

Riverlawn Presbyterian Church
Expressing Our Love to God in Worship
September 17, 2023 — 10:30 am Service
National Back to Church Sunday

Chris Kilbert, Pastor
Pam Johnson, Choir Director/Organist
Anita Stonestreet, Pianist
Sherry Marcum, Liturgist

Joining in Worship

Prelude *Victory in Jesus* arr. Sikes

***Singing Praise** *Baptized in Water* #465

***Confessing Our Sins**

***Receiving Forgiveness**

God's Gift of Song *If You Love Me* Raney

Learning With Our Children

*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 Acts 22:4-16
"Why Wait for the Water?"

Giving Back to God
Offertory *Take My Life* arr. Parker
***Doxology**

Expressing Our Hearts in Prayer
Lord's Prayer

***Singing Praise** *Amazing Grace* #343

Receiving God's Blessing

Postlude *Majesty* Hayford/Carter

*(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

*This morning we celebrate **Gavin Albert** and **Keaton Shamblin** on their baptisms and as they become members of our church family. Immediately following the sanctuary part of the service we will transition to the home of Jamie and Mimi Albert, 107 Cobblestone Lane in St. Albans (follow Shadyside Road up the hill before Armstrong Tunnel, travel approximately 2 miles, and turn left into A Stones Throw subdivision onto Sandstone Drive. Follow Sandstone to where it will end right at the Alberts, directly across the street) where Gavin and Keaton will be baptized in the Coal River. There will be refreshments provided by Linda Spradling, Caroline Dodrill and the Alberts, and fellowship after the baptisms.

***Sunday School for both children and adults is offered at 9:30 a.m.** (The adult class meets in the meeting room of the church office.)

***Grasping God's Word bible study** will begin tonight at **6:00 PM**. The focus of the study is on Bible translations and digging into the process of Bible interpretation. Each session should last about an hour/hour and a half, and the study will run eight weeks. It is geared for all believers, no matter your level of study, and materials will be provided, so there's nothing to purchase! If you have any questions, please contact Jason Barnes (jasonbarnes@yahoo.com) or 304-205-3315).

***Family Night**—this Wednesday with dinner at 5:30. On the menu is goulash, salad, garlic bread and dessert. After dinner there will be activities for children and youth. At 6:15, Pastor Chris leads a bible study (the Book of Romans) in the Cottage.

*Choir rehearsal on Thursday at 7:00 pm.

***Updated Session Meeting**—Sunday, September 24 at 2:00 pm via Zoom

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

LEARNING WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sharon Herndon

JUNIOR CHURCH

Today—Beckie Croghan
Next Sunday—Susan Bryan

TODDLER NURSERY

Sharon Herndon

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

BUILDING SECURITY CHECK

Week of September 17—Brenda Petry/Rosie Rhodes
Week of September 24—Butch and Sharon Herndon

AFTER-CHURCH LOCK-UP

September—Mimi Albert

VISITATION TEAMS

Week of September 17—Mimi Albert (304-546-6547)/Jamie Albert (681-340-1128)
Week of September 24—Paul Mullins (304-741-5914)/Pam Mullins (304-932-8463)

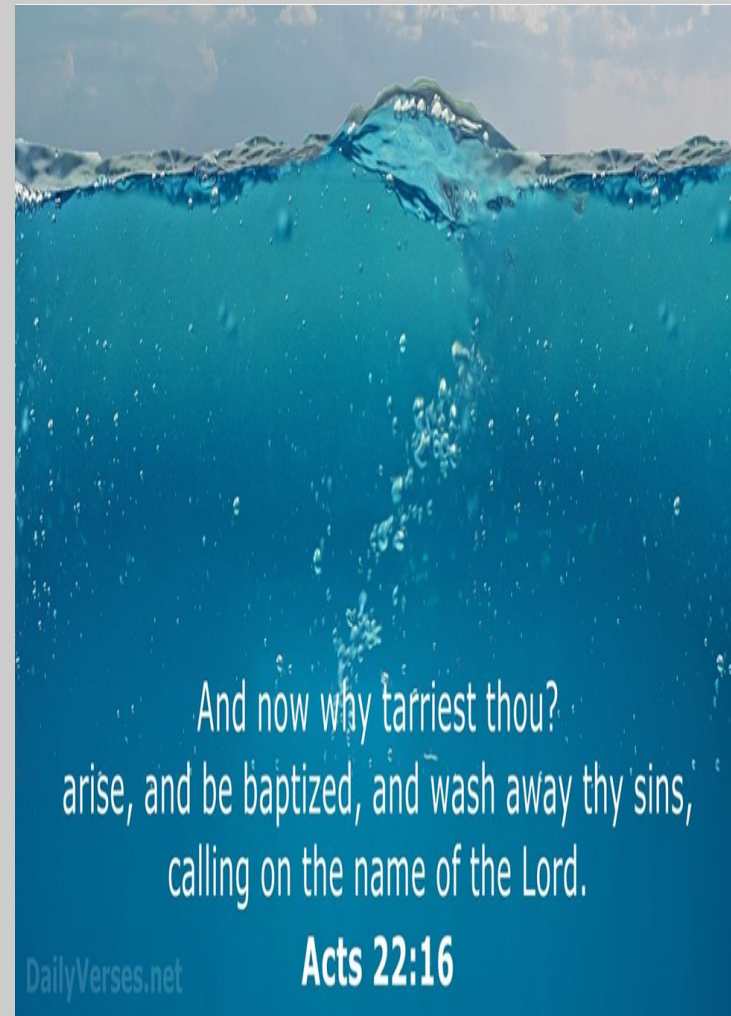
PRAYER CONCERNS

Chasity Thompson, George Scragg, Melissa Farmer, Joe and Wayne (Jamie Albert); Milo Cummings (Rick Adkins); Elbert Taylor; Heather Skeen; Wes Harless (The Alberts); Aunt Edye and Danny Daetwyler (Jane Lothes); Jim Recknagel; Trevor (Sherry Marcum); Missy Sneed; Trish (Joe Lothes' sister); Wanda (Linda Wilson's sister); Hannah Bowman; Judith Stancik (Susan Bryan); Linda Means; Betty McAdam; Beverly Day (Wanda Smith); Dave Ryan; Roger McBride (Linda Wilson); 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 **September 17**— .Church: Gathuthi; Parsh: Thegenge; Kanawha United Presbyterian Church, Charleston; Smithers Presbyterian Church; St. Marys Presbyterian Church.

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10:30 am Worship Service



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