

New River Presbytery Worship Service

Friday, May 3 at 7:00 pm

Please join us for a special communion worship service in the Sanctuary. This service will be held in conjunction with our regional presbytery meeting, which we are hosting the first weekend in May. This presbytery meeting involves fellow EPC churches from our region (North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia) coming together to discuss matters of mutual concern and cooperation in ministry. It is a significant expression of our connectional nature as a Presbyterian church. While the business sessions of the meeting are primarily for the commissioners, the worship service is open to everyone. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to gather as a wider body of believers, joining with other congregations within our presbytery in worship and fellowship.

2024 Graduates

Please pray for our graduates as they embark on the next season in their lives. We would like to honor our graduates by listing them in the May 12 bulletin. If you have a 2024 graduate (high school, college, graduate school, trade school) please submit their name, school they will graduate from, and future plans to rhonda@rivermont.org or call 846-3441 by May 8.

Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, you can share your needs on a Connect Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate or one of the designated prayer boxes located outside the Library and in the Locke Commons. You may also submit a prayer request at rivermont.org/prayer or email janet@rivermont.org. All requests are confidential.

Emergency Phone Line

For Acute Illness and Death

Evenings and Weekends: (434) 426-3774

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00: (434) 846-3441

Please leave a message for an appropriate response.

Welcome to Rivermont!

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to our church, we are so grateful to the Lord that He has brought you to us this morning. We would love to connect with you more personally and we 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 to Connect:

We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to this church body.

- Attend Sunday School classes at 9:45 am (rivermont.org/sundayschool).
- Join us for dinner and Bible Studies on Wednesday nights beginning in September.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont Class. For more information go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, April 28
8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:45 pm High School Seniors' Lunch (La Villa)
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰

Monday, April 29
7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)
9:00 am Preschool
9:30 am Story Time (Room 207) 🏰
10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens)
1:00 pm Jake Matthes Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰

Tuesday, April 30
6:26 am High School 626 (Biscuitville)
6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
9:00 am Preschool

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event (Members Welcome!)
For more information, please visit inrivermont.com

Wednesday, May 1
9:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm Monthly Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes & Praise Ringers
5:15 pm Cherub, Chapel & New Song Choirs
5:15 pm Carillon
6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 2
10:00 am Community Bible Study

Friday, May 3
7:00 pm New River Presbytery Worship Service with Communion (Sanctuary)

Saturday, May 4
10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰

Sunday, May 5
8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
4:00 pm Rivermont Choir Concert (Sanctuary)
5:30 pm Youth Soup-Er Man Fundraiser (Fellowship Hall)

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OUR MISSION: *For the glory of God and the good of His people, REPC seeks to follow Jesus Christ in His mission to awaken gospel renewal through Spirit-empowered worship, discipleship and mission, beginning in the Rivermont Community and extending to the ends of the earth.*

ORDER of WORSHIP

April 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Eastertide

Preparation *for* Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Gracious Lord, we humbly ask Your blessing upon this worship service, that by Your power we may worship You in spirit and in truth, and truly honor You. May Your glory be magnified, may Your name be exalted, and may we find our greatest joy in You. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us afresh: to strengthen the fainthearted, encourage the weak, comfort the suffering, and call us all into renewed faith and committed discipleship; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.
O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

WELCOME:

Pastor Shane Whelan

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 132:7-9 (responsively)

Let us go to His dwelling place.
Let us worship at His footstool!
Arise, O LORD, and go to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your might.
Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Your saints shout for joy.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #100

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

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*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" (Verse 5)

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Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

(Romans 15:7)

(Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to room #115.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 13:20-25 (Page 1010)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Equipped"

Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED (in unison)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who, for us and our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*THE GLORIA:

"Gloria Patri"

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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 MOMENT FOR MISSION:

Vacation Bible School

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: (8:30)

"If You Search With All Your Heart"

(Based on Jeremiah 29:11-14)

When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.
For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil;
Plans of hope and a future.
I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared.
I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to Me.
Hadley Hall – Accompanist

Sanctuary Choir

Craig Courtney

(11:00)

"Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, alleluia.
Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia.
Noah Caldwell – Director

Rivermont Chimes

Lafferty, arr. Bettcher

*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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

Almighty and gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness to us and over all creation; but above all we give thanks for the gift of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, in Whom alone we have life and peace and everlasting joy. In His name, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and entirely; and we pray that You will bless and multiply these tokens of our lives, and use them for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the earth; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Please see insert)

"By Faith"

GETTY AND TOWNEND

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Lift High the Cross"

arr. Charles W. Ore

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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