

**\*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):**

Gracious Father, we praise You for every good and perfect gift which comes down from heaven. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins! We praise You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, by Whom we are born anew and adopted as Your children through Jesus our Lord. With joy, we present ourselves as living sacrifices in Your service. Receive and bless this offering for the sake of Your kingdom, and send us forth in the power of Your Spirit to live as witnesses of Jesus Christ, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

**\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Please see insert)**

*"All Glory Be to Christ"*

Scottish Traditional

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

**\*POSTLUDE:**

*"Fugue sur le theme du Carillon"*

Maurice Durufle

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

The flowers under the cross today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Grace Anne Pickard and Joshua John McKinnis who were united in marriage yesterday in the Sanctuary.

**General Fund as of September 30, 2024**

Budget to date:	\$ 547,975
Behind Budget:	\$ 76,119
Year-to-date contributions:	\$ 471,856
Year-to-date expenses:	\$ 507,998
Contributions Behind Expenses:	\$ 36,142

Session minutes from our monthly and called meetings are available for review by confirmed members in the church office. Please contact Janet Freshour (846-3441) if you would like to schedule a time for review.

**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](http://rivermont.org/sundayschool)).
- Join us for dinner and Bible Studies on Wednesday nights. To make reservations go to [rivermont.org/rfn](http://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. For more information go to [rivermont.org/gtkr](http://rivermont.org/gtkr).

## Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit [rivermont.org/events](http://rivermont.org/events)

### Sunday, October 20 - Membership Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Sermon Q & A (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰

### Wednesday, October 23, continued

- 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
- 7:45 pm Reformation Rehearsal

### Monday, October 21

- 7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens)
- 11:00 am Story Time (Room 207) 🏰
- 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰

### Thursday, October 24

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 am Park Play Group (Riverside Park) 🏰

### Friday, October 25

- 10:30 am GriefShare (Country Gardens)
- 6:00 pm 20 Somethings+ Pumpkin Carving (2007 Pansy Street)

### Tuesday, October 22

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

### Saturday, October 26

- 10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏰

### Wednesday, October 23

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes & Praise Ringers
- 5:15 pm Carillon
- 5:15 pm Cherub, Chapel & New Song Choirs

### Sunday, October 27 - Reformation Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday school
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Sermon Q & A (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰
- 6:00 pm Youth SNL (Youth Center)

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event (Members Welcome!)

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## Contact Us

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**OUR MISSION:** *For the glory of God and the good of His people, REPC seeks to follow Jesus Christ 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

October 20, 2024

## 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:

(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.  
I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

Hadley Hall - Director

Praise Ringers

arr. Bettcher

(11:00)

#### "I Am Not My Own"

Peterson, Shive, Fowler, Anderson, arr. Larson

The One who made the heavens made my heart and soul,  
Before I drew a breath, I was loved and known.  
I am His creation, the Maker's masterpiece,  
And all that He designs will be done in me.  
My body is a temple of the Living God,  
I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought.  
As I bear His image, oh, may I not profane  
The holiness I hold in this earthly frame.  
I belong to the Lord; oh, I am not my own.  
I belong to the Lord; oh, I am not my own.  
I will honor Him, for this I know: I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.  
And if He has redeemed me, I am not my own;  
The measure of my worth is His love alone.  
He declares my standing, and He declares my state.  
So I will know myself by the name He gave.  
I am not my own, and now my heart is free;  
Oh, Maker, come and make what You will of me.  
There is nothing broken that You cannot repair,  
So, Lord, I leave my life in Your loving care.

Else Frazier – Director; Sarah Vo – Accompanist

New Song

### WELCOME:

Pastor Ron Cox

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 1 (responsively)

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;*

**But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.**

*He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.*

**The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

*Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;*

**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #115

#### "All Creatures of Our God and King"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: From 1 John 1 and Romans 8

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

#### "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" (vs. 5)

HYFRYDOL

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.

### (11:00) THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Riley Carl

Joy Miller

Mallory Evans

Willie Moses

Emma Kelly

Nathan and GraceAnn Siff

Jonathan Kho

Kristen Vaughn

Suzannah Kirkman

Katherine Wheeler

Bill and Bernadette Lyford

Carlton (CJ) Williams

### (11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Katherine Wheeler

#### The Words of Instruction

#### The Confirmation Vows

#### \*The Covenantal Vows of the Congregation

### \*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: Deuteronomy 30:11-20 (Page 172)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

"Choose Flourishing"

Dr. David Weber

### THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from 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:

#### "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 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)

#### "Mighty to Save"

Praise Ringers

arr. Bettcher

Everyone needs compassion; a love that's never failing: Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.  
Savior, He can move the mountains,  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of Salvation, He rose and conquered the grave,  
Jesus conquered the grave.  
So take me as You find me; all my fears and failures, and fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow everything I believe in, and now I surrender, I surrender.  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus!

Hadley Hall – Director

(11:00)

#### "It Is Well With My Soul"

Sanctuary Choir

arr. Tom Trenney

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."  
Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control, that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
It is well. All shall be well. It is well, it is well with my soul!  
He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought: my sin, not in part,  
But the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound  
And the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.

Lynn Seipp – clarinet; Miriam Amos – piano; Hadley Hall - organ