

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Worship Services | 8:30am & 11:00am
Nursery | 8:30am, 9:45am, & 11:00am | Nursery Area
Sunday School | 9:45am
Adult Sunday School | Sanctuary**
Young Professionals | Chapel**
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 | John Knox Room**
Youth SNL | 6:00pm | Youth House

MONDAY

No Walls Bible Study | 7:00am | Room 201
Prayer Group | 10:00am | Country Gardens
Caregivers' Support Group | 11:00am | Family Room
*IRFR | Story Time | 11:00am | Riverside Park
*IRFR | Chess Club | 5:30pm | Club 56 Room
Trail Life | 6:30pm | Quinlan Room**

TUESDAY

Men’s Bible Study (Dawn Patrol) | 6:30am | Quinlan Room**
Youth 929 | 9:29am | Chick-fil-A at Mardel
*IRFR | Story Time | 11:00am | Mission Thrift
*IRFR | Rivermont Meals on Wheels | Contact John Lewis 434.515.3472

WEDNESDAY

Youth Ultimate Frisbee and MayLynn's | 6:00pm | Centenary Methodist Field
Together in Grace | 6:00pm | Country Gardens & Playground

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Youth Family Fun Night | 6:00pm | Quinlan Room

SATURDAY

*IRFR | Beginner Pickleball | 8:00am | Riverside Park
*IRFR | Red Truck Ministry | 9:00am | Rivermont Baptist Church
*IRFR | Good News Club Training | 9:00am | Room 207

*In Rivermont For Rivermont
**Indicates Temporary Location Change

Rivermont Staff | Rivermont Preschool is pleased to announce that Erin Colbert will serve as the next Preschool Director. She began training on August 3 with Treasa Plude. Please welcome Erin and let her know you are excited that she is part of our staff!

Sanctuary Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 26. The choir sings for Sunday morning worship services (alternating between the 8:30 and 11:00 am services) beginning August 30. In addition, the choir will present a special evening of choral music in December and again in the spring. Membership is open to singers, college-age and up, who have some previous choir or other vocal performance experience. Contact Peggy Bettcher at pbettcher@rivermont.org for more information.

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 September 9.
 - 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
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
Kelly Nelson Business Administrator
Erin Colbert 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

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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

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

Let the Words of My Mouth

Doug and Julie Haley; Rachel Love, cello
Fernando Ortega

(Based on Psalm 19:14 and Philippians 4:8)

Let the words of my mouth be pleasing to You,
The meditation of my heart be pleasing to You,
Oh Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.
Whatever is true, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
Whatever is worthy: think on these things.

THE WELCOME

Bert Murphy, Elder

✦ THE CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 27:4,7-8 (responsively)

*One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my
life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in
His temple.
Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer
me!
You have said, "Seek My face." My heart says to You, "Your
face, LORD, do I seek."*

✦ THE HYMN OF PRAISE | #4

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART
(verse 4 women, verse 5 men)

✦ THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

✦ THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

He Will Hold Me Fast (verse 1)

Matt Merker

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold, through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold. He must hold me fast!
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 JOY 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 | Hosea 9:1-17 (p. 755)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

Dr. David Weber

No Cause For Celebration

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

Psalm 117

(Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King)

From all that dwell below the skies,
O let Jehovah's praise arise!
Alleluia, Alleluia!
And let His glorious name be sung;
In every land, by every tongue!
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Great are the mercies of the Lord,
And truth eternal is His Word;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Ye nations, sound from shore to shore;
Jehovah's praise for evermore!
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Cathie Rutman, GriefShare

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
Neander/Gaither

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty/I Will Serve Thee

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.
I will serve Thee because I love Thee;
You have given life to me.
I was nothing before You found me,
You have given life to me.
Heartaches, broken pieces, ruined lives
Are why You died on Calvary.
Your touch was what I longed for; You have given life to me.
Praise to the Lord,
Who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriends thee.
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

✦ 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)

**Dear Father, in response to Your great gift to us, we offer
ourselves to You. We bring these gifts as expressions of our
gratitude and love. Accept them, we pray, and bless them
for the sake of the gospel and the increase of Your
kingdom, to the glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

✦ THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | #305

Arise, My Soul, Arise

LENOX

✦ THE BENEDICTION

✦ THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN

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

✦ POSTLUDE

Chaconne

Louis Couperin

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers under the cross today are given to the glory of God and in
celebration of the wedding of Audrey Thompson and Peter Kershner
which took place yesterday in the Sanctuary.