

Announcements

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today are given by Martha Craig. Thanks be to God for His multitude of blessings!

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.

NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE: As our fall-time food drive concludes this week, please prayerfully consider giving a monetary donation and/or food supplies. A list of needed foods can be found on the reception bins located outside the Library or downstairs near the Fellowship Hall.

NAMES OF JESUS ADVENT CHAIN: The Children’s Council has prepared materials for an Advent Chain for children two years old through fourth grade. Packets will be handed out in Sunday School classes today. There is a link with the name for Jesus and a Scripture verse for each day leading up to Christmas starting on December 1. We pray this Advent Chain will be a blessing as we are reminded of the beautiful names of our Savior! Please see Ann Knight if your child has not received a packet.

YOUTH NEWS:
SNL: Tonight all high school students are invited to dinner and fellowship. We will meet at the Haley home from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

636: All high school boys are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday! The boys will join Shane at the Old Forest Road Biscuitville at 6:36 am.

HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE: Next Sunday at 6:00 pm, our Sanctuary will be adorned with Christmas greens as we sing hymns, hear Scripture readings, and enjoy musical presentations by the Rivermont Youth Strings, Cherub Choir, and Sanctuary Choir.

CLUB 56 FNL: All 5th and 6th graders are invited to join Josh this Friday in attending Randolph College Theater’s production of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe!* As the showing begins at 7:30 pm, parents are asked to drop their students off at Leggett Hall no later than 7:15 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 298; 11:00 service: 255; Total: 553. Sunday School: 344. Evening Worship: 18.

USHERS SERVING LIGHTING OF THE CHRISMON TREE SERVICE, NOVEMBER 28:
Head Deacon: Evan Harris **Assistant Deacon:** Andy Morse

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2: **Head Deacon:** Wayne Melancon
Assistant Deacon: Todd Matthews **Morning Only:** Kelly Crawford
8:30 am: Ron Meng, Lola Provenzola, Thom Provenzola, Lisa Sosin
11:00 am: John Blanks, David Head, Ned Hudson, Ned Hudson Jr.

Concerns of the Church

CONGRATULATIONS to Rachel Love and Jeff Smith who were married Friday, November 23.

IN APPRECIATION: *Thank you to all who donated in this year's Red Cross Blood Drive! Whether you donated blood, time, or supplies, we are encouraged yearly by those who faithfully give. Thank you to Adrienne Scruggs and Peggy Hooks; both worked hard behind the scenes for the drive. We could not have done it without you!* Alisha Meador

General Fund as of October 31, 2018	
Budget to date:	\$613,606
Behind Budget:	(\$109,261)
Year-to-date contributions:	\$504,344
Year-to-date expenses:	\$549,700
Shortfall:	(\$45,356)

Calendar

Sunday, November 25 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room) 8:30 am Worship Service 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A) 11:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Haley Home)	Wednesday, November 28 (continued) 5:45 pm Chrismon Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 6:35 pm Lighting of the Chrismon Tree (Cheatham) 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
Monday, November 26 9:00 am Preschool 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room) 10:30 am Caregivers' Meeting (Library)	Thursday, November 29 DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS 9:30 am CBS (Sanctuary) 9:30 am OASIS (Quinlan Room)
Tuesday, November 27 DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS 6:30 am Dawn Patrol 6:36 am Boys' 636 (Biscuitville) 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)	Friday, November 30 DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS 6:00 pm Club 56 FNL (Leggett Hall, Randolph College)
Wednesday, November 28 DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS 9:00 am Preschool 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206) 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes (John Knox) 4:30 pm Praise Ringers (206) 5:15 pm Carillon (206) 5:15 pm Cherub Choir (308) 5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room) 5:15 pm New Song Choir (301)	Saturday, December 1 DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS 9:00 am Youth Strings Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:00 am Officers' Brunch (Caylor Home)
	Sunday, December 2 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room) 8:30 am Worship with the Lord's Supper 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A) 9:45 am Bearing Burdens (Library) 11:00 am Worship with the Lord's Supper 3:30 pm CWMC (Library) 4:45 pm RIMC (Library) 6:00 pm Hanging of the Greens Service

