

Sermon Notes

"The Gospel of Justification"
Galatians 2:15-16

1. Justification

2. Works of the Law

3. Faith in Jesus Christ

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give:

1. By placing your offering in the offering plates located in the Narthex.
2. By texting an amount to 434-595-3833; follow the prompts.
3. Online at www.rivermont.org/give.
4. By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Greg Alty, Will Jenkins, Shirley Thomas, Rochelle Tillapaugh and Ryan Webb

IN THE HOSPITAL: Barbara Cotton

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry
Being persuaded that the love of Christ compels us to share our food with the hungry in our neighborhood, our church participates with several area churches in the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry, located at nearby Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please pray for this ministry as it supplies food for individuals and families in need in the Rivermont area.

Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, please share that need through the Rivermont website at www.rivermont.org/prayer. You may also email janet@rivermont.org. All requests are confidential.

Welcome to Rivermont!

Visitors, 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 on our website at rivermont.org/connect.

Next Steps to Connect:

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

- Visit rivermont.org/zoom to find Adult Online Discipleship groups.
- Attend a Sunday School class via Zoom at 9:30 am between worship services.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont Weekend on March 12-13. Learn more at rivermont.org/gtkr.

If you would like more information about these opportunities, visit our website at rivermont.org.

Monthly Financial Report

GENERAL FUND as of January 31, 2021

Budget to date:	\$ 1,049,257
Ahead of Budget:	\$ 66,379
Year-to-date contributions:	\$1,115,636
Year-to-date expenses:	\$ 979,615
Contributions over Expenses:	\$ 136,021

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, February 21

8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom)
9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (via Zoom)
9:30 am 7th-12th grade Sunday School (via Zoom)
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

Monday, February 22

9:00 am Preschool

Tuesday, February 23

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
9:00 am Preschool

Wednesday, February 24

9:00 am Preschool
4:30 pm Praise Ringers (Chapel)
5:15 pm Carillon (Chapel)
5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room)

Wednesday, February 24 continued

5:15 pm New Song (Room 301)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group (Youth Center)
7:00 pm Women's Oasis Bible Study (via Zoom)

Thursday, February 25

10:00 am Women's Oasis Bible Study (via Zoom)
5:30 pm Brunswick Stew (Portico)

Friday, February 26

6:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Food and Fun (Liberty Mountain Snow Flex)

Sunday, February 28

8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom)
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OUR PASSION: *the renewing of lives
through God's compelling love
in Lynchburg and the world.*

ORDER of WORSHIP

February 21, 2021

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: we humbly pray that, by the truth of Your Word and the power of Your Spirit, You would reform Your church and renew our lives. May Your Word be proclaimed boldly and be received with joyful faith. May Your Spirit awaken our hearts, illumine our minds, and strengthen our souls. May the light of Your gospel dispel the darkness of unbelief. Protect us, preserve us, and persevere within us, that we may continue to love and serve You, from generation to generation, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:00)

"Only a Holy God"

Sanctuary Choir

Farren, Robinson, Smith, Thompson

Who else commands all the hosts of Heaven?
Who else could make ev'ry king bow down?
Who else could whisper and darkness tremble? Only a holy God.
Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.
Cry out! Sing Holy! Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.
What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice? Only a holy God.
What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated? Only a holy God.
Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a holy God.

(11:00)

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

arr. David H. Hegarty

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 121:1-2

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?"

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth."

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (See Insert)

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

DARWALL

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: From Romans 5

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" (verse 1)

SAGINA

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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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)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Galatians 2:15-16

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"The Gospel of Justification"

Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from 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 OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:00)

"If My People Will Pray"

Sanctuary Choir

Jimmy Owens

(Based on 2 Chronicles 7:14)

If My people which are called by My name shall humble themselves and pray,
If My people which are called by My name
Shall seek My face and turn from their wicked ways,
Then will I hear from heaven. Then will I hear and will forgive their sin.
If My people which are called by My name shall humble themselves and pray,
I will forgive their sin.

(11:00)

"We Believe"

New Song

Ryan, Hopper, Fink, arr. Rouse

In this time of desperation when all we know is doubt and fear,
There is only one foundation, we believe, we believe.
In this broken generation, when all is dark, You help us see,
There is only one salvation, we believe, we believe.
We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection and He's comin' back again. We believe.
So let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the songs we sing.
And in our weakness and temptations, we believe.
Let the lost be found and the dead be raised. In the here and now, let love invade.
Let the church live loud our God will save. We believe.
And the gates of hell will not prevail, for the pow'r of God has torn the veil.
Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe.

Catherine Meyer – piano

*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):

Gracious Father, we praise You for every good and perfect gift which comes down from heaven. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins! We praise You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, by Whom we are born anew and adopted as Your children through Jesus our Lord. With joy, we present ourselves as living sacrifices in Your service. Receive and bless this offering, for the sake of Your kingdom, and send us forth in the power of Your Spirit to live as witnesses of Jesus Christ, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

SHEPHERD

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*PLEASE WAIT FOR ROW-BY-ROW DISMISSAL BY THE USHERS

*POSTLUDE:

"Carillon Sortie"

Henri Mulet

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