

Announcements

FOR OUR GUESTS: We invite you to visit our Welcome Table today in the Narthex (Lobby) for information about the life and ministries of Rivermont. A member of our Hospitality Team will be there to greet you and answer your questions.

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 6th-8th grade students are invited to join us in the Youth Center for game night from 6:00-7:30 pm tonight, October 1st. Come out for a time of fun and fellowship!

636: All high school boys are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday, October 3rd. The guys will join Shane at Biscuitville on Old Forest Road at 6:36 am.

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, October 4th, at 6:30 pm in the Quinlan Room.

FNL: It's time for Friday Night Lights! All 8th grade girls are invited to the home of Michael and Heather Hall for dinner, games, and fellowship next Friday, October 13th, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Please let Josh know if your daughter would like to attend!

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, October 4th, 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!

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 October 4th is Baked Ziti. 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, October 2nd.**

CIRCLE 1 will meet Tuesday, Oct.10th, in the church library from 10:00 am until noon. Please join us as we look into the life of Mary, using as our text: Luke 1:26-38, 46-56.

COVERED-DISH LUNCHEON: Join us Sunday, October 15 after the 11:00 am worship service for a missionary luncheon in Country Gardens featuring Steve & Joan Tinsley and Paul & RG Sydnor. The church will provide fried chicken. Please bring a side dish or dessert that is enough to share with another family.

PRAISE AND PREPARATION: We praise God that Mike Palombo and Shane Whelan are approaching ordination and Pastor Weber will soon be installed as our Senior Pastor. In preparation for a tremendous celebration for our church, look forward to a full day of worship and fellowship on Reformation Sunday, October 29. Beyond the blessings of morning worship, we'll enjoy a reception in the afternoon (4:00-5:45 pm), and three of our ministry partners will be ordained and/or installed during worship at 6:00 pm. Please be in prayer and mark your calendars!

THE MEALS TEAM FOR NEW MOMS is looking for more volunteers to help provide yummy meals for new moms in our congregation. The commitment is minimal, but the impact on these moms and their families is great. Please contact Natasha Yeoman at (860) 377-7721 or tasha.yeoman@gmail.com for further details.

NEED FOR FURNITURE: A family being helped by No Walls Ministry is in need of furniture. Specifically, they need 4 twin beds, 1 queen bed (frame and box), and 2 dressers. If you have any or all of these items, please contact Andy Flowers at 660-1186.

Concerns of the Church

IN THE HOSPITAL: Barbara Shaughnessy

RECUPERATING: Ron Adams, Chuck Hurt, Doris MacIntyre and Erle Thompson

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are extended to Phyllis Westenbarger and family in the death of her brother, John Thomas Strong, Jr., who died September 23rd in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

IN APPRECIATION: *Dear Church Family, I have been blessed by your faithful prayers, cards, and visits during my recent surgery and recuperation. Thank you for the steadfast love and encouragement. Sincerely, Doris MacIntyre*

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 352; 11:00: service: 331. Total: 683. Sunday School: 490.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8: **Head Deacon:** Susan Crawford
Assistant Deacon: Wayne Melancon **Morning Only:** Clay Atkins
8:30 am: Josh Alley, Sheree Britton, Kelly Crawford, Scott Wade
11:00 am: Drew Neiderer, Jim Petrey, Simeon Purvis, Mick Ritchie

Calendar

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
4:30 pm Youth Music Practice
4:45 pm Rivermont Int'l Ministries Mtg. (Library)
6:00 pm SNL (Youth Center)

Monday, October 2

9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)

Tuesday, October 3

6:30 am Dawn Patrol
6:36 am HS Boys 636 (Biscuitville)
9:00 am Preschool
10:30 am Circle #4 (Country Gardens)
4:00 pm Shepherd & Care Meeting (Room 204)
5:30 pm Relational Discipleship (Conf. Room)
6:45 pm No Walls Prayer Meeting (All Nations)

Wednesday, October 4

9:00 am Preschool
3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206)

Wednesday, October 4 (continued)

4:15 pm GriefShare (Room 202)
4:30 pm Praise Ringers (206)
4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes (John Knox)
5:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting
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 Youth RFN (Q)
6:30 pm Club 56 (Club 56 Room)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 5

9:30 am CBS
9:30 am OASIS
6:00 pm Low Country Boil (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, October 8

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 Westminster Canterbury Service
11:00 am Worship
6:00 pm GTKR Connection Dinner (Eubanks')

OUR MISSION

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

October 1, 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: **Rebecca Edmiston, piano**
"Blessed Assurance/Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" arr. Lenny Seidel

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:
Gracious Lord, we humbly ask Your blessing upon this worship service, that by Your power, we may worship You in spirit and in truth, and truly honor You. May Your glory be magnified, may Your name be exalted, and may we find our greatest joy in You. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us afresh: to strengthen the faint-hearted, encourage the weak, comfort the suffering, and call us all into renewed faith and committed discipleship; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Pastor Cox**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 47 (responsively)**
Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth.
God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!
God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #4 (vs. 1-3 & 6)**
"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION: (in unison)**
Almighty and most merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed: we have not loved You with all our heart and soul and mind and strength; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves, nor one another as Christ has loved us. We confess our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and self-pity, our faithless anxiety and willful waywardness; our lack of compassion toward others; and all the sinful afflictions and impure secrets of our hearts. Have mercy upon us, O God; and forgive what we have been. In Your great goodness and love, and by the sanctifying power of Your Holy Spirit, help us to amend what we are; and, for the sake of Your glory, direct what we shall be; that we may walk in the light of life, living lives pleasing in Your sight; through Your Son, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ in Whose name we pray. Amen.

Contact Us

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***THE SILENT CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (v. 1) DIADEMATA
Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.

***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 2:16-23 (page 984)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Defectors" Dr. Weber

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 RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Men's Ensemble

"Beautiful Savior/Praise Jehovah" Louis Spohr

Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man.
Glory and honor, praise, adoration now and forevermore be Thine.
Praise, oh praise Jehovah, earth and sea and skies;
Softly let the echo of our praise arise.
Sweetest praises sing to our heavenly King.
It is good to praise Thee, Lord of earth and heav'n;
Thou for us hast suffered; Thou Thy life hast given.
Only good art Thou, gladly here we bow.

Lee Aylor, Ken Chalfant, Jeff Grubbs, Doug Haley (soloist),
Will Henderson, Eric Kistler, Mark Kuno, Paul Lin,
Jim Meredith, Norm Mintle, Drew Neiderer, Gary Shanks,
Chris Sharp, Jeff Smith, Charles Taylor, Jeffrey Westbrook

***THE COMMUNION HYMN: #420**

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session.

The Words of Invitation and Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, 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 Distribution of the Bread and Cup

The Concluding Communion Prayer

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #310**

"Rejoice, the Lord is King" DARWALL

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:** "Rigaudon" Henry Purcell

*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

1. Every Christian must live free from the authority of sin.

2. Every Christian must live free from the future of sin.

3. Every Christian must live free from the lies of sin.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: SARAH MILLER WESTON

We're so grateful for the strong mission heritage of REPC. Sarah Miller Weston is a beneficiary of that heritage as she serves with Young Life International in Hertford, England as the Ministry Staff Director. In her position, she helps train and equip the next generation of leaders to befriend unbelieving youth in the winsome and life-changing power of Jesus Christ. Pray that God would raise up young men and women who would come alongside Sarah and her team to serve these youth, many of whom have never heard the name of Jesus, much less stepped into a church. Pray also for wisdom as Sarah makes plans to start another discipleship group with some freshmen girls.

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