

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):**
"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

***POSTLUDE:** "March Triumphale" Karg-Elert, arr. Olson

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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Ministering in Music this Morning:

Trumpets:	Shepard Wells, Mike Straw
Horn:	Kelly Hartless
Trombone:	Walker Pennock
Tuba:	Bill Folger
Timpani:	Jacob Caldwell
Assistant Organists:	Miriam Amos, Noah Caldwell, Hadley Hall

REFORMATION SUNDAY

On **October 31, 1517** (All Hallows' Eve), a Roman Catholic monk named Martin Luther nailed a document now known as "**The Ninety-five Theses**" on the church door in Wittenburg, Germany, calling for debate on the unbiblical teachings and practices of the church. It was never Luther's intention to divide the church or start a "new" church, but rather to **reform** the church according to the Word of God written in Scripture. Luther's confrontation with the papacy ignited the Protestant Reformation as a history-making movement which would spread across Europe and Britain and eventually to the New World of America, influencing the politics, economics, education, and common life of those societies. **John Calvin** (1509-1554) gave further distinctive influence to the Reformation, and it is to Calvin that Presbyterians trace their specific theological and ecclesiastical heritage.

The great themes of the Reformation faith are: the glory of the all-sovereign triune God, the supreme authority of Scripture, salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, the worship of God as directed by holy Scripture, and the life of the church as the people of God in the service of God. The true church of Jesus Christ is found in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity and the sacraments are administered in their integrity, where scriptural church discipline is practiced, and where loving fellowship is maintained.

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.

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. To make reservations go to rivermont.org/rfn.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont Class beginning on December 3. For more information and to register go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, October 29 - Reformation Sunday

8:30 am Worship Service
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
 12:30 pm College Lunch (Whelan home, 908 Sanhill Dr.)
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
 5:00 pm Knitting Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰
 5:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting (Library)

Monday, October 30

7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)
 9:00 am Preschool
 9:30 am Story Time (Youth House) 🏰
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens)
 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰

Tuesday, October 31

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
 9:00 am Preschool

Wednesday, November 1

9:00 am Preschool
 12:00 pm Prayer Meeting (John Knox Room)
 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes & Praise Ringers

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

Wednesday, November 1 (continued)

5:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting (Rm 206)
 5:15 pm Carillon
 5:15 pm Cherub, Chapel & New Song Choirs
 5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal
 6:30 pm Bible Studies
 6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge)
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 2

9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Quinlan)
 10:00 am Community Bible Study

Saturday, November 4

10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰

Sunday, November 5 - All Saints' Day (Daylight Savings Time Ends)

8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
 5:00 pm Knitting Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰
 6:00 pm Youth SNL (Youth House)



OUR PASSION: *the renewing of lives through God's compelling love in Lynchburg and the world.*

ORDER of WORSHIP

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Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Father of all grace and glory, look upon us in love and compassion through Your Son, Jesus Christ, and, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, enable us to worship You in spirit and in truth. Help us to draw near to You, in the assurance that You dwell with those who are of humble and contrite heart. Renew our minds by the truth of Your Word, strengthen our souls, and direct our wills that we may more fervently love You and more sincerely serve You, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Built On the Rock"

Carillon Handbell Choir

arr. Matthew Compton

Carillon Handbell Choir and Brass

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

arr. Linda McKechnie

WELCOME:

Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP from Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29 (responsively):

*You have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem,
the city of the living God;*

We have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

*You have come to God, the judge of all men,
to the spirits of righteous men made perfect;*

**We have come to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,
and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.**

*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,*

For our God is a consuming fire!

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne:

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now:

Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, here on Earth our food, our stay:

Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to You from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea

Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne:

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by His blood."

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (vs. 1)

SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,

All other ground is sinking sand!

*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 10:19-25 (Page 1007)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Following Christ"

Dr. David Weber

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:

"Gloria Patri"

GREATOREX

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

Pastor Ron Cox

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:

"The Church's One Foundation"

Sanctuary Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.
Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith one birth.
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee. Amen!

*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDRETH

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.

*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. Trusting in Him, our Savior, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and entirely, with joy and gratitude; 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; for the glory of Your name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #52

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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