

# Sermon Notes

*"The Purpose of Prayer"*  
*Ephesians 3: 14-21*

1. To be strengthened with His might

2. To be rooted and grounded in love

3. To know Christ's love

4. To be filled with the fullness of God

## Prayer Opportunities

**MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK:** Drs. Daniel and Priscila Cummings  
Kalukembe Hospital, Angola

Daniel serves as an emergency physician and Priscila is an OB/GYN at a 300-bed hospital. After a year in the States, they returned to Angola in July. Pray for them to grow as a family and in the Lord (children Zeke, Eliel and Naomi); for preparations of educational materials and guidelines to improve patient care; and for people willing to pray regularly for Kalukembe and other workers to join in serving there.

# Welcome to Rivermont!

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to 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 Connect Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Please visit the Welcome Table in the Narthex (lobby) to receive a special gift as our way of saying thanks for coming.

## Monthly Financial Report

### GENERAL FUND AS OF September 30, 2019

Budget to date:	\$ 449,681
Behind budget:	\$ 55,296
Year-to-date contributions:	\$ 394,386
Year-to-date expenses:	\$ 405,137
Contributions under Expenses:	\$ 10,751

The Session expresses appreciation for your generosity of giving during September, which continues to narrow the gap between your giving and our ministry budget. We are thankful for your involvement in our mutual partnership for God's mission to Lynchburg and the world.

## Coming Up This Week

### Sunday, October 20

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
8:30 am Worship Service  
9:30 am 20-Somethings Coffee Corner  
(Locke Commons)  
9:45 am All-Church Sunday School Combined  
(7th grade - Adult)  
11:00 am Worship Service  
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)  
6:00 pm Getting to Know Rivermont Dinner  
(Eubank Home)  
6:30 pm High School Girls Book Club  
(Whelan Home)

### Monday, October 21

10:00 am Prayer Group (202)  
6:30 pm BRITE class (Room 205)  
7:00 pm VBS Council Meeting (Room 201)

### Tuesday, October 22

6:30 am Dawn Patrol  
6:36 am High School Boys 636 (Biscuitville, Old  
Forest Road)  
5:00 pm Open Table Meeting (FamilyRoom)  
6:30 pm BRITE class (Room 205)

### Wednesday, October 23

3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers  
4:30 pm Praise Ringers and Rivermont Chimes  
5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub, Chapel, New Song  
5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal  
(Fellowship Hall)  
6:30 pm Bible Studies  
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir  
7:45 pm Brass Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, October 24

9:30 am Rivermont Oasis (Quinlan Room)  
10:00 am Community Bible Study (FH)

### Friday, October 25

6:30 pm 20-Somethings Food & Fun  
(Eaton Home)

### Sunday, October 27 (Reformation Sunday)

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
8:30 am Worship Service  
9:30 am 20-Somethings Coffee Corner  
(Locke Commons)  
9:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am College Hour  
9:45 am Getting To Know Rivermont (Room 203)  
11:00 am Worship Service  
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)  
6:30 pm 7th-8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

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**RIVERMONT**  
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**OUR PASSION:** *the renewing of lives  
through God's compelling love  
in Lynchburg and the world.*

## ORDER of WORSHIP

October 20, 2019

## Preparation for Worship

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.*

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

O Lord Jesus Christ, You so loved the Church that you gave Yourself up to death for her, in order to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word, that You might present her to Yourself as a radiant Church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish. By the power of Your Word and Spirit, may our worship today be to this end: for Your glory, the upbuilding of Your people, and the advance of Your kingdom upon the earth; for Your own name's sake. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

**"Fantasia on 'O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus' "**

**Praise Ringers**

arr. Matthew Compton

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Dr. David Weber**

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively): Psalm 57:9-11

*I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples;*

**I will sing praises to You among the nations.**

*For Your steadfast love is great to the heavens,*

**Your faithfulness to the clouds.**

*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!*

**Let Your glory be over all the earth!**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #529

**"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

BEECHER

### THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:31-34

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

**"Oh, How I Love Jesus"**

Whitfield

**There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;**

**It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.**

**O how I love Jesus! O how I love Jesus!**

**O how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!**

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

*"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."*

*(Romans 15:7)*

### THE CHAPEL CHOIR

**"Jonah (Don't Try to Run!)"**

Craig Curry

**Lori Flowers – Director; Rebecca Edmiston – Accompanist**

### THE INTERLUDE:

During the interlude, children ages 4 to first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to the Orange Room #115.

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 3:14-21 (page 977)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

**"The Purpose of Prayer"**

**Shane Whelan**

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

### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 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:

**"Alleluia! Alleluia!" (vs. 3)**

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 TESTIMONY OF GOD'S WORK: PRAYER

**Gail Mudrick**

### 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:

**"Teach Me Your Way, O Lord"**

**Sanctuary Choir**

Lloyd Larson

Teach me Your way, O Lord, teach me Your way.  
Your guiding grace afford, teach me Your way.  
Help me to walk aright, more by faith and less by sight;  
Lead me in heav'nly light, teach me Your way.  
When I am sad at heart, teach me Your way.  
When earthly joys depart, teach me Your way.  
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,  
In failure or success, teach me Your way!  
When doubts and fears arise, teach me Your way.  
When storm clouds fill the skies, teach me Your way.  
Shine through the wind and rain, through sorrow, grief, and pain;  
Make now my pathway plain, make my pathway plain.  
Long as my life shall last, teach me Your way.  
Where'er my lot is cast, teach me Your way.  
Until the race is run, until the journey's done,  
Until the crown is won, teach me Your way.  
Lord, teach me Your way.

### \*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDETH

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):

Holy Father, we bless and praise You for Your wonderful wisdom, Your covenant faithfulness, Your infinite goodness, Your rich mercy and Your everlasting love, which You have revealed to us and given to us in Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. In His name, we offer these gifts as tokens of our lives -- heart and soul and mind and strength -- and we pray that, by the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, our lives might reflect the light and love of Christ to all the world; and may these gifts be used for the increase of His kingdom and the glory of Your name. Amen.

### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #649

**"More Love to Thee, O Christ"**

MORE LOVE TO THEE

### \*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

### \*POSTLUDE:

**"Te Deum"**

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

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

Prayer Ministry teams are available after each morning service for those who would like someone to pray with them about a personal need, large or small. 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.

You can also share your prayer needs on a Connect Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate or one of the designated prayer boxes located outside the Library and in the Locke Commons.