

# Announcements

**THE LENTEN ARRANGEMENTS:** This year's Lenten floral theme is based on Isaiah 11 where Jesus is pictured as a fruitful shoot from the stump of Jesse. As Easter draws near, watch the stump that has been placed under the cross as it transforms. Note today that daffodils and almost-blooming branches have been added to all areas of normal "flowering" and the cross scene is on the verge of bloom.

**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.

**YOUTH NEWS:**  
**SNE:** Tonight from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, all 7th and 8th grade boys are invited to the Whelans' for dinner and fellowship!

**636:** All high school girls are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday! Students will join Ciera at the Old Forest Road Panera at 6:36 am.

**MESSIAH PRESENTATION THIS EVENING:** Tonight at 6:30, the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will present selections from Parts II and III (Passion/Resurrection/Glorification) of Handel's *Messiah*. Please join us for this special worship presentation.

**CIRCLE GROUPS:**  
**Circle 4** will meet in Country Gardens this Tuesday at 10:30 am. We will welcome Sandy back! We look forward to seeing you all.

**Circle 1:** Ladies, join us next Tuesday April 9 from 10:00 am to noon. Our topic will be "Asking God for Wisdom," taken from Colossians 1:1-14.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE** will be held at 6:30 pm every Wednesday in the Chapel. It is a liturgical prayer service that includes worship, meditation, corporate and spontaneous prayer. This is a great opportunity prepare for the Easter Season!

**PRESCHOOL NIGHT AT CHIPOTLE** on Old Forest Road is next Monday, April 8 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. To ensure that 33% of your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant, taking a flyer with you! If you forget to take a flyer, you can show the church website picture found by clicking on the announcement on the homepage.

**USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 7:** **Head Deacon:** Michele Dameron  
**Assistant Deacon:** Clay Atkins **Morning Only:** Patrick Yeatts  
**8:30:** Keith Mascher, Ron Meng, Brandon Miller, Massie Ware  
**11:00:** Steve Cooper, Billy Giles, Statham Gilliam, Mark Smith

# Concerns of the Church

**RECUPERATING:** Bill Johnson, Connie Pearson

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO** Kelly Hartless and family in the death of her mother, Donna Cahen, who died Wednesday, March 27. She was from Charlottesville.

**ATTENDANCE:** Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 272; 11:00 service: 390; Total: 662. Sunday School: 411.

# Calendar

**Sunday, March 31**  
 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  
 2:00 pm Flower Workshop (John Knox)  
 5:30 pm 7th-8th Grade Boys' SNE (Whelan Home)  
 6:30 pm Handel's *Messiah* Presentation (Sanctuary)

**Monday, April 1**  
 9:00 am Preschool  
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)  
 5:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

**Tuesday, April 2**  
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol  
 6:36 am Girls' 636 (Panera)  
 9:00 am Preschool  
 10:30 am Circle 4 (Country Gardens)  
 4:00 pm Shepherding and Care (204)  
 5:00 pm RDC (Conference Room)  
 7:00 pm No Walls Prayer Meeting (All Nations Community Church)

**Wednesday, April 3**  
 9:00 am Preschool

**Wednesday, April 3 (continued)**  
 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206)  
 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes (John Knox)  
 4:30 pm Praise Ringers (206)  
 5:00 pm Buidling and Grounds Meeting  
 5:15 pm Carillon (206)  
 5:15 pm Cherub Choir (308)  
 5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room)  
 5:15 pm New Song (301)  
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir  
 6:30 pm Prayer Service (Chapel)

**Thursday, April 4**  
 9:30 am CBS (Fellowship Hall)  
 9:30 am OASIS (Quinlan Room)  
 7:00 pm Sunday School Training (John Knox)

**Saturday, April 6**  
 10:00 am Confirmation Class Workday

**Sunday, April 7**  
 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)  
 11:00 am Worship with the Lord's Supper  
 6:00 pm 6th-8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

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## OUR MISSION

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

*Fourth Sunday of Lent | March 31, 2019 | 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:** *"Adagio in A Minor"* J. S. Bach

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

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 105:1-3 (responsively)**  
*Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;  
 make known His deeds among the peoples!  
 Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;  
 tell of all His wondrous works!  
 Glory in His holy name;  
 let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!*

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #94** *"How Firm a Foundation"* FOUNDATION

**\*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 32:1-2,5**

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

**\*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

*"O Worship the King" (vs. 4)*

LYONS

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

**\*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, to 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 to the orange room, #115.

**THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 2:9-10** (page 1015)

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**THE SERMON:** "A People with Purpose" 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!

**MOMENT FOR MISSION:**

**Ben Moomaw**

**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**

*"I Choose You"*

Deborah Govenor

When I am weak and heavy-laden, Christ comes to me and I can hear Him say,  
"Lean on Me, I am your refuge; trust in Me and do not be afraid.  
"I choose you to be My beloved, I choose you to be My joy.  
"I choose you to live with Me forever; I choose you, I choose you."  
When days are dark and nights seem endless, when I am lost  
And cannot find my way, Christ is my light, my comfort.  
I call on Him and then I hear Him say,  
"I choose you to be My beloved, I choose you to be My joy.  
"I choose you to live with Me forever, I choose you, I choose you."  
**Charles Taylor - soprano saxophone; Rebecca Edmiston - 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):

Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we praise You for Your providence above, around, beneath, and within our lives! We thank You for every good and perfect gift which we have received from Your all-gracious hand. We rejoice in Your unfailing faithfulness and unchanging goodness. Receive this offering, we pray, as we offer ourselves anew to You. May Your kingdom increase in our lives, in Your church, and throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #355**

*"We Are God's People"*

SYMPHONY

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

**\*POSTLUDE:**

*"Fantasia in G Minor"*

J. S. Bach

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

**1. Who are we?**

**2. How do we live?**

**3. How did this happen?**

**PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Murli and Usha Menon**

Murli is the founder and director of Impact of Hope International (IOHI) in his native India. He is also the founder and director of the South Asian Institute of Leadership and Culture Studies, a three-year Bible college that prepares and sends students into ministry positions in India. IOHI also facilitates church planting, conducts creative outreach to various professional groups, manages humanitarian relief efforts, provides training for lay leaders, and cares for underprivileged children in group homes. Pray that the Lord will sustain and bless their ministries to church planters, national leaders, and children in group homes.

**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.