

Riverlawn Presbyterian Church
Expressing Our Love to God in Worship
April 28, 2024 — 10:30 am Service
5th Sunday of Easter

Chris Kilbert, Pastor
Pam Johnson, Choir Director/Organist
Pat Croghan, Liturgist

Joining in Worship

Prelude *Across the Lands* Getty/Townend

***Singing Praise** *O How He Loves You and Me* #399

***Confessing Our Sins**

***Receiving Forgiveness**

God's Gift of Song *Perfect Love* Hill

Learning With Our Children—Sharon Herndon

*Elementary age children are dismissed to **Junior Church (grades 1–5)**
Nurseries are also provided for infants and children ages 2 to 5.*

Hearing God's Word *"I Ain't Dead Yet!" – Fighting the Fears of Growing Old*
Romans 8:31-32

Giving Back to God
Offertory *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Rogers
***Doxology**

Expressing Our Hearts in Prayer

***Singing Praise** *Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated* #597
(vs. 1, 5 & 6)

***Receiving God's Blessing**

Postlude *Sicilian Hymn with Variation* Carr

*(We ask that you **please remain in your pews** until our acolytes have extinguished the candles and the Postlude has ended. Thank you.)*

***Congregation please stand if able.**

We ask that you please turn off your cell phones/mobile devices for the duration of the worship service. This will greatly reduce the likelihood of losing the broadcast for those worshipping with us virtually. Thank you for your part in helping us provide every opportunity for our church family and beyond to worship the Lord together.

GUESTS

We are glad that you could worship with us today! We hope you will join us again! Your children are important to us. Childcare is provided during the service.

FELLOWSHIP

Please join us in the gym for refreshments and fellowship after the service today. Thank you to Pam Johnson for providing the refreshments.

***Sunday School for children (ages Pre-K–5th grade), youth (6th grade–12th grade) and adults begins at 9:30 a.m.** (The adult class meets in the meeting room of the church office). Pat Croghan will be leading the class.

***Wednesday Family Night-** beginning with dinner at 5:30. Dinner will be roast beef, scalloped potatoes, corn, salad, dessert (thank you, Jim). After dinner at 6:15 there will be activities for children and youth, and a time for fellowship for the adults.

Pastor Chris's bible study, *The Book of Romans small group will meet this Wednesday, May 1 at 6:15 in the Cottage.

***Choir—Thursday at 7pm.**

Next date for collection of items for the **Colombia Mission Trip Fundraiser/ Yard Sale* is this Saturday, May 4 at the church—10:00am—noon.

***Riverlawn and First Presbyterian St. Albans collaborate in a hospitality ministry at West Virginia State University.** We will be preparing 150 "Survival Kits" for students to be distributed during finals week. We need volunteers to help bag the goodies tomorrow, Monday April 29 at 10:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian, and volunteers to help hand out the bags this Wednesday, May 1 at WVSU. This is an opportunity for you to step outside our congregation to share God's love with others. To volunteer a little time for this ministry, please see Jamie Albert or text or call him at 681-340-1128.

Riverlawn Presbyterian Church strives to:

Purge ourselves of pride by focusing on glorifying God
Teach the truth through fellowship & discipleship
Demonstrate a life of love through service to others
Share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those in need

Purge Pride, Teach Truth, Live Love
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\*Please consider helping us celebrate **“May for Missy Month.”** During the month of May all loose offerings, aside from Cents-Ability Sunday, will be designated to help in the recovery of our amazing Missy Snead. As Barb Marcum has shared with us, Missy is making great strides towards her recovery. Barb has also expressed the financial difficulties of Missy’s continuing care. As her church family, we would like to reach out to Missy and her family in love and support!! Please consider donating during May, either by mailing a check or placing your gift in the offering plates on Sunday.

