, that by Your power we may worship You in spirit and in truth, and truly honor You. May Your glory be magnified, may Your name be exalted, and may we find our greatest joy in You. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us afresh: to strengthen the fainthearted, encourage the weak, comfort the suffering, and call us all into renewed faith and committed discipleship; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30)

"As the Deer" Nystrom, arr. Bettcher As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul longs for You, O God. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You. You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You. Noah Caldwell - Director

(11:00)

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" Getty, Papa, Kauflin, Boswell, Merker, arr. Larson What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone. What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong. Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand. What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good. Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood. Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal. O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death. Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives! Christ, He Lives!" And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him!

There we will rise to meet the Lord. Then sin and death will be destroyed. And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore.

Elese Frazier – Director; Ashley Plude – Accompanist

WELCOME:

Pastor Brett Eubank

Rivermont Chimes

New Sona

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 132:7-9 (responsively)

Let us go to His dwelling place.

Let us worship at His footstool!

Arise, O LORD, and go to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your might. Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Your saints shout for joy.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #100 *THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND C	"Holy, Holy, Holy!" ONFESSION	" NICAEA	*THE GLORIA: Glory be to t As it was in t World witho
*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON			MOMENT FOR
*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" (vs. 5) HYFRYDOL Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find; He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.			THE PASTORA Our Father, Thy will be a and forgive temptation, and the glor
*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST "Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)			THE RECEPTIC
(Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to room #115.)			THE OFFERTO (8:30) "Christ
THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Acts 5:12-16 (Page 913)			(11:00)
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***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED (in unison)**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who, for us and our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***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.

MISSION:

Good News Club, Tasha Yeoman

L PRAYER, concluding with THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison): Who art in heaven: hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, ry forever. Amen.

ON OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ORY ANTHEM:

Our Hope in Life and Death"

New Song Getty, Papa, Kauflin, Boswell, Merker, arr. Larson

Sanctuary Choir

"My Redeemer and My Friend" Blake, arr. Mary McDonald aven when I feel afraid, my welcome home and my embrace, of my deepest faith; my heartbeat and my highest praise! edeemer and my Friend; You bore my burdens and my sins; edeemer and my Friend. You give me life that has no end. and that dries my silent tears, the words that still my deepest fears, at leads me when I'm lost; You died upon the cross! se Him, Redeemer, Friend; ave me; now I'll live for Him!

Hadley Hall - Accompanist

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Almighty and gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness to us and over all creation; but above all we give thanks for the gift of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, in Whom alone we have life and peace and everlasting joy. In His name, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and entirely; and we pray that You will bless and multiply these tokens of our lives, and use them for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the earth; to the glory of Your name. Amen.