

Announcements

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today are given by Pam Ruble to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard E. Ruble, cherished husband, father and grandfather.

FLOWER CALENDAR: For those who wish to donate flowers for the Sanctuary, please sign up on the bulletin board beside the Library. If you have a special date in mind, be sure to place your name by your preferred date while it is available!

YOUTH NEWS:

SNL: All 7th-12th grade students are invited to Peaks View Park tonight for a special Ultimate Frisbee Sunday Night Live! We will meet at 5:30 pm at the tennis court entrance and we'll play until 7 pm.

636: All high school girls are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday, September 26th. The girls will join Ciera at Panera on Old Forest Road at 6:36 am. See you there!

RFN: Come out and hear how Elijah and Elisha, biblical prophets and men of God, faced the same pressures and weaknesses we do, this Wednesday, September 27th, at 6:30 pm in the Quinlan Room.

CLUB 56: Why are events that happened 500 years ago so important to me and you today? Come and find out at Club 56 this Wednesday, September 27th, at 6:30 pm in the Club 56 Room as we learn about "The Five Solas of the Reformation" and five courageous men who stood up for the Gospel they believed in!

DAWN PATROL: Join us this Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30 am in the Fellowship Hall for Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study. We are studying the book of Hebrews where we learn to run with endurance while looking to Jesus! Breakfast and coffee will be provided.

RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT is our midweek gathering where we enjoy fellowship and experience growth in Christ. Cost for the meal is \$5 per person (9 and older); \$3 for children (8 and under) with a maximum cost to a family of \$22. The menu for September 27th is Sloppy Joe's. Make your reservations online at www.rivermont.org, fill out the reservation card and place it in the offering plate, email donna@rivermont.org, or call the church office: 846-3441. **Reservations are mandatory and should be made by noon on Monday, September 25th.**

ORGAN CHAMBER WALL REPAIR: A group of dedicated members and specialists have been testing the integrity of the organ chamber wall. The consensus of the team is that repairs on the inner chamber wall will be complete by mid-October. Lord willing, the organ will be ready for service by Reformation Sunday (October 29)! A final phase of repair will include the architectural rebuild of the outer brick wall and Nursery Commons entrance. We're praying that we'll be done in early January.

ANNUAL RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Mark your calendar now for our annual blood drive which will be held on Tuesday, November 14th from 12:00 - 6:00 pm right here at

60 PLUS/MINUS is a program for all church seniors and visitors! You are invited the third Wednesday of each month for fabulous food, fun and fellowship. The luncheons begin at noon in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a variety of interesting and informative programs by members of the church or community. Program titles include: What's New in Space, Bats-Be Aware, Being a POW in Vietnam, K-9 Dogs (along with a canine), Living on a Submarine. Each luncheon provides opportunity to visit with our pastors and friends as well as meet and make new friends. This is the fun-loving group - guaranteed!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Save the date for VBS! June 25 - 29, 2018! The theme will be "The King Is Coming" with Great Commission Publications. You may go to gcp.org to see the peek preview for our week!

Concerns of the Church

IN THE HOSPITAL: Barbara Shaughnessy

RECUPERATING: Ron Adams, Doris MacIntyre and Erle Thompson

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 338; 11:00: service: 369. Total: 707. Sunday School: 504. Mission First Service PM: 41.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1: **Head Deacon:** Baxter Gordon
Assistant Deacon: Michele Dameron **Morning Only:** Shane Pinder
8:30 am: Massie Ware, Jeff Widmeyer, Dave Young, Ginny Young
11:00 am: Ned Hudson, Ned Hudson, Jr., Steve McCann, Charlie Mitchell

General Fund as of August 31, 2017	
Budget to date:	\$296,911
Behind Budget:	\$ (7,044)
Contributions to date:	\$289,866
Expenses to date:	\$268,200
Net Income:	\$ 21,666

Calendar

Sunday, September 24

8:00 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am College Hour
 9:45 am GTKR Class
 9:45 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
 11:00 am Worship
 5:30 pm Youth SNL 7-12 grade (Peaks View Park)

Monday, September 25

9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)
 10:30 am Caregivers' Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, September 26

6:30 am Dawn Patrol
 6:36 am HS Girls (Panera Old Forest Road)
 9:00 am Preschool
 9:30 am Staff Meeting (204)
 6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, September 27