**JUNIOR CHURCH**

Today—Beckie Croghan

**TODDLER NURSERY**

Sharon Herndon

*Volunteers are needed to help out in the nursery during the church services.*

**BUILDING SECURITY**

Week of April 29—Joe Lothes

**AFTER-CHURCH LOCK-UP**

April—Mary Reppert

May—Mary Reppert

**VISITATION TEAMS**

Week of April 28—(Linda Monday (304-541-4927)/Parry Johnson (304-9206-4745)

Week of May 5—Pastor Chris (304-539-1514)

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Ashley Brown-McCoy (Rhonda Brown); Renee (Pastor Chris’s niece); Lynn Priddy (Susan Bryan); David Poe (Wanda Smith); Brian Barton (Susan Bryan); Caroline Dodrill; Buddy O’Dell; Ernie Powell; John Mangus (Jennie Jividen); Travis Keller (Ray Keller); Abby Goff (Wanda Smith); Pam Mullins; Arlis Miller (Joe Lothes); Ted Mullins (Susan Bryan); Lori Goodwin (Brenda Petry); Linda Dunlap (Beckie Croghan); Betty McAdam; Sherry Ellis; Elizabeth Thompson (Bill Bryan); Laura Cottrill; Andre Felipe (Open Arms Foundation); Kathy Barnes; Elbert Taylor; Missy Sneed; Hannah Bowman; Beverly Day (Wanda Smith); Dave Ryan; JB Recknagel; Janet Young; Mick Hughes (Caroline Dodrill); and for the Global Church that we may embody the gospel to all.

Prayer list for churches of WV Presbytery and our Nyeri partnership church of the week of **April 28**—Church: Thageini; Parish: Gura; Clear Creek Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Logan.

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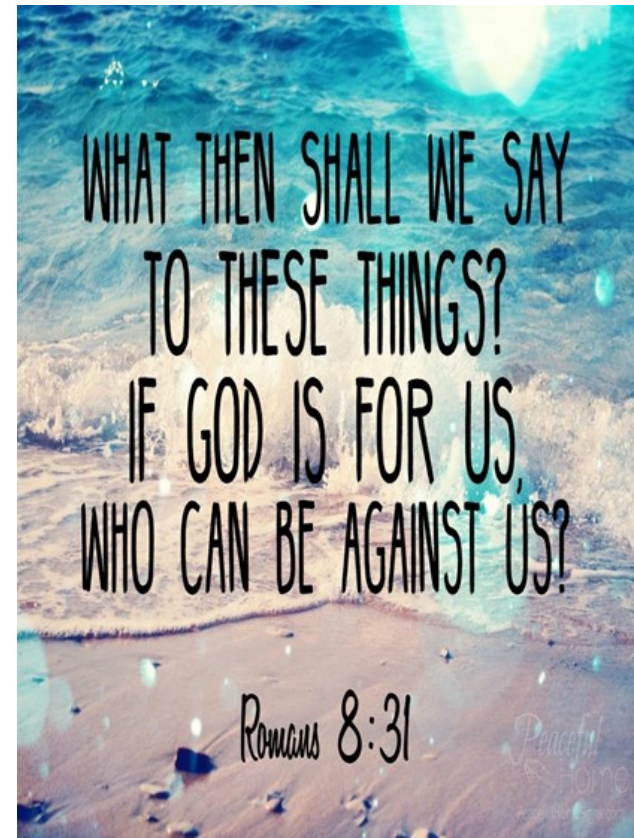
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The prelude this morning, *Across the Lands*, was co-written by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend in 2005. Keith, a Northern Irish hymn writer and performer and Stuart, worship leader from West Yorkshire, England have collaborated on several modern hymns including *In Christ Alone* & *Speak, O Lord*.

*Across the Lands*

*From before the world began. Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet Has been fashioned by Your hand. All creation holds together By the power of Your voice. Let the skies declare Your glory; Let the land and seas rejoice!*

*Refrain: You're the Author of creation; You're the Lord of ev'ry man; And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

*Yet You left the gaze of angels, Came to seek and save the lost, And exchanged the joy of heaven For the anguish of a cross. With a prayer You fed the hungry; With a word You calmed the sea; Yet how silently You suffered That the guilty may go free!*

*With a shout You rose victorious, Wresting vict'ry from the grave, And ascended into heaven, Leading captives in Your way. Now You stand before the Father, Interceding for Your own; From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home!*