

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Worship Services | 8:30am & 11:00am

Nursery | 8:30am, 9:45am, & 11:00am | Nursery Area

Sunday School | 9:45am

Faith & Doctrine | *Covenant Theology* | The Chapel

Emmas | *Galatians* | Room 201

The Bible Class | *The Gospel of John* | Room 205

Barnabas | *Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi* | Room 203-204

Renewal Class | *How People Change* | Room 202

Sojourners | *Gospel of Luke* | Room 206

Homebuilders | *Spiritual Disciplines* | John Knox Room

Explorers | Library

Young Professionals | *Why Your Work Matters* | Fellowship Hall Room A

College Hour | *Church* | Fellowship Hall

Middle & High School | Youth House

Club 56 | 5th-6th grade | Room 207

Children's Sunday School | K-4th grade | Third Floor

Prayer Meeting | 5:00pm | Chapel

Youth SNL | 6:00pm | Youth House

MONDAY

No Walls Bible Study | 7:00am | Room 201

Preschool | 9:00am

Prayer Group | 10:00am | Country Gardens

*IRFR | Chess Club | 5:30pm | Club 56 Room

TUESDAY

Men's Bible Study (Dawn Patrol) | 6:30am | Fellowship Hall

Preschool | 9:00am

*IRFR | Rivermont Meals on Wheels | Contact John Lewis 434.515.3472

WEDNESDAY

Preschool | 9:00am

Sanctuary Choir | 6:30pm

Easter Brass Rehearsal | 7:30pm | Sanctuary

THURSDAY

BRITE Class | 6:00pm | Room 205

Maundy Thursday Service | 7:00pm | Sanctuary

FRIDAY

Good Friday Service | 12:05pm | Sanctuary

SATURDAY

*IRFR | Beginner Pickleball | 10:00am | Riverside Park

*IRFR | Rivermont United Soccer | 10:00am | Kingston Field

*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

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CURRENT ELDERS

Clay Atkins

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Grant Barkley

Beth Doan

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

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

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

A Telecoil hearing assistance system is available for use with compatible hearing aids or cochlear implants. Step-by-step instructions are located in the Narthex.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Triumphant Lord and God, we have come to welcome and worship Your Son today. Yet as the words of Scripture echo through our souls, we realize how our behavior parallels that of the people of Jerusalem: one day we are celebrating Christ's arrival, the next we are criticizing Him for the demands He places on us. Gracious God, have mercy on us, for our faith is seldom mature. At times, we resist Your message. At times, we have treated Your Word carelessly, producing a shallow belief. Many times, we compromise and shape our faith around convenience. Loving Lord, we confess our involvement in these sins. Cleanse and renew us by the consistent love and life of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

PRELUDE

Carillon Handbells
arr. Sondra K. Tucker

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King.
To Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son.
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

THE WELCOME

Pastor Shane Whelan

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP | Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:19-23, 26 (responsively)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless You from the house of the LORD.

† THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE | #235 ST. THEODULPH

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

† THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

† THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Romans 8:34; 6:8,11

† THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE | #535 EBENEZER

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

11:00 | THE RECEPTION OF CONFIRMANDS

Austin Harrison
Eli Bonebright
Danielle Boyers
Addy Sullivan
Idella Olmsted
Annalise Weber
Mary McCloskey

The Words of Instruction
The Confirmation Vows

† The Covenantal Vows of the Congregation

† THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST (responsively)

Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of kings on earth. To Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood.

Hosanna in the highest!

ANTHEM FOR PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Hosanna, Hosanna!

Combined Chapel and Cherub Choirs
Lori Flowers and Amy Hall - Directors
Patti Drennan

Hosanna, hosanna, blessed is He Who comes!
Hosanna, hosanna to the blessed One!
Crowds had gathered on that day to let their voices ring.
They lined the streets and shouted, "Blessed is the King!"
They waved palm branches in the air for David's royal Son.
Blessed is He Who comes today, our Lord, the righteous One!
Riding on a donkey colt to Jerusalem,
The Savior saw the people come to worship Him.
They laid their coats upon the road for David's royal Son.
Blessed is He Who comes today, our Lord, the righteous One!

(Pre-K-1st grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to Room 115)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (p. 987)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

Dr. David Weber

The King Who Conquered Death

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

GREATOREX

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

Carillon Handbells
arr. Kimberly Morton

8:30 | *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, Who had blessed them close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Sanctuary Choir

11:00 | *Lift Your Voice*

Noah Caldwell - Accompanist
David Lantz III

Lift your voice! Lift it like a trumpet!
Clap your hands, sing for joy, shout with the people of God!
Hosanna! Blessed is the King Who comes in the name of the Lord!
See, He comes, riding on a donkey.
Israel's King, Jesus Christ, comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Blessed be the King Who comes in the name of the Lord!
Lift your voice! Lift it like a trumpet! Blessed be the King!
Praise the living God! Glory in the highest! Stand and shout, "Hosanna!"

† THE DOXOLOGY

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 God, our heavenly Father, You did not spare Your own Son, but gave Him up for us all; and with Him, You have freely given us all things. Receive these offerings, we pray; and enable us, with all our gifts, so to yield ourselves to You that with body, soul, and spirit we may truly and freely serve You, and in Your service find our perfect freedom and our deepest joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | #263

CRUCIFER

Lift High the Cross

† THE BENEDICTION

† THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN

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

† POSTLUDE

Charles Gounod

Marche Romaine

The Palms used in the service today are presented by the Butler family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Laura and Lindsay Butler, Lindsay Butler, Jr., and Hazel Butler.