

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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
 Preschool | 9:00 am
 Prayer Group | 10:00 am | Country Gardens
 *IRFR | Chess Club | 5:30 pm | The Youth House
 WEEE Connect | 7:30pm | Room 201

TUESDAY

Youth 626 | 6:26 am | Biscuitville
 Men's Bible Study (Dawn Patrol) | 6:30 am | Fellowship Hall
 Preschool | 9:00 am
 Women's Circle | 10:00 am | Country Gardens
 Congregational Care | 1:30pm | Library
 *IRFR | Rivermont Meals on Wheels | Contact John Lewis 434.515.3472
 Mission Steering Committee | 6:30pm | Library

WEDNESDAY

Preschool | 9:00 am
 GriefShare | 4:00 pm | Country Gardens
 Rivermont Chimes & Praise Ringers | 4:30 pm
 Carillon | 5:15 pm
 Cherub, Chapel & New Song Choirs | 5:15 pm
 Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal | 5:55 pm
 Bible Classes | 6:30 pm
 Sanctuary Choir | 6:30 pm

THURSDAY

Women's Bible Study | 9:30 am | Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY

*IRFR | Beginner Pickleball | 11:00 am | Riverside Park

*In Rivermont For Rivermont

The flowers under the cross today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John and Stephanie Locke.

“THE DAY OF EPIPHANY” (January 6 each year, after the “Twelve Days of Christmas”) is the day traditionally commemorating the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem. The word epiphany means “appearance” and refers to the appearance of the star which signaled the birth of the King of the Jews (Numbers 24:17) and led the Magi to Jesus. The Magi from the east were Gentiles, yet they were led by the light of the star to worship the King of the Jews, Jesus, Who is “the light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6). Isaiah prophesied, “Nations will come to Your light, and kings to the brightness of Your rising” (Isaiah 60:3).

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
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 Brett Eubank Pastor of Outreach & Connection

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CURRENT ELDERS

Clay Atkins	Kevin Hicks	Matt Schubert
Ken Bradford	Russ Matney	Andrew Shields
Randy Davy	Ben Moomaw	Chris Smith
Paul Denham	Ben Reeves	Earl Weaver

CURRENT DEACONS

Andrea Adams	Evan Harris	Ryan Pickard
Grant Barkley	Eric Harrison	Neil Selz
Beth Doan	Eddie Ivins	TJ Smiley
Claire Dodd	Ron Meng	Chris Steed
Baxter Gordon	Steve Mullen	Branson Terrell
Reid Goss	Drew Neiderer	Brad Weaver
Scott Hall	Wistar Nelligan III	Brandon White

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 4, 2026

Epiphany Sunday

† Those who are able, please stand Lyrics and music reproduced under CCLI#64526

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, Who by the shining of a star did guide the Wise Men to behold Thy Son our Lord: Show us Thy heavenly light, and give us grace to follow until we find Him, and, finding Him, rejoice. And grant that as they presented gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we now may bring Him the offering of a loving heart, an adoring spirit, and an obedient will, for His honor, and for Thy glory, O God Most High. Amen.

PRELUDE

J. S. Bach

8:30 | *The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away*

The old year now hath pass'd away,
We thank Thee, O our God, today,
That Thou hast kept us through the year,
When danger and distress were near.
There shall we thank Thee and adore,
With all the angels evermore;
Lord Jesus Christ, increase our faith
To praise Thy name through life and death!

11:00 | *What a Beautiful Name*

Emily Emanuel, soloist
Brooke Ligertwood

You were the Word at the beginning,
One with God, the Lord Most High;
Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You, our Christ.
What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this,
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.
You didn't want heaven without us,
So Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater,
What could separate us now?
What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this,
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.
Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You,
You silenced the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory,
For You are raised to life again.
You have no rival, You have no equal;
Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the Glory,
Yours is the name, above all names.
What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

THE WELCOME

Pastor Shane Whelan

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP | Isaiah 60:1-3 (responsively)

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples;

But the LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,

And shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

† THE HYMN OF PRAISE | #30

ST. ANNE

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

† THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

† THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE | #499

TOPLADY

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

† THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come. | Rev. 1:4 | Pre-K - 1st grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to Room 115

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE | Acts 15:36-16:15 (p. 924)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

Pastor Brett Eubank

Sermon Title

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

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 RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

8:30 | *What a Beautiful Name*

Emily Emanuel, soloist
Brooke Ligertwood

11:00 | *O Great God*

Sanctuary Choir
Noah Caldwell - Accompanist
arr. Dan Forrest

O Great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.

Own it all and reign supreme, conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r.

Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.

You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,

Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.

Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me

Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.

Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.

You are worthy to be praised with my ev'ry thought and deed.

O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

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.

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

† THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | #172

ALL SAINTS OLD

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

† THE BENEDICTION

† THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN

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

† POSTLUDE

J. S. Bach

In Thee Is Gladness