9:00 am Preschool
 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206)
 4:15 pm GriefShare (Room 202)
 4:30 pm Praise Ringers (206)

Wednesday, September 27 (continued)

4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes (John Knox)
 5:15 pm Carillon (206)
 5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room)
 5:15 pm Cherub Choir (308)
 5:15 pm New Song (301)
 5:45 pm RFN Meal (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir
 6:30 pm Club 56 (Club 56 Room)
 6:30 pm Youth RFN (Quinlan)

Thursday, September 28

9:30 am OASIS
 9:30 am CBS

Sunday, October 1

8:00 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship with The Lord's Supper
 9:45 am College Hour
 9:45 am GTKR Class
 9:45 am Sunday School
 9:45 am Bearing Burdens (Library)
 10:30 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
 11:00 am Worship with The Lord's Supper
 3:30 pm CWMC
 4:45 pm Rivermont Int'l Ministries Mtg. (Library)



OUR MISSION

REPC SEEKS THE RENEWING OF LIVES THROUGH GOD'S COMPELLING LOVE IN LYNCHBURG AND THE WORLD.

September 24, 2017

8:30 AM ↔ 11:00 AM

Order Of Worship

The prelude is a time for the body of Christ to spiritually prepare to enter into His presence in worship. As the prelude begins, please assume a quiet, prayerful and reverent attitude of worship. (Please silence your mobile devices.)

PRELUDE:

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. Don Wyrzten

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
 Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
 As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see:
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided -
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike Palombo

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)**

*How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!
 The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.*

**They feast on the abundance of Your house,
 And You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.

**Oh, continue Your steadfast love to those who know You,
 And Your righteousness to the upright of heart!**

MINISTRY STAFF

David Weber | SENIOR PASTOR
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***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #168**

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

TOULON

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

Lord Jesus Christ, You have graciously revealed Yourself to the world and pursued Your own in relationship. You are the bread of life,

Yet we often refuse to be nourished by You. We are satisfied by lesser things and deny our continual need for Your power and preservation.

(Silent Confession)

You are the Good Shepherd,

Yet we often refuse to follow You. We go our own way instead of surrendering to Your guidance and care. (Silent Confession)

You are the way, the truth, and the life.

Enable us by Your grace to know You truly, and yield to You fully, that by believing, we may have life in Your name.

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (v. 1)

SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,

All other ground is sinking sand!

***THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

(Romans 15:7)

SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE INTERLUDE:

Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church.

8:30: Pre-K thru First Grade meet in the ORANGE room, #115

11:00: First Grade meet in ORANGE room, #115;

Pre-K/K meet in RED room, #114

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Colossians 2:16-19

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Come Out of the Shadows"

Pastor Eubank

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED (responsively)**

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:**

"Gloria Patri"

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end! A - men, A - men!

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:

"The Prayer of St. Francis"

The Sanctuary Choir

Rene Clausen

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring love.

Where there is injury, help me to pardon.

Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.

Where there is despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let me bring light.

Where there is sorrow, let me bring joy.

O Lord, Master divine, grant that I not so much seek to be consoled,

as to console,

to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, and in pard'ning that we are pardoned.

For in dying we are born to eternal life.

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Amen.

***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):**

Father, in response to Your great gift to us, we offer ourselves to You, with thanksgiving and joy. Accept these tokens of our lives; bless and multiply them for the spread of the gospel, the strengthening of Your church, and the increase of Your kingdom, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (please see insert)**

"In Christ Alone"

Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:**

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

arr. Dan Forrest

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

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

SERMON NOTES

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: ENGAGE 2025

Our denomination's mission arm, World Outreach, has established a goal of sending, by 2025, ten teams to totally unengaged Muslim peoples who presently have zero churches. These teams will be recruited and sent by networks of churches within EPC presbyteries, under the oversight of World Outreach. Pray for our commissioned Engage 2025 missionaries from our Presbytery (Asaf and Lyn in Middle East), that God would continue to aid in their language and cultural acquisition and open new doors of relationship-building and networking.

Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church is a member of the **Evangelical Presbyterian Church**, a group of churches whose beliefs are summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms. For more information, go to www.epc.org.