

Announcements

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Ingrid Marshall to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stan Marshall.

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.

NO WALLS CHRISTMAS MISSION OPPORTUNITY: Please stop by the Christmas Tree in the Cheatham Center to see how you can help a needy family this Christmas!

NAMES OF JESUS ADVENT CHAIN: The Children’s Council has prepared materials for an Advent Chain for children two years old through fourth grade. Packets will be handed out in Sunday School classes on Sundays, November 18 and 25. There is a link with the name for Jesus and a Scripture verse for each day leading up to Christmas starting on December 1. We pray this Advent Chain will be a blessing as we are reminded of the beautiful names of our Savior! Please see Ann Knight if your child does not get a packet by November 25.

YOUTH NEWS:
SNL: Tonight from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, all 6th to 8th grade students are invited to the Youth Center for game night!

636: All high school boys and girls are invited to a joint fellowship this Tuesday! Students will meet with Shane and Ciera at Bojangles on Old Forest Road at 6:36 am.

CHRISMON DINNER AND WORSHIP SERVICE: Our annual Lighting of the Chrismon Tree is on Wednesday, November 28. We will meet first for a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45 to 6:30 pm. The church will provide ham and rolls; members are asked to bring the following: those whose last name begins with **A-M should bring a side dish** while those whose last name begins with **N-Z should bring a dessert**. Please bring enough for your family then some to share. At 6:35 pm, we will gather in the Cheatham Center for the service, which will include special music, an explanation of the ornaments, congregational singing, a brief devotional, and the illumination of the Chrismon Tree. What a wonderful opportunity for the family of God to celebrate the first advent of our Lord Jesus Christ during this season. Friends and neighbors are always welcome.

CLUB 56 FNL is Friday, November 30 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. All 5th and 6th grade students are invited out for games and fellowship!

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 297; 11:00 service: 373; Total: 670.
 Sunday School: 385.

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25: **Head Deacon:** Mark Smith
Assistant Deacon: Ron Adams **Morning Only:** Susan Pettyjohn
8:30 am: Marina Guenther, Warner Hall, Jay Hutt, Keith Mascher
11:00 am: Danny Boyers, Steve McCann, Charlie Mitchell, Jim Petrey

Concerns of the Church

RECUPERATING: Linda Paulson, Erle Thompson

CONGRATULATIONS to Darin and Kelly Nelson on the adoption of their son, Chaz Tucker Nelson. Megan and Leighton are the proud big sisters.

Calendar

Sunday, November 18
 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship with Baptism
 9:45 am Sunday School
 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
 11:00 am Worship with Baptism
 6:00 pm Mission Service (Chapel)
 6:00 pm 6th-8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

Monday, November 19
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)
 4:30 pm Preschool Council Meeting (204)
 5:30 pm Personnel Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 20
 DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol
 6:36 am Girls' and Boys' 636 (Bojangles)
 9:00 am Preschool

Tuesday, November 20 (continued)
 6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)
 7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
 7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

Wednesday, November 21
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 22 *Thanksgiving Day*
 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 10:00 am Thanksgiving Service

Friday, November 23
 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, November 25
 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship Service
 9:45 am Sunday School
 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
 11:00 am Worship Service
 6:00 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Haley Home)

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OUR MISSION

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

November 18, 2018 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Order Of Worship

The prelude is a time for the body of Christ to prepare spiritually 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: **"Majesty"** arr. Joel Raney
 Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
 Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.
 So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
 Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship His majesty,
 Jesus, Who died, now glorified, King of all kings.
 I worship You, Almighty God; there is none like You.
 I worship You, O Prince of Peace; that is what I want to do.
 I give You praise for You are my righteousness.
 I worship You, Almighty God; there is none like You.
 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
 Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
 Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; how great Thou art!

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:
 Our Father in heaven, Who sent Your only-begotten Son into the world, not to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved: we pray that You would be pleased to pour out Your Spirit upon us; that, with true repentance of our sins, we might take up our cross, deny ourselves, and faithfully follow Jesus Christ; in Whom alone we trust for our salvation, and in Whose holy name we pray. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Pastor Shane Whelan**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Hebrews 10:14; 12:28-29 (responsively)**
By a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.
Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE:** (See Insert)
"Surely God Is in This Place" Orientis Partibus

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** Joel 2:12-13

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**
"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" (vs. 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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Pastor Ron Cox
(8:30) Darin and Kelly Nelson present their son Chaz Tucker for baptism.
(11:00) Curt and Susan Hamilton present their daughter Ada Evelyn for baptism.

***THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."
(Romans 15:7)

THE SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES: The Chapel Choir
"This Is the Day" Cindy Berry
Lori Flower – Director; Rebecca Edmiston – Accompanist

THE INTERLUDE:
Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church.
8:30 and 11:00: Children meet in the ORANGE room, #115.

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Philippians 2:12-13 (page 981)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Motivation to Endure" Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR THE 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:** "Psalm 117"
(Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King)
From all that dwell below the skies, O let Jehovah's praise arise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And let His glorious name be sung, in every land, by ev'ry tongue!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Great are the mercies of the Lord, and truth eternal is His word!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye nations, sound from shore to shore, Jehovah's praise for evermore!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 Sanctuary Choir
"Tune My Heart to Sing God's Praise!" Lloyd Larson

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it, name of God's redeeming love.
Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.
Tune my heart to sing God's praise!
O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I know I'm prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.
Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace,
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise!
Tune my heart to sing God's praise!

***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: #705**
"I Know Whom I Have Believed" EL NATHAN

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):**
"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

***POSTLUDE:** "Grand Chorus in D Major"
(In the Style of Handel) Alexandre Guilmant

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

1. The Fear of God (v. 12)

2. The Will of God (v. 13a)

3. The Work of God (v. 13b)

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Oong and Elena Lee
Oong and Elena Lee are our Serge missionaries serving in New City Church in London. New City consists of 22 members who come from 14 countries, including rich and poor, British citizens, those with European passports, and immigrants from afar. Their diversity is expressed in various languages, songs, cuisines, and cultural values. Let's thank God for His grace in drawing people to Himself, and ask Him to add to their numbers more from the younger generation: children, students, young adults, and young professionals.

Prayer Usher Ministry - Prayer Ushers are available after each 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.