

Sermon Notes

"To Follow the King"
Psalm 2

- 1. His Reign is Opposed (verses 1-3)
- 2. His Reign is Certain (verses 4-6)
- 3. His Reign is Sovereign (verses 7-9)
- 4. His Reign is Merciful (10-12)

Prayer Opportunities

CONGRATULATIONS TO: John and Adrienne Nagy in the birth of their son, David, on Tuesday, March 3. Proud siblings are Alex and Elizabeth.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

- Keith Mann and family in the loss of Keith's brother, Randall Mann on March 2.
- Paul Lass and family in the loss of Paul's mother, Doris Lass on February 29 in Norfolk.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Phil and Diane Thrash
Phil serves as the Eastern U.S. Associate for Missions Advancement and as Missionary Prayer Network Coordinator for the Eastern U.S. in EPC's World Outreach department. He travels throughout the eastern U.S. and elsewhere to visit EPC churches and to promote prayer for EPC World Outreach missionaries around the world, as well as to promote the "Engage 2025" initiative of our denomination. Pray that God will raise up prayer leaders in our presbytery as well as churches that will send church planting teams to unengaged Muslim areas. As Phil explains, "Prayer is important in the recruitment and equipping we do for our potential global workers, as well as the logistics of actually getting them and keeping them on the mission field so that they can be fruitful."

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.

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

<p>Sunday, March 8 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> (Daylight Savings Time Begins)</p> <p>8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)</p> <p>8:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>9:30 am 20-Somethings+ Coffee Corner and Life Group (Country Gardens)</p> <p>9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (Room 203)</p> <p>11:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Service</p> <p>12:45 pm 20-Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Rivermont Pizza)</p> <p>4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)</p> <p>5:00 pm Membership Interviews</p> <p>5:30 pm 6th-8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)</p> <p>Monday, March 9</p> <p>9:00 am Preschool</p> <p>10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 202)</p> <p>6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)</p> <p>6:30 pm Trail Life (New Covenant Schools)</p> <p>Tuesday, March 10</p> <p>6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study</p> <p>6:36 am High School Boys 636 (Biscuitville)</p> <p>9:00 am Preschool</p> <p>6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 11</p> <p>9:00 am Preschool</p> <p>12:00 pm Elder Pool Lunch (Country Gardens)</p> <p>3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers</p> <p>4:30 pm Praise Ringers and Rivermont Chimes</p> <p>5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub, Chapel, New Song</p> <p>5:45 pm RFN Meal (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Studies</p> <p>6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, March 12</p> <p>9:30 am Rivermont Oasis (Quinlan Room)</p> <p>10:00 am Community Bible Study (FH)</p> <p>5:30 pm Admin. Committee Meeting</p> <p>5:30 pm Bridges to Progress Meeting (Chapel)</p> <p>Saturday, March 14</p> <p>12:00 pm No Walls Picnic (HRCC)</p> <p>Sunday, March 15 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> (Membership Sunday)</p> <p>8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)</p> <p>8:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>9:30 am 20-Somethings+ Coffee Corner and Life Group (Country Gardens)</p> <p>9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (Room 203)</p> <p>11:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)</p> <p>5:30 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)</p>
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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

March 8, 2020
Second Sunday of Lent

Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, prepare your heart for worship and please 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: "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.
Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
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THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively): 1 John 4:7-8,10 and Isaiah 25:9

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God,
and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.
Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.
In this is love, not that we have loved God
but that He loved us
and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His
salvation.*

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #115 "All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: From 1 John 1 and Romans 8

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners" (verses 1&5) HYFRYDOL

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
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*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST *"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)*

NEW SONG: "I Will Rise" Tomlin, Reeves, Giglio, Maher, arr. Lloyd Larson

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul. I can say, "It is well."
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won; He is risen from the dead.
And I will rise when He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees, and rise.
There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light,
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.
And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!"
I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"
Noah Caldwell – piano

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 2 (page 448)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "To Follow the King" Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:
THE PHILIPPIAN CREED based on Philippians 2:6-11 (in unison)
We believe in Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death — even death on a cross! Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name that is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*THE GLORIA: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" 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 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: "I Surrender All" Sanctuary Choir arr. Moses Hogan

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.
All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me.
I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY: OLD HUNDRETH
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: #297 DIADEM
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

*THE BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE: "March from the 'Occasional Oratorio'" G. F. Handel

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