

# Announcements

**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** today are given by Sue Sharp to the glory of God and in honor of her husband, Chris, on his birthday.

**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 5:00 pm at the tennis court entrance and we'll play until 6:30 pm.

**636:** All high school girls are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday, October 24th. 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, October 25th, at 6:30 pm in the Quinlan Room.

**CLUB 56:**

**Club 56 RFN:** Join us at Club 56 this Wednesday, October 25th, 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!

**Reformation Party:** Our study of the Reformation will culminate in a party on Saturday, October 28th! All 5th and 6th grade students are invited and encouraged to dress up as a reformer or other historical figure. We will have Reformation-themed games and snacks and the event will take place from 2:00 - 5:00 pm in the REPC Fellowship Hall.

**RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT:** The menu for our RFN dinner on October 25th is Teriyaki Chicken. Make your reservations online at [www.rivermont.org](http://www.rivermont.org), fill out the reservation card and place it in the offering plate, email [donna@rivermont.org](mailto:donna@rivermont.org), or call the church office: 846-3441. **Reservations are mandatory and should be made by noon on Monday, October 23rd.**

**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.

**REFORMATION MOVIE NIGHT:** Come join us on Saturday, November 4th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to see the beginnings of the Reformation through the story of Martin Luther. We will watch the 2003 movie "Luther". This movie is rated PG-13, (language and violence) so use viewer discretion.

**TWENTY SOMETHINGS** will gather every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 7:00 pm in Country Gardens behind the church. We are studying a video series called *For the Life of the World*, learning how God wants to shape us and use us as a life-giving influence in the broader culture.

**SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Join members from other No Walls partner churches for a joint worship service and dinner on Sunday, November 12th at All Nations Community Church from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. David Weber will be preaching at the worship service.

**USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29:** **Head Deacon:** Blair Nelligan

**Assistant Deacon:** Treasa Plude **Morning Only:** Andy Morse

**8:30 am:** Beth Dunn, Ken Dunn, Michael Emanuel, Wistar Nelligan

**11:00 am:** Danny Boyers, Steve Cooper, Ray Ganthner, Billy Giles

**6:00 pm:** Clay Atkins, Calvin Dameron, Andy Morse, Shane Pinder

**ATTENDANCE:** Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 349; 11:00: service: 317. Total: 666. Sunday School: 409. Mission First Service: 52.

# Concerns of the Church

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Katie and Evan Harris on the birth of their twins, James Foster and Charlotte Leander, who were born on Tuesday, October 17th. Proud grandparents are Warner and Nancy Hall. Proud great-grandmother is Phyllis Workman.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Austin Griffith and Amanda Gartrell who were married on October 19th. Proud parents are Jeff and Becky Griffith.

**RECUPERATING:** Mary Ruth Mizener

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** are extended to Ruth Stinespring in the death of her brother, Henry Cook, who died October 16th in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

**IN APPRECIATION:** *Dear REPC Family, Thank you for the loving support from our pastors, visits, prayers, helpful meals, and encouraging cards during Ron's recent surgeries and recovery. We have been so blessed by the outpouring of thoughtfulness and acts of kindness through some difficult times. We remain humbled by God's great mercies and thankful for this very faithful and caring congregation.*  
Ron & Bonnie Adams

*Dear REPC Family, I wish to thank my church family for all the prayers, visits, cards and expressions of love during my recent illness. I am truly overwhelmed and appreciate all of you so much. God bless you all.*  
Pat Hylton

# Calendar

**Sunday, October 22**

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  
4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center)  
5:00 pm Youth Ultimate Frisbee (Peaks View Park)

**Monday, October 23**

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

**Tuesday, October 24**

6:30 am Dawn Patrol  
6:36 am HS Girls 636 (Panera on Old Forest Road)  
9:00 am Preschool  
6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday, October 25**

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

**Wednesday, October 25 (continued)**

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  
7:45 pm Brass Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 26**

9:30 am CBS  
9:30 am OASIS

**Saturday, October 28**

2:00 pm Club 56 Reformation Party

**Sunday, October 29: Reformation Sunday**

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  
4:00 pm Pastors' Reception (Fellowship Hall)  
4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center)  
6:00 pm Ordination Service

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**OFFICE:** Monday - Friday 8:30 AM-5:00 PM  
Saturday 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

**MINISTRY STAFF**

David Weber | SENIOR PASTOR  
Ron Cox | EXECUTIVE PASTOR  
Brett Eubank | PASTOR OF COMMUNITY & OUTREACH  
Mike Palombo | DIRECTOR OF RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP  
Peggy Bettcher | DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY  
Shane Whelan | DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES  
Josh Dempsey | DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES  
Ann Knight | DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES  
Matt Bradner | REGIONAL DIRECTOR, CAMPUS OUTREACH  
Alisha Meador | CARE COORDINATOR



**OUR MISSION**

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

October 22, 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:**

**Praise Ringers**

**"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"**

arr. Matthew Compton

I sing th' almighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

**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 fainthearted, 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:**

**Shane Whelan**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 116 (responsively)**

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,*

**Whose sin is covered.**

*Many are the sorrows of the wicked,*

**But steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.**

*Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,*

**And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #115**

**"All Creatures of Our God and King"**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION: Psalm 32:2 (responsively)**

*Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,*

**And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

**THE SILENT CONFESSION**

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

*"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners! (vs 5)*

HYFRYDOL

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.

#### (11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mike and Abi Lovell present their son Patrick Thomas Lovell

#### \*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 3:1-11 (page 984)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Union With Christ (Future)"

Dr. Weber

### THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from Colossians 1:15-20 (in unison)

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

#### \*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:

*"Glory to God Forever"*

New Song

Fee, Beeching, arr. Curry

Before the world was made, before You spoke it to be,  
You were the King of Kings, yes, You were, yes, You were.  
And now, You're reigning still, enthroned above all things.  
Angels and saints cry out; we join them as we sing!  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!  
Creator, God, You gave me breath so I could praise  
Your great and matchless name all my days, all my days!  
So let my whole life be a blazing offering,  
A life that shouts and sings the greatness of our King!  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!  
Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Your own, it shall be Your royal throne,  
It shall be Your royal throne.  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!

Julia Sansone - Accompanist

#### \*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):

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: #546

*"The Sands of Time Are Sinking"*

RUTHERFORD

#### \*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

#### \*POSTLUDE:

*"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

arr. John Carter

\*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. We must orient our lives toward Christ's appearing.

2. We must orient our lives toward our appearing.

3. Results of our new orientation.

#### **PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: ERIC VESS'S MISSION TRIP TO NEPAL**

REPC member Eric Vess, who serves Advancing Native Mission as Vice President for Reaching the Remaining Unreached, travels extensively to teach and encourage national pastors around the world, especially in places where the church still struggles as a persecuted, suppressed minority. Pray for Eric as he travels to Nepal from October 26th - November 7th to visit ANM ministry sites as well as preach in a variety of contexts. Pray for ministry fruitfulness, travel mercies, and good health during his trip.

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