

# 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  
 Emmaus | *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  
 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  
**Membership Interviews & Dinner** | 5:30pm | Fellowship Hall

## MONDAY

**No Walls Bible Study** | 7:00am | Room 201  
**Preschool** | 9:00am  
**Prayer Group** | 10:00am | Country Gardens  
**Story Time** | 11:00am | Riverside Park  
 \*IRFR | Chess Club | 5:30pm | Club 56 Room

## TUESDAY

**Men's Bible Study (Dawn Patrol)** | 6:30am | Fellowship Hall  
**Preschool** | 9:00am  
**Preschool Graduation** | 11:00am | Sanctuary  
**60+ Luncheon** | 11:30am | Charley's Restaurant  
 \*IRFR | Rivermont Meals on Wheels | Contact John Lewis 434.515.3472  
**Deacons' Meeting** | 6:15pm | John Knox  
**Officers' Prayer Meeting** | 7:00pm | John Knox  
**Session Meeting** | 7:30pm | John Knox

## WEDNESDAY

**Preschool End-of-Year Slideshow** | 9:15am | Sanctuary

## THURSDAY

**Red Cross Blood Drive** | 12:00pm | Fellowship Hall

## SATURDAY

\*IRFR | Beginner Pickleball | 10:00am | 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) starting in September.
- 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  
 Cecil Jackson ..... Security  
 Hadley Jacobs ..... Student Ministry Assistant  
 Melissa Johnson ..... Custodian  
 Rhonda McCombs ..... Receptionist  
 Skylar Montrose ..... Director of Communications and Technology  
 Kelly Nelson ..... Business Administrator  
 Treasa Plude ..... Director of Preschool  
 Adrienne Scruggs ..... Care Ministry Coordinator  
 Liza Shields ..... Director of Children's Ministry  
 Donna Sligh ..... Building Superintendent  
 Nicole Strubhar ..... Nursery Supervisor

## 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

May 17, 2026

Ascension 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

Almighty God, Whose blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that He might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to His promise, He abides with His church on earth, even to the end of the ages. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## PRELUDE

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

8:30 | *He Leadeth Me/It Is Well With My Soul*

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:  
His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

11:00 | *The Perfect Wisdom of Our God* Doug and Julie Haley, Vicky Pogue

The perfect wisdom of our God,  
Revealed in all the universe:  
Jennifer Lindauer - violin; Rachel Love - cello  
Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

All things created by His hand and held together at His command.  
He knows the mysteries of the seas; the secrets of the stars are His;  
He guides the planets on their way  
And turns the earth through another day.  
The matchless wisdom of His ways  
That mark the path of righteousness;  
His Word a lamp unto my feet, His Spirit teaching and guiding me.  
And oh, the mystery of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost  
So that the fool might shame the wise,  
And all the glory might go to Christ!  
Oh, grant me wisdom from above  
To pray for peace and cling to love,  
And teach me humbly to receive  
The sun and rain of Your sovereignty.  
Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace;  
So through the trials I choose to say,  
"Your perfect will in Your perfect way."

## THE WELCOME

Pastor Shane Whelan

## † THE CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 24:7-10 (responsively)

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! Lift up  
your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the  
King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!

## † THE HYMN OF PRAISE | #3

WARRINGTON

*Give to Our God Immortal Praise*

## † THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

## † THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## † THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

HAMBURG

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (verse 1)

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.

## 11:00 | THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Frank and Whitney Cairns present their son, Calvin Edward  
Alan Cairns, for baptism.

## 11:00 | BIBLE CEREMONY

Davis Hester and Liza Shields

(Graduation from Children's Church for Rising Second Grade Students)

Mira Colquitt	Shepherd Nowlin
Burke Hagerty	Teddy Soto
Blaise Miller	Clara Steed
Shepherd Miller	Henry Yeoman
Nolen Norris	

## † THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been  
brought near by the blood of Christ | Ephesians 2:13 | Pre-K-1st  
grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to Room 115

## THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE | Acts 25:13-26:32 (p. 934)

## THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## THE SERMON

Dr. David Weber

*A Resurrection-Centered Life*

## 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

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

Doug and Julie Haley, Vicky Pogue  
Jennifer Lindauer - violin; Rachel Love - cello  
Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

8:30 | *The Perfect Wisdom of Our God*

11:00 | *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Sanctuary Choir  
Hadley Jacobs - Accompanist  
Philip W. J. Stopford

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life be past;  
Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!  
Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.  
Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find:  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.  
Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity. Amen.

## † 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 and everlasting Father, faithful in all Your ways  
and righteous in all Your doings: we praise You, and we  
give thanks for the bounty of Your gifts lavished upon us.  
Most of all, we thank You for the gift of Your Son: for His  
righteous life, His humble suffering, His atoning blood, His  
victorious resurrection, and His triumphant ascension to  
Your right hand. As we offer these tokens of our lives, we  
present ourselves to You as a living sacrifice of praise. May  
we live for Your glory, in faith and obedience, by the power  
of the Holy Spirit, until Jesus Christ comes again with  
power and glory! Amen!

## † THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | #290

LLANFAIR

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

## † THE BENEDICTION

## † THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN

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

## † POSTLUDE

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*The God of Abraham Praise*