Sermon Notes

"Christ's Mission & Education" Daniel 1:1-6

Christ calls us to be people of...

1. Intellect (Daniel 1:1-6)

2. Character (Daniel 1:8-16)

3. Service (Daniel 1:18-20, 2:27-30)

4. The Cross (Daniel 6:16-23)

Prayer Opportunities

ONGOING PRAYER: Priscila Ribeiro-Cummings, Michael Herbert, Joan Pennock, Ellen Torrance and Tami Urbina.

RECUPERATING: Charlie Wilson, Jane Wingfield and Kenny Wright.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brandon and Sarah Miller on the birth of their daughter, Elliot (Elle) Ruth, on July 22. Proud big brothers are Blaise and Shepherd.

WITH THANKSGIVING: We give thanks to God for Brenda Hooten and the many years of faithful service and love given to our children in the Nursery. Please pray for Brenda as she leaves Lynchburg and moves to South Carolina to be near her family.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: RUSH HOMES

Rush Homes provide affordable and accessible housing opportunities for lowincome people with disabilities in Lynchburg and surrounding communities. Rivermont has a strong connection to Rush Homes and we give thanks to God for the advocacy and support they provide for the disabled and disadvantaged in our community. Pray that God will continue to provide additional properties they can turn into housing for the disabled. For more on their ministry, go to www.rushhomes.org.

Prayer & Care

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

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 Digital Connect Card by scanning the QR code into your mobile device. You can also 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 Sunday School classes at 9:45 am (<u>rivermont.org/sundayschool</u>).
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont class starting September 11. Learn more at <u>rivermont.org/gtkr</u>.

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.
- Online at www.rivermont.org/give.
- By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit <u>rivermont.org/events</u>

Sunday, July 31

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room) 8:30 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group

11:00 am Worship Service 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

Monday, August 1

10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 206)

Tuesday, August 2

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Rivermont A & via Zoom) 6:30 pm 7th - 12th Grade American Gospel (Quinlan)

Sunday, August 7

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room) 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion

9:45 am Sunday School

9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion 12:30 pm Campus Outreach & 20Somethings+

Picnic in the Park (Riverside Park)

4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

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OUR PASSION: the renewing of lives through God's compelling love

in Lynchburg and the world.

ORDER of WORSHIP

July 31, 2022

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Gracious Father, we give You thanks for the gift of this day on which we gather as Your people to find our rest in You. May Your Spirit dwell with us, work within us, and move among us, that we may worship You in spirit and in truth. May Your Word come to us in power, and be received by us in faith. May our love for You and for one another be increased; and may our lives be further sanctified, that we may grow in the likeness of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in Whose name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE:

Miriam Amos, organ

"Adagio from Symphony No. 5"

Charles M. Widor

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 96:1-4 (responsively)

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #181

"We Come, O Christ to You"

DARWALL

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" (verse 5)
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!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

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(8:30)THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

David Eaton

TOF BAPTISM: Pastor Mike Palombo

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."
(Romans 15:7)

(Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to room #115.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Daniel 1:1-6 (Page 737)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: Cam Colquitt, Regional Director Campus Outreach Lynchburg
"Christ's Mission & Education"

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"

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 OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Katy Bloker and Bill Hayes

"Sweet Beulah Land"

I'm kind of homesick for a country to which I've never been before.

No sad goodbyes will there be spoken for time won't matter anymore.

Beulah Land, I'm longing for you, and some day on thee I'll stand.

There my home shall be eternal; Beulah Land, sweet Beulah Land.

I'm looking now, just across the river to where my faith shall end in sight.

There's just a few more days to labor, then I will take my heavenly flight.

*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDTH

Squire Parsons

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):

Lord of the harvest, the earth belongs to You and all who dwell within it. Help us abide in Your love and bear fruit to Your glory. Grant to us Your compassion that we may sow the seeds of the gospel and serve in Your harvest field. We offer the resources and talents of our hands as You send us out as laborers into Your harvest. Bless and multiply these efforts so that Your way may be known on earth and Your saving power among all nations. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)

"In Christ Alone"

IN CHRIST ALONE

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE: "Rondeau from Premiere Suite"

Jean Joseph Mouret

^{*}The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so. Lyrics and music reproduced under CCLI#64526.