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OUR MISSION

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

November 25, 2018 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Order Of Worship

The prelude is a time for the body of Christ to prepare spiritually 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: *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* arr. John Ferguson
For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Pastor Ron Cox**

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:
Almighty and everlasting God, in Whom alone is our peace and security: grant us this day to draw near to You in faith, with sorrowful repentance for all our sins, with humble trust in Jesus Christ the only Savior, with renewed resolve to honor and obey You, placing all our confidence and hope in You alone; all by the grace of the Holy Spirit, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Revelation 5:11-13 (responsively)**
Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands and thousands,
saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"
And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,
"To Him Who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (See Insert)** *"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"* Helmsley

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 103:8, 10-12**

(Before turning the page, please receive the Assurance of Pardon.)

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**
"Before the Throne of God Above" (vs. 3) BEFORE THE THRONE
Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself, I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

(8:30) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: **Pastor Brett Eubank**
Josh and Carrie Alley present their son West Thomason for baptism.

***THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."
(Romans 15:7)

THE SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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: Romans 8:16-25 (page 944)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "The End Is Really the Beginning" **Pastor Shane Whelan**

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:** *"Praise and Glory to the Father"* REGENT SQUARE
Praise and glory to the Father, praise and glory to the Son,
Praise and glory to the Spirit: ever Three and ever One;
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run!

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: **The Sanctuary Choir**
"Simple Thanks" Becki Slagle Mayo
We lift our eyes up to the skies and know that God is near.
The wonders of creation speak with voices loud and clear:
The sun to shine by day, the moon to glow by night;
We lift our eyes to heaven and marvel with delight.
Thank you, God, for ev’ry gift that comes from above,
For blessings that surround us and shower us with love.
Thank you, God, for ev’ry gift; we lift our voice in praise
For the gifts of Your creation, for the gift of each new day.
Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom the world rejoices;
Who, from our mother’s arms, has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.
Charis Jantomaso – piano

***THE DOXOLOGY:** OLD HUNDREDTH
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):
Lord, You have blessed us with such love and goodness. We wonder at the
beauty of Your creation, we thank You for the sustenance of food and drink,
and we cherish the love of family and friends. Lord, we offer these gifts to
You with thankful hearts and in joyous praise. As we give of our money and
resources, we surrender our whole beings to You in worship and adoration.
Lord, may this offering extend the work of Your kingdom in Your church, Your
community, and into the world which You have made. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #648**
"My Jesus, I Love Thee" CARITAS

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** *"Now Thank We All Our God"* J. S. Bach, arr. V. Fox

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

SERMON NOTES

1. Is it worth it?

2. What will happen?

3. Why were we saved?

CHRISMON DINNER AND WORSHIP SERVICE: Our annual Lighting of the Chrismon Tree is this Wednesday. We will meet first for a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45 to 6:30 pm. The church will provide ham and rolls; members are asked to bring the following: those whose last name begins with **A-M should bring a side dish** while those whose last name begins with **N-Z should bring a dessert**. Please bring enough for your family then some to share. At 6:35 pm, we will gather in the Cheatham Center for the service, which will include special music, an explanation of the ornaments, congregational singing, a brief devotional, and the illumination of the Chrismon Tree. What a wonderful opportunity for the family of God to celebrate the first advent of our Lord Jesus Christ during this season. Friends and neighbors are always welcome.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Phil and Catherine Leckrone, SIL/JAARS
The organization Jungle Aviation and Radio Services (JAARS) seeks to make Bible translation possible, particularly in remote regions, through the development of transportation, technology, media, and training. Recently, JAARS hosted a “Scripture Celebration” commemorating 42 New Testament/Bible translations that had been dedicated in the last year. Phil introduced the translations from the Americas Area, where he serves many translation teams through his media experience and expertise. In October, Phil and Catherine traveled to Switzerland for Phil's Paratext Ministry Meetings, and then were able to visit their son John who is teaching in North Africa, where they celebrated their 30th anniversary. Pray for Phil, Catherine, John, and their other sons Michael and Timothy, and for the continued efforts to bring God's Word in the heart language of every tongue, tribe, and nation.