

UPCOMING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Worship Services | 8:30 am & 11:00 am
 Sunday School | 9:45 am
 Missionary Luncheon | 12:30 pm | Fellowship Hall
 Prayer Meeting | 5:00 pm | The Chapel

MONDAY

No Walls Bible Study | 7:00 am | Room 201
 Prayer Group | 10:00 am | Country Gardens
 IRFR* | Story Time | 11:00 am | Riverside Park
 IRFR* | Chess Club | 5:30 pm | The Youth House
 IRFR* | Rivermont Meals on Wheels | Contact John Lewis 434.515.3472

TUESDAY

Men's Bible Study (Dawn Patrol) | 6:30 am | Fellowship Hall
 IRFR* | Good News Club Training | 1:00 pm | Room 207
 Deacons' Meeting | 6:15 pm | John Knox Room
 Officers' Prayer Meeting | 7:00 pm | John Knox Room
 Session Meeting | 7:30 pm | John Knox Room

THURSDAY

20 Somethings+ Disc Golf & Ice Cream | 6:15 pm | Peakview Park

SATURDAY

IRFR* | Beginner Pickleball | 8:00 am | Riverside Park

*In Rivermont For Rivermont

WELCOME TO RIVERMONT

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to Rivermont, we are so grateful the Lord has brought you to us this morning. We would love to 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

We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to Rivermont.

- Attend a Sunday School class at 9:45am between worship services.
- Join us for dinner on Wednesday nights (called Rivermont Fellowship Night).
- Join a Life Group, which meet throughout the week in member homes.
- Sign up for our next Getting To Know Rivermont class at www.rivermont.org/gtkr.

PASTORAL STAFF

David Weber Senior Pastor
 Shane Whelan Pastor of Discipleship & Administration
 Brett Eubank Pastor of Outreach & Connection

CHURCH STAFF

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CURRENT ELDERS

Clay Atkins	Ben Moomaw	Andrew Shields
Ken Bradford	Brian Nash	Chris Smith
Jacob Caldwell	Ben Reeves	Rodney Suddith
Russ Matney	Matt Schubert	Earl Weaver

CURRENT DEACONS

Andrea Adams	Scott Hall	Ryan Pickard
Grant Barkley	Debby Hallgren	Todd Scruggs
Beth Doan	Evan Harris	Neil Selz
Claire Dodd	Eric Harrison	TJ Smiley
Gary Eaton	Ron Meng	Chris Steed
Jane Gordon	Steve Mullen	Brad Weaver
Reid Goss	Drew Neiderer	Brandon White

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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† Those who are able, please stand

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THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Redeemer God, come as we seek to open our hearts, creating a welcome space for You to abide. Awaken us from our laziness and rescue us from that which distracts us from knowing Your grace and love. Inspire our preparation and guide our worship that our Advent waiting might lead us to Your throne, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Jennifer Lindauer, violin; Rachel Love, cello
arr. B. C. Dockery

Hymn Medley

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee.
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me!
Still all my song shall be: nearer, my God, to Thee;
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee.
Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down:
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

THE WELCOME

Michael Hall, Elder

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP | Isaiah 66:1-2 (responsively)

*Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool;
What is the house that you would build for Me, and what is the place of My rest?
All these things My hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD.
But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My word."*

† THE HYMN OF PRAISE | #38

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

JOANNA

† THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

† THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (vs. 2 & 3)

TRUST IN JESUS

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest,
And joy and peace.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pastor Ron Cox

11:00 | Branson and Kendall Terrell present their daughter,
Lanier Piper, 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
Pre-K - 1st grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to room #115

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE | Amos 7:1-9, 8:1-14, and 9:1-10 (pg. 769)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

Pastor Shane Whelan

This Must Be Important

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

† 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 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!

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Dr. Miguel Lopez

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

Doug and Julie Haley; Rachel Love, cello
Fernando Ortega

Let the Words of My Mouth

(Based on Psalm 19:14 and Philippians 4:8)

Let the words of my mouth be pleasing to You,
The meditation of my heart be pleasing to You,
Oh Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.
Whatever is true, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
Whatever is worthy: think on these things.

† 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.

† 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 | See Insert

He Will Hold Me Fast

Matt Merker

† THE BENEDICTION

† THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN

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

† POSTLUDE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

arr. Alice Jordan