

Announcements

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS AND YEAR-END DONATIONS: Church offices are closed through January 1 and will reopen with regular hours this Wednesday. For tax purposes, year-end donations for 2018 must be received or postmarked **by tomorrow**. To make your donation today, you may place it in the offering plate. For tomorrow, please place your donation in the secure dropbox posted to the far left of the church office entrance.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: The final decision to cancel Sunday worship services will be made by 6:30 am on Sunday. An announcement will be placed on the church website and Facebook page, WSET-TV, and the church's voicemail, and a churchwide email will be sent. If the 8:30 service is cancelled, Sunday School is also cancelled. RFN will be held at the discretion of the pastoral staff. A decision will be made no later than noon on Wednesday. Music rehearsals will be held at the discretion of the Director of Music Ministry and notifications will be sent by email.

PARKING AND OUR NEIGHBORS: As we remember to love our neighbors as ourselves, this is a friendly reminder not to block our neighbors' driveways when we park for worship. Please also reserve closer parking for our visitors and senior saints, particularly during this Christmas season. Graciously, Randolph College allows use of three parking lots: Maier Museum, the Upper Gym lot, and the Lower Gym lot. Thank you!

CIRCLE 4 will **not** meet this week. We will reconvene next week on Tuesday, January 8 at 10:30 am in the Family Room. Happy New Year's!

OASIS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: On Thursday, January 10, the winter term of our Bible study will begin. We will study Hebrews along with Nancy Guthrie's book, *Hoping for Something Better*. Her book will encourage us to dig into Scripture and develop a deeper relationship with Christ. If you are not currently a part of Oasis, please sign up on the church's website. You may contact Andrea Adams (daadams@comcast.net) with any questions.

GETTING TO KNOW RIVERMONT: Beginning January 13, Pastors Brett and Ron will host an eight-week class about the life, mission, and ministry of Rivermont EPC during the Sunday School hour in Room 203. This class is for the curious as well as those desiring to pursue formal membership. For more information or to register, contact Janet at the church office (846-3441). You can also register online at rivermont.org/gtkr-registration.

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 393; 11:00 service: 285; Total: 678. Sunday School: 312.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 6: Head Deacon: Andy Morse
Assistant Deacon: Larry Langhans **Morning Only:** Ken Dunn
8:30 am: Chris Burch, Sherwood Day, Beth Doan, Beth Dunn
11:00 am: John Blanks, Danny Boyer, Isaiah Bradner, Matt Bradner

Concerns of the Church

RECUPERATING: Marilyn Kirshberger

CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah Grace Gibson and Grant Barkley who were married Saturday, December 15.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: **Campus Outreach New Year's Conference**
Please be in prayer for the CO Winter Conference that is happening right now in Raleigh, NC! The Conference started on December 28 and will continue until the afternoon of January 1. Please pray for the 1,000+ students that will be representing over 50 college campuses from the Southeast US. Among those in attendance, REPC is represented by students from Liberty University, University of Lynchburg, Randolph College, and Rivermont collegiates who are home for break. Pray that God speaks through His Word in a powerful way and the students are encouraged to return to the campus for His glory.

Calendar

Sunday, December 30
8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am New Year's Eve Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School Open House for 5th Grade to Adults
9:45 am Sunday School for 4th Grade and Below
11:00 am New Year's Eve Worship Service

Monday, December 31
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 1
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Thursday, January 3
5:30 pm ERC (Library)
Sunday, January 6 Epiphany Sunday
8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship with the Lord's Supper
9:45 am Missions Sunday School for 9th Grade to Adults (Sanctuary)
9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
3:30 pm CWMC (Library)
4:45 pm RIMC (Library)
6:00 pm 6th-8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

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David Weber | SENIOR PASTOR
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Brett Eubank | PASTOR OF OUTREACH AND ASSIMILATION
Mike Palombo | PASTOR OF RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP
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Ann Knight | DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
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OUR MISSION

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

First Sunday in Christmastide | *December 30, 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: Elizabeth Olmsted, violin
"Away in a Manger" arr. Kristin Campbell
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for Heaven, to live with Thee there.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:
Almighty God, You have poured on us the new light of Your Incarnate Word: may that same light burn in our hearts and shine in our lives; and may that light be evident this morning as we gather to worship You in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Brett Eubank

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: John 1:1-5, 14 (responsively)**
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.
All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.
In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #214**
"Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice" (vs. 3)

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice,
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come."
(Revelation 1:4)

THE SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE INTERLUDE:

Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children’s Church to the orange room, #115.

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 3:20-21 (page 977)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"To Him Who Is Able"

Pastor Ron Cox

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:

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (refrain)

GLORIA

Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o, Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o!
(meaning, "Glory to God in the highest!" - Luke 2:14)

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:

Elizabeth Olmsted, violin

"Sing We Now of Christmas"
arr. Kristin Campbell

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!
Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear.
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!
Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest,
Journey forth to Bethlehem, find the Lambkin blest."
In Bethlehem they found Him; Joseph and Mary mild,
Seated by the manger, watching the Holy Child.

*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):
Almighty Father of everlasting love, we give You thanks and praise that, in the fullness of time, You sent forth Your Son, born of woman, born under the law, that we might be redeemed from the curse of sin to live as Your beloved children! We offer ourselves to You as we offer these gifts which we have received from Your hand. May Your glory fill the earth, may all the peoples praise You, and may all the world come to know that Jesus Christ is the Savior Whom You have sent into the world. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #219

"All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord"
CANONBURY

*THE BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

arr. Harold DeCou

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

1. He is able...

2. To be trusted...

3. Through His power and glory.

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.