

*THE DOXOLOGY: OLD HUNDREDTH
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):
Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours. Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all. We offer to You the riches You provide and the gifts You have given. We give to You, for You have given all to us through Christ our Savior. Grant us power and might to serve You, our King, and live to Your glory this day and forevermore. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (see insert)
"In Christ Alone" IN CHRIST ALONE

*THE BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE: "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Carolyn Hamlin

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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Congregational Meeting
June 1, 2025, 9:45 am
(No Sunday School)

For the purposes of:

1. Receiving as information updates regarding the current year-to-date financial report and the fiscal year budget, ending June 30, 2026.
2. Receiving as information ministry updates.
3. Approving Jim Richards as a Trustee of the church.
4. Amending procedure and electing a new class for the nominating committee.
5. Voting to call Pastor Shane as an Associate Pastor.

Session Meeting

Confirmed members are invited to attend monthly Session Meetings as a guest. Session meets on the third Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30 pm in the John Knox Room. Join us for Officer Prayer at 7:00 pm. Being the third Tuesday, Session will meet this Tuesday evening, May 20.

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers under the cross today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of Pastor Ron's 21 years of service to Rivermont EPC. He has faithfully served our congregation with wisdom and devotion, and we thank God for the many ways He has worked through him.

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 Get Connected 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 Class beginning September 7. 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 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)

Wednesday, May 21
9:00 am Preschool

Thursday, May 22
12:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
(Fellowship Hall)

Monday, May 19
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) 🏰

Saturday, May 24
10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏰
10:30 am Youth Girls' Prayer Group (Home
of Hadley Hall)

Sunday, May 25 - Membership Sunday
8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
6:00 pm Middle School SNL (Youth Center)

Tuesday, May 20
6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study
(Fellowship Hall)
9:00 am Preschool
11:30 am Sixty Plus Luncheon (Charley's)
6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox Room)
7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox
Room)
7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox Room)

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

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Rivermont
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 18, 2025

Fourth Sunday of 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:

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.
When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

WELCOME:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 100 (responsively)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, He is God!

It is He Who made us, and we are His;

We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

And His faithfulness to all generations.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #53

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: John 3:16 and 1 John 4:10

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Before the Throne of God Above" (vv. 1 and 3) BEFORE THE THRONE

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest Whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav’n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

(11:00) BIBLE CEREMONY:

Davis Hester and Liza Shields

(Graduation from Children's Church for Rising Second Grade Students)

Essi BudarzCharlotte CairnsFelicity CairnsLandon ChalkBishop Coleman

Charlotte HarrisFoster HarrisIsaac MeulemansAnnie Rutledge

*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 2:1-11

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THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Gospel Humility"

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:

"Praise and Glory to the Father"

RESENT 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)

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. Lloyd Larson

Rachel Love, soloist

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided-
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence, to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

(11:00)

"Only a Holy God"

The Sanctuary Choir

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.