Welcome to Rivermont! ***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (see insert)** "For The Cause" Getty and Townend 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 ዡ connect with you more personally and we invite you to fill out a Digital ***THE BENEDICTION** 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. *THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all): Next Steps to Connect: "A-men, A-men, A-men!" 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). ***POSTLUDE:** "Grand Choeur" Nicholas Gigault • 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. *The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, June 1

8:30 am Worship Service with Communion 9:45 am Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary) 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

Monday, June 2

7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Room 201) 10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens) 11:00 am Story Time (Riverside Park) 📥 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 📥

Tuesday, June 3

6:30 am Men's Dawn Patrol Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 pm Mission Steering Committee (Library)

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

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..... In Appreciation

Dear Rivermont Family,

Your expressions of love and appreciation in my retirement continue to overwhelm Elke and me. Your actions demonstrate the love of Christ to us in abundance. *From the joy of my retirement dinner to the meaningful spoken and written words* that we will treasure for years to come, thank you. For the years of Gospel partnership and shared ministry, we praise God. We thank God for each of you and remain forever grateful for our mutual commitments to Jesus Christ and to one other. Warmly in Christ, Ron and Elke Cox

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 <u>rivermont.org/prayer</u> or email janet@rivermont.org. All requests are confidential.

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Congregational Meeting Today, 9:45 am

(No Sunday School for children, youth and adults)

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.
- Approving Jim Richards as a Trustee of the church.
- Amending procedure and electing a new class for the nominating committee.
- Voting to call Pastor Shane as an Associate Pastor.

Saturday, June 7 10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 📥

Sunday, June 8

Wednesday, June 4

8:30 am Worship Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

7:30 pm Women's Book Club Discussion

(Rookies on Norfolk Avenue)





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**

June 1, 2025 Ascension Sunday

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Lord, as we come to worship You this morning, may Your Spirit open our hearts and our understanding to see both our own desperate need and Your gracious provision for our salvation in Jesus Christ. Open our eyes also to see Your greatness and glory more clearly. Convict us, convert us, cleanse us and consecrate us, so that we may willingly and wholeheartedly give ourselves to You and to Your service. Enable us now to worship You in spirit and in truth. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" with "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" arr. Carolyn Hamlin THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Joel 1:1-20 (page 760) Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast; But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest. Jesu, joy of our desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright; THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mem'ry find A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind. **Pastor Brett Eubank** THE SERMON: Jesus, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize wilt be; "The Soundtrack of Gospel Renewal" Jesus, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity. THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD WELCOME: **Pastor Shane Whelan** *THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (in unison) *THE CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Samuel 2:2-3, 9-10 (responsively) I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides You; Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of There is no rock like our God. the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He For the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed. ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father He will guard the feet of His faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; He will give strength to His king the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. and exalt the horn of His anointed. Amen. ***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #521 *THE GLORIA:** "Gloria Patri" GREATOREX "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK 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 PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION *THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (vs. 1 & 2) HAMBURG 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.

***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 RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: (8:30)

(11:00)

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.

"My Redeemer Is Faithful and True"

- As I look back on the road I've traveled,
- I see so many times He carried me through.
- If there's one thing that I've learned in my life, my Redeemer is faithful and true. My Redeemer is faithful and true. Everything He has said, He will do.
- And every morning His mercies are new. My Redeemer is faithful and true.
- My heart rejoices when I read the promise, there is a place I am preparing for you.
- I know some day I'll see my Lord, face to face,
- For my Redeemer is faithful and true.
- And in every situation He has proved His love for me.
- When I lack the understanding, He gives more grace to me.

Sanctuary Choir

"Do You Love My Lord?"

- Roy L. Belfield, Jr. Is there anybody here who loves my Jesus? Anybody here who loves my Lord?
- I want to know, yes, I want to know, do you love my Lord?
- My soul feels happy when I love my Jesus,
- My soul feels happy when I love the Lord.
- Yes, I want to know, yes, I want to know, do you love my Lord?
- Makes me feel like shoutin' when I love my Jesus.
- Makes me feel like singin' when I love my Lord.
- I want to know, yes, I want to know, do you love my Lord?
- Tell it on the mountain that you love my Jesus.
- Tell it in the valley that you love my Lord.
- Children, I want to know, yes, I want to know, do you love my Lord?

*THE COMMUNION HYMN: (see insert) "Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right"

Merker and Getty

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

Amy Hall, soloist

Chapman and Elliott