

Sermon Notes

"Prayer In An *Open World*"
Psalm 36

1. We Are *Open To The Enemy's Attack*

2. We Are *Open To God's Salvation*

3. God's Life Is *Open To Us*

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Janet Lancaster and Barbara Cotton

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Andrea Adams and family in the death of her husband, David Adams, who died Sunday, January 12.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: BLUE RIDGE PREGNANCY CENTER

Rivermont's pastors and Session continue to affirm a strong biblical position in support of the sanctity of human life. The Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center is a local evangelical Christian ministry that ministers to women experiencing unplanned pregnancies, providing prenatal testing/screening, compassionate counseling, clothing, and help with placement of the child, if requested. Over the years, God has worked through the BRPC to save the lives of numerous babies, and the Center has been instrumental in leading many young ladies to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. To learn more about their ministry go to: <http://brpcfriends.org>.

The National March for Life rally will be held this Friday, January 24. Please be in prayer for a peaceful celebration of life.

Welcome to Rivermont!

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to our 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.

Next Steps to Connect:

We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to this church body.

- Attend a Sunday School class at 9:45 am between worship services.
- Join us for dinner and classes on Wednesday nights during the fall and spring.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Join one of our Life Groups which meet throughout the week in member homes.
- Sign up for our next Getting To Know Rivermont class at www.rivermont.org/gtkr.

If you would like more information about these opportunities, stop by our Welcome Table!

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, January 19 Sanctity of Life Sunday

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am 20-Somethings+ Coffee Corner and Life Group (Country Gardens)
9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (Room 203)
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
5:30 pm 7th-8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

Monday, January 20

9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 202)
4:00 pm Youth Bowling & Pizza (AMF Lanes & Cici's Pizza)

Tuesday, January 21

6:30 am Dawn Patrol
9:00 am Preschool
6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)
7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

Wednesday, January 22

9:00 am Preschool
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 Rehearsal

Thursday, January 23

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

Friday, January 24

6:30 pm 20-Somethings+ Food & Fun (Bowling)

Sunday, January 26

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am 20-Somethings+ Coffee Corner and Life Group (Country Gardens)
9:45 am College Hour
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (Room 203)
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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

January 19, 2020

Sanctity of Life Sunday

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Most holy God Who has created us and Who sustains us through Your mighty hand of providence; we pray that this morning You would send forth Your light and Your truth, that they would lead us and guide us. So that You would be honored in the praises of us Your people. In Christ's holy name. Amen.

Prelude:

"Cornet Voluntary"

John Travers

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

arr. Gerald Near

Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last!

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively): Psalm 116

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.
Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
But steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.
Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,
And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!*

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #55

"To God Be the Glory"

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*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Colossians 2:13-14

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (v. 1, 3)

TOWNEND

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom.

*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:

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: Psalm 36 (page 465)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Prayer In An *Open World*"

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:

"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:

"O Great God"

The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

O Great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.
I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.
Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my ev'ry thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

*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 for the gift of life, for the blessings of Your providence, and for the promise of Your presence with us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Spirit. We praise You for all the spiritual blessings which You have lavished upon us through Your Son, our Savior – for the gift of new birth, new life, the forgiveness of our sins, our adoption as Your children, and the hope of glory! All praise, honor, and glory be to You, the Sovereign God of life and life everlasting. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #529

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

BEECHER

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*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.