

Announcements

FOR OUR GUESTS: We invite you to visit our Welcome Table today in the Narthex (Lobby) for information about the life and ministries of Rivermont. A member of our Hospitality Team will be there to greet you and answer your questions.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today are given by Martha Craig in loving memory of her parents.

YOUTH NEWS:

Bible Study: Monday, August 6, final high school girls and middle school boys and girls Bible studies will take place. The middle school boys and girls will meet at the home of Michael and Heather Hall at 6:30 pm and the high school girls will meet at 6:45 pm at Panera Bread on Old Forest Road. The high school boys will meet this Friday, August 10, from 7:00-10:00 pm at the Whelan home.

Board Game Night: Wednesday, August 8, from 6:00-8:00 pm students can bring their favorite board games and enjoy a night of fellowship. Pizza and drinks will be provided for dinner.

Back-to-School Lake Party: All students entering 7th-12th grade are invited to join us for our annual Back-to-School Bash! We'll meet at the lakeside home of the Olmsteds. The date for this event is NO LONGER Sunday, August 12. We hope to have a new date soon, and we will likely hold the party after school starts.

SERVE THE 'BURG - Join us for our third annual Serve The 'Burg event on Saturday, August 25th. This is our opportunity as a church family to serve our ministry partners who serve the city. We'll meet at 8:30 am on the back terrace of the church before being sent out to various worksites around the city. We'll wrap up our projects around lunchtime. Sign up on our website at www.rivermont.org/stb.

CIERA DEMPSEY will be our new Receptionist / Communications Coordinator beginning August 20! Please welcome Ciera and let her know you're excited she is part of our staff!

SUMMER MEN'S DAWN PATROL: Tuesday, August 14th at 6:30 am we will have our August Men's Dawn Patrol meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Eric Vess will be speaking and breakfast will be provided.

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN Wednesday, August 22, at 6:30 pm in the Choir room. This choir is open to singers high school age and above. If you are not currently a member of the Sanctuary Choir but have some previous choir or other vocal experience, this would be the opportune time for you to join us! Choir members sing in the service that they normally attend (not both services). Free childcare is available. Please speak with Peggy Bettcher for more information.

OASIS this fall will be studying Women of Faith from the Old Testament by Mary Davis & Ruth from Poverty to Plenty by Tim Chester. "Through the lives of these women of faith we learn about God, ourselves, the great problem with this world, and what God is doing about it!" We will have both a time of corporate gathering as well as small group discussion. Register online or by calling the church office. The Fall Semester begins Thursday, September the 6th@9:30am. Questions? Email Andrea Adams daadams@comcast.net.

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 271; 11:00: service: 297. Total: 568. Sunday School: 384.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 12: Head Deacon: Baxter Gordon

Assistant Deacon: Ken Dunn Morning Only: Patrick Yeatts

8:30 am: Beth Dunn, Jeff Widmeyer, Dave Young, Ginny Young

11:00 am: Scooter Harris, Lucy Harris, Ned Hudson, Ned Hudson, Jr.

Concerns of the Church

IN THE HOSPITAL: Phoebe Fensterman (rehab)

RECUPERATING: West Alley

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Paul and Gail Mudrick in the birth of their grandson, Shepherd Brittain Mudrick born August 1, 2018. Proud parents are Tucker and Jessica Mudrick of San Antonio, Texas.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: are extended to Martha Warters and family in the death of her husband Rev. Dr. Don Warters, who died Saturday, July 28, 2018.

Calendar

Sunday, August 5

8:00 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Bearing Burdens (Library)
11:00 am Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
3:30 pm CWMC (Library)
4:45 pm RIMC (Library)

Monday, August 6

10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)
4:00 pm Cloggers (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm 6-8th Graders Bible Study (Hall's Home)
6:45 pm 9-12th Grade Girls' Bible Study (Panera Bread)

Tuesday, August 7

10:30 am Circle 4
4:00 pm Shepherding & Care Meeting (Room 204)
5:00 pm Relational Discipleship Meeting (Conference Room)
6:45 pm No Walls Prayer Meeting (All Nations Church)

Wednesday, August 8

12:00 pm Elder Pool Lunch (Country Gardens)
6:00 pm Youth Board Game Night (Youth Center)

Friday, August 10

7:00 pm 9-12th Grade Boys' Bible Study (Whelan Home)

