

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

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

Rivermont Choir Concert | 4:00pm | Sanctuary

Youth Fundraiser Dinner | 5:30pm | Fellowship Hall

MONDAY

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

Preschool | 9:00am

Prayer Group | 10:00am | Country Gardens

*IRFR | 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

Women's Circle Tea | 10:00am | Cheatham Center

*IRFR | Rivermont Meals on Wheels | Contact John Lewis 434.515.347

WEDNESDAY

Preschool | 9:00am

Sanctuary Choir | 6:30pm

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).
- 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

Peggy Bettcher Director of Music Ministry

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Clay Atkins

Ken Bradford

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Paul Denham

Kevin Hicks

Russ Matney

Ben Moomaw

Ben Reeves

Matt Schubert

Andrew Shields

Chris Smith

Earl Weaver

CURRENT DEACONS

Andrea Adams

Grant Barkley

Beth Doan

Claire Dodd

Baxter Gordon

Reid Goss

Scott Hall

Evan Harris

Eric Harrison

Eddie Ivins

Ron Meng

Steve Mullen

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Chris Steed

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Brad Weaver

Brandon White

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 3, 2026

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

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THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Our Father in heaven, Creator and Sustainer of all, Who in boundless grace called forth light from darkness and brought life into being through Your Word: we thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who reconciles us to You, making all things new. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us as we gather in Your presence. Grant us hearts of true repentance, turning from the desires of the flesh to embrace the new creation You have fashioned in us through Christ. May we, by Your Spirit, deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus, in Whom our true identity is found. Let our lives reflect Your transformative work, that we might bear witness to the hope and renewal found in Christ alone. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Carillon Handbells
arr. Tammy Waldrop

8:30 *I Calypso on "He Leadeth Me"*

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 *I Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Praise Ringers
Hadley Jacobs - Director
arr. Matthew Compton

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!
Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

THE WELCOME

Carey Roberts, Elder

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 96:1-9 (responsively)

*Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.
Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!*

† THE HYMN OF PRAISE | #297

DIADEM

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

† THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

† THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

BEFORE THE THRONE

Before the Throne of God Above (verses 1-3)

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest Whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free,
For God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.
Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

† 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 | Acts 25:1-12 (p. 934)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

Dr. David Weber

Obedient or Expedient?

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

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 RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Carillon Handbells
arr. P. Bettcher

8:30 | *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

11:00 | *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Praise Ringers
arr. Cathy Moglebust

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

† THE HYMN OF PREPARATION | #455

SAGINA

And Can It Be That I Should Gain (verses 1-4)

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 | #455

SAGINA

And Can It Be That I Should Gain (verse 5)

† THE BENEDICTION

† THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN

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

† POSTLUDE

arr. Hal H. Hopson

All Creatures of Our God and King

The flowers under the cross today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kitty Davenport who went to be with the Lord on April 25.