

## UPCOMING THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

No Walls Bible Study | 7:00 am | Room 201  
 Prayer Group | 10:00 am | Country Gardens  
 Caregivers' Support | 11:00 am | Family Room  
 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

### WEDNESDAY

Sanctuary Choir | 6:30 pm | Choir Room

### THURSDAY

Men's Cornhole Tournament | 6:30 pm | Back Portico

### SATURDAY

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

\*In Rivermont For Rivermont

**Congregational Meeting** | August 31 | 9:45 am  
 No Children's Sunday School - Nursery Only  
 For the purpose of: Electing a new class of Ruling Elders and Deacons

#### Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers under the cross are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Janice Hatton who passed away on August 16. A memorial service was held on Friday, August 22 in the REPC Sanctuary.

## 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](http://www.rivermont.org/gtkr).

### PASTORAL STAFF

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

### CHURCH STAFF

Peggy Bettcher ..... Director of Music Ministry  
 Cam Colquitt ..... Regional Director of Campus Outreach  
 Katherine Colquitt ..... Director of Women's Ministry  
 Jennifer Eaton ..... Director of Neighborhood Outreach  
 George Everson ..... Office Assistant  
 Janet Freshour ..... Pastoral Administrative Assistant  
 Davis Hester ..... Director of Student Ministry  
 Hadley Jacobs ..... Student Ministry Assistant  
 Melissa Johnson ..... Custodian  
 Rhonda McCombs ..... Receptionist  
 Skylar Montrose ..... Communication Coordinator  
 Kelly Nelson ..... Business Administrator  
 Treasa Plude ..... Director of Preschool  
 Adrienne Scruggs ..... Congregational Care Coordinator  
 Liza Shields ..... Director of Children's Ministry  
 Donna Sligh ..... Building Superintendent  
 Nicole Strubhar ..... Nursery Supervisor

### 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

## August 24, 2025

† Those who are able, please stand

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### 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

Noah Caldwell, organ

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. N. Caldwell

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.  
High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### THE WELCOME

Cam Colquitt

#### † THE CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 115 (responsively)

*Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness!*  
**Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases.**  
*O Israel, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.*  
**The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron; He will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.**  
May the LORD give you increase, you and your children! May you be blessed by the LORD, Who made heaven and earth!  
**The Heavens are the LORD'S heavens, but the earth He has given to the children of man. The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any who go down into silence. But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!"**

#### † THE HYMN OF PRAISE | #310

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

DARWALL

#### † THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

#### † THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### † THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

*He Will Hold Me Fast (verse 3)*

Matt Merker

**For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!  
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

#### † 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 9:11-15 (p. 771)

#### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### THE SERMON

Dr. David Weber

*Utopia*

#### THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

#### † THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Colossians 1:15-20 (in unison)

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

#### † THE GLORIA

*Gloria Patri*

**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

Vicky Pogue, soloist

*Goodness of God*

Johnson, Ingram, Cash, Fielding

I love you, Lord; oh, Your mercy never fails me;  
All my days I've been held in Your hands.  
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.  
And all my life You have been faithful,  
All my life You have been so, so good.  
With every breath that I am able,  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.  
I love Your voice; You have led me through the fire,  
And in darkest nights, You are close like no other.  
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend,  
And I have lived in the goodness of God.  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.  
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,  
I give You everything,  
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

#### † 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)

Almighty Father of everlasting love, we give You thanks for the gift of life, for the blessings of Your providence, and for the promise of Your presence with us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Spirit. We praise You for all the spiritual blessings which You have lavished upon us through Your Son, our Savior – for the gift of new birth, new life, the forgiveness of our sins, our adoption as Your children, and the hope of glory! All praise, honor, and glory be to You, the Sovereign God of life and life everlasting. May all that we have and all that we are be consecrated for Your service and Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### † THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | See insert

*Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

Farren, Thompson, Robinson

#### † THE BENEDICTION

#### † THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN

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

#### † POSTLUDE

*The Royal Fanfare*

Antonio Soler