Saturday, August 11

12:00 pm Second Saturday Picnic with No Walls (HRCC)

Sunday, August 12

8:00 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Worship Westminster Canterbury Service

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Saturday 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

MINISTRY STAFF

David Weber | SENIOR PASTOR
Ron Cox | EXECUTIVE PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF
Brett Eubank | PASTOR OF OUTREACH AND ASSIMILATION
Mike Palombo | PASTOR OF RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP
Shane Whelan | PASTOR OF STUDENT FAMILIES
Peggy Bettcher | DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY
Ann Knight | DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
Josh Dempsey | DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES
Matt Bradner | REGIONAL DIRECTOR, CAMPUS OUTREACH
Julia Sansone | DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS AND ACCOMPANIST
Alisha Meador | CARE COORDINATOR

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OUR MISSION

REPC SEEKS THE RENEWING OF LIVES THROUGH GOD'S COMPELLING LOVE IN LYNCHBURG AND THE WORLD.

August 5, 2018 | 8:30 AM ☞ 11:00 AM

Order Of Worship

The prelude is a time for the body of Christ to spiritually prepare to enter into His presence in worship. As the prelude begins, please assume a quiet, prayerful and reverent attitude of worship. (Please silence your mobile devices.)

PRELUDE: *"In Christ Alone"* arr. Jeff Bennett
In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace.
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand!

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:
Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, hasten the coming of Your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, and draw the whole world into willing obedience to Your blessed reign. Overcome all the enemies of Christ, and cast low every power that is exalted against Him. Cast out all the evil things which cause wars among the nations, and let Your Spirit rule in the hearts of all people in righteousness and love. Grant power to the preaching of Your Word, build up Your Church throughout all the earth, and may Your kingdom advance and increase, as people of every nation turn away from dead idols to worship You, the true and living God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Palombo

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively) Psalm 96**
*"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."*

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #100

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

NICAEA

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 130:7-8

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"There Is a Redeemer" (v. 2)

KEITH GREEN

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."
(Romans 15:7)

THE INTERLUDE:

Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church.
8:30 and 11:00: Children meet in the ORANGE room, #115

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Numbers 25 (page 133)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "The End of Idolatry"

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: *"Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

EBENEZER

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Elisa Forshey, Amy Hall, Charis Jantomaso
"O Sweet Exchange"

Wood, Krippayne, Payne, Presley

The crushing weight of all our shame You took upon Your mortal frame.
You left Your throne so You'd become a ransom for the fallen one.
O sweet exchange by God ordained. Our death You died. Your life we gained!
Our worthless rags of wickedness now traded for Your righteousness.
We sing Your praise and we proclaim such wondrous love, O sweet exchange.
No precious jewels, no priceless gold could pay the price to save one soul.
Yet by the grace that You provide, we're now declared justified.
Your holy life, spilled out for such unholy ones.
No longer orphans, we're daughters and we're sons.
Oh, what a marvel, what great mystery! You offered Your riches for our poverty.

*THE COMMUNION HYMN: (See Insert)

"The Communion Hymn" (vv. 1-3)

COMMUNION

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. Contact the church office to setup a meeting with the pastors after reviewing the communion packet with your child. The packet is at www.Rivermont.org under Ministries/Children/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 Cup

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)

"The Communion Hymn" (vs. 4)

COMMUNION

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Royal Fanfare"

Antonio Soler

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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1. The End of Idolatry is Adultery (vv. 1-3)

2. The End of Idolatry is Death (vv. 4-9)

3. The End of Idolatry is Atonement (vv. 10-13)

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

SERVE THE 'BURG Saturday, August 25 8:30 am-lunchtime

Serve the 'Burg began as a youth mission "trip" a couple of years ago as our youth invested a week of their summer to bless (and be blessed by) the lives of some of the most marginalized and vulnerable people in our city. It is now expanding to include the whole church as we serve some of the physical needs of our ministry partners, including The Free Clinic, Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center, No Walls Ministry and Rush Homes. Please pray that many from our church would join us and that we would have good weather, servant hearts, and a deepened love for our city. To sign up to serve, go www.rivermont.org/stb.

Prayer Usher Ministry - Prayer Ministry teams are available after each morning service for those who would like someone to pray with them about a personal need. The Prayer Ushers will meet you at the Family Room off the Cheatham Center. They will be identified with name tags. This ministry is available to visitors as well as members. All prayer requests are confidential.