

Pastor Ron's Retirement Potluck Dinner

To honor Pastor Ron's many years of service, we will have a special congregational celebration potluck dinner on Sunday, May 18, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide ham and rolls; members are asked to bring the following: those whose last name begins with **A-J should bring a salad**, **K-S should bring a side**, and **N-Z should bring a dessert**. Please bring enough for your family and then some to share. Please RSVP to let us know how many to plan for: <https://repc.breezechms.com/form/o66f3e>

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, May 11

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

Friday, May 16

6:00 pm Getting to Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)
6:30 pm 20 Somethings+ mini golf and laser tag (Putt Putt Fun Center)

Monday, May 12

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) 🏰
3:00 pm Good News Club Information Meeting (Room 207) 🏰
5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth Center) 🏰

Saturday, May 17

8:30 am Getting to Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)
10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰
10:30 am Youth Guys Bible Study (Home of Davis Hester)
12:30 pm Youth End-of-Year Picnic (Peakview Park)

Tuesday, May 13

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

Sunday, May 18

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday school
11:00 am Worship Service
5:30 pm Pastor Ron's Retirement Potluck Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

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

Christian Love and Sympathy

We express our love and sympathy to Janet Freshour and family in the loss of her mother, Barbara Clarkson, who passed away on May 5.

In Appreciation

Dear Rivermont family, Thank you for the generous 2025 Easter Missions Offering designated to my ministry fund. Throughout my 28 years serving with One Another Ministries, Rivermont has been both a shining light and an example of generosity in caring for me as I have "cared for those who care for the world." The recipients (in over 51 countries) are your recipients because of your gifts and prayers. Blessings for your ongoing love, support, and investment. Gratefully, Dorcas

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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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

May 11, 2025

Third 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:

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who did cause the womb of Sarah to conceive in her old age, to establish a people for Yourself, and did raise up Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord from this very people: We pray for Your lifegiving power to be brought into the desolation of our souls. We pray where there is death there will be life, where there is lack there would be abundance, and where there is mourning there would be rejoicing. And that all who are here this morning would be numbered among the children of Abraham, through the adoption given to us in Your Son Who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forevermore. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30) *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"* arr. Michael Burkhardt

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.

(11:00) Rivermont Youth Strings

"O Worship the King"
"For the Beauty of the Earth"
"A Mighty Fortress"
"O God, Our Help in Ages in Past"
"Amazing Grace"
"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"
Danielle Boyers, Sophia Boyers, Anna Grace McCloskey,
Mary McCloskey, Broughton Webb, Weston Yeoman
Doris Boyers – piano

WELCOME: Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 42:1-2, 5 (responsively)

*As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for You, O God.
My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God;
for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.*

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #17**
"Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him" FABEN

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: (See insert)**
"The Power of the Cross" GETTY AND TOWNEND

(8:30) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Dr. David Weber
Carter and Liddy Nelligan present their daughter, Lola Blair, for baptism.

***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 6:1-7 (page 914)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"A Focused Church"* 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:** *"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 Morning Trumpet"

O when shall I see Jesus and reign with Him above,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning,
And from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning?
O shout, shout "Glory!" I'll mount above the skies,
When I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
So put on the gospel armor of faith and hope and love,
And you'll hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
And when the combat's ended He will carry you above,
And you'll hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
Our ears shall hear with gladness the hosts of heaven sing,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
Our tongues shall speak the glories of our immortal King,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

Todd Jennings – trumpet; Miriam Amos - Accompanist

(11:00) Rivermont Youth Strings
"Ave Verum Corpus" W. A. Mozart

***THE DOXOLOGY:** OLD HUNDRETH
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):
Father, in response to Your great gift to us, we offer ourselves to You with thanksgiving and joy. Accept these tokens of our lives; bless and multiply them for the spread of the gospel, the strengthening of Your church, and the increase of Your kingdom, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #647**
"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" ST. PETER

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

***POSTLUDE:** *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* arr. Edward Broughton

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