



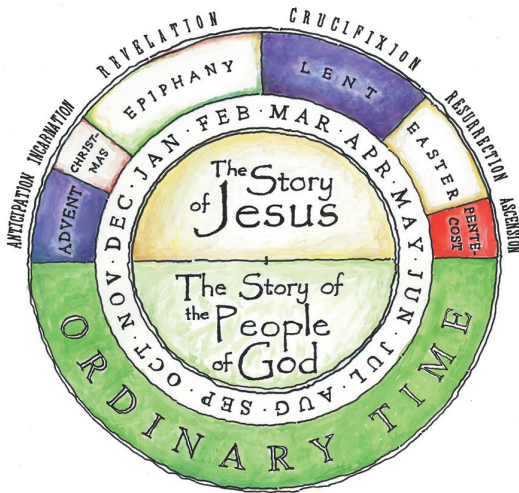
STEWARDING OUR VOCATIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019

“Vocational stewardship is the intentional and strategic deployment of our vocational power — knowledge, platform, networks, position, influence, skills and reputation — to advance foretastes of God’s Kingdom.”

AMY SHERMAN

SANCTUARY DECORATIONS



As followers of Jesus, we “tell time differently” with a calendar shaped by the story of God’s works of salvation and renewal. Not only do we mark the seasons of the Christian year through the readings and music in our worship service, we also use colors and textures to enrich our space and experience of worship.

We are in the six-month period of Ordinary Time when we remember the story of God’s people as told throughout the Old and New Testaments. In Ordinary Time we are reminded that we are part of a great community of believers throughout time and history that has been called together to bear witness to God’s promises and presence in the world, finally fulfilled in Jesus and his kingdom. The color of this season is green, representing the way God is at work sustaining even the small, ordinary rhythms we experience year by year in his creation, and the way God is calling and empowering his Church to join in the work of renewing all things.

GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

"God of Grace"
(Paul Manz)

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

From Psalm 19:14

Leader: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.

People: **Amen.**

Silent Preparation for Worship

Let's quiet our hearts in preparation for worship.

† Call to Worship

From Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

People: **Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

Leader: Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
for as many years as we have seen trouble.
May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.

People: **May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands.**

Prayer of Adoration

† *The cross indicates standing, as you are able.*

GATHERING

† Song of Praise

“The Earth Shall Know”

Words below

Let us come on one accord to lift up praises to our King.
There is splendor and power all around him.
And we will gather all together, every nation, tribe, creed and color.
Let the body come alive and our Creator be glorified.

*And the earth shall know God's name,
And the earth will sing God's praise.
All of the earth shall see the grace
Of our God, of our God!*

Let us come on one accord to see each other and our needs.
When we gather, there is power all around us;
Power to live right, power to be light.
Over our cities and neighbors we speak life.
Spirit, give us eyes to see your perfect will for humanity.

*Heal the land, meet the need, set the captives free.
Heal the land, meet the need, set the captives free.*

† Song of Praise

“This Is My Father's World”

#21 in the Hymnal

CONFESSING

Prayer of Confession

Everyone: Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

From Romans 8:1

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sacrament of Baptism

10:00 a.m. Ann Bradley Brown (Grove Parish)
Anne Amory Tuite (Grove Parish)

11:15 a.m. Rowan Thomas Reynolds (City South Parish)

*The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you.
And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace forever.*

† Greeting of Peace

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, offer to one another a sign of peace: a handshake, a hug, or even just a smile. You could say something simple like "Peace be with you," or just simply, "Peace."

THANKSGIVING

Our Offerings

From 1 Chronicles 29:14

Leader: Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?

**People: For all things come from you
and what we now offer is already yours.**

Please pray for our mission partner The Word Is Out ministry, led by former Third Pastor Alan Meenan, which seeks to equip leaders of the global church to be skilled interpreters and teachers of the Bible, focused in Africa, India, and Southeast Asia.

Offertory

“Your Labor Is Not in Vain”

Words below

Your labor is not in vain, though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained.

Your planting and reaping are never the same, but your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown, though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.

The place of your toil may not seem like a home, but your labor is not unknown.

I am with you, I am with you.

I am with you, I am with you.

For I have called you, called you by name.

Your labor is not in vain.

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit. The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,

For all that is old will at last be made new: the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

The houses you labored to build will finally with laughter and joy be filled.

The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed, and all that is broken be healed.

† Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

PROCLAIMING

God speaks to us through his word.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:26–27; 2:8–9, 15–20

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

⁸ Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹ The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.
¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;
¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

¹⁸ The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

¹⁹ Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING

Song of Response
(8:45 service)

“We Will Share Your Love, O Lord!”
(Besig/Price)

Choir

Lord, we gather in this place, called to share your love and grace.
Be our guide in all we do. Teach us how to serve and follow you.

Help us be your hands in a world that needs compassion.
Help us feed the hungry and comfort those in need.
As we seek to calm their fear and show that you are near,
Help us be your hands, O Lord.

Help us be your church in a world that needs salvation.
Help us be disciples and walk within your light.
As we follow where you lead and share what we believe,
Help us be your church, O Lord.

We will celebrate your glory and tell the world your story.
We will trust in you and never turn away.
As a faithful congregation, we serve with dedication.
We will share your love every day!

We will share your love, O Lord, every day!

RESPONDING

Joining of new student Covenant Partners (11:15 service only)

Lulu Adams, Camille Boyd, Virginia Broughton, Matthew Getter, William Hall, Annabelle Keys, Carly Laurence, Jackson Moret, Camille Murchie, Wil Steadman, and Peyton Via.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Father, you are always working and you call us into your work. Empower us to be wise stewards of whatever measure of skills, abilities, power, influence and platform you have given each of us, that we might love our neighbors through our work and help build a city that points to that enduring city to come. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, on this Orphan Sunday, we cry out to you on behalf of children without homes living in foster care, orphanages, and refugee camps. In your mercy, send your Spirit of comfort, protection, and love. In your mercy, heal the brokenness that separates families, and reunite them in love. In your mercy, raise up individuals and families to open their hearts and homes to these children, even among us in this church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, on this Veterans Day weekend we express our gratitude for those who have sacrificially served our nation, and we pray that you would guard and keep our nation's veterans. We especially pray for those veterans and their families who suffer from physical, emotional and psychological pain. Heal their wounds, comfort their hearts, grant them peace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Gathering our prayers into one, let us boldly pray as our Savior has taught us:

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 for ever. Amen.

Prayer Needs

For health: Laurie Marsden, Lynn Pendleton, Danny Yacher, Joe Keller, Eileen Raynor, Pam Smith, Mary Ann Hancock, Frances Eichost, Brad Bishop, Noel and Stephanie Brooks, David Hacker, Julie Walden, Christie Geraty, Milton Jones

For comfort for those who have lost loved ones: Lynne Hildebrand (brother, 10/27); Russ Corson, Laura Blacano (wife and grandmother, Wilma, 10/21); Cindy Cave (mother, 10/19); Arthur McCray (father, 10/11); Christine Darby (brother, 10/10); Dean and Peggy Dennis, Carrie Henaghan (grandson, nephew, 9/28); Gay Plack (9/17); Stan Button (9/12)

For Metro Richmond: We pray for persons in financial need in metropolitan Richmond: for the homeless and the hungry, for the provision of safe, affordable housing and low cost nutritious food, for the personal safety, dignity, and well-being of those who are unable to work.

November 10 is Orphan Sunday

The following prayer was written by Mike Murchie:

Loving Father and Defender of children without homes living in foster care, orphanages, and refugee camps: In your mercy, send your Spirit of comfort, protection, and love. In your mercy, heal the brokenness that separates families, and reunite them in love. In your mercy, reverse the effects of trauma and imprint hearts with new stories of redemption.

Forgive your church for too often forgetting these vulnerable children, assuming that government or non-profit services can meet their needs. In your mercy, raise up families and individuals from Third Church to open their hearts and homes for these beloved children. In your mercy, show us what sacrifices are needed and what fears must be overcome to become available for your calling. In your mercy, captivate our hearts and build community at Third that supports those answering the call.

Lord Jesus, in love you have not left us as orphans but have come to us and given us a new identity and inheritance. Help us to not be mere benefactors of this love; help us to take action that extends it to the most vulnerable in our midst.

SENDING

† **Song of Commission** “All Who Love and Serve Your City” Words below

All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress,
All who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless:
In your day of loss and sorrow, in your day of helpless strife,
Honor, peace, and love retreating, seek the Lord, who is your life.

In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play,
Call to mind the word of Jesus: “I must work while it is day.”
For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still,
Drawing near a world that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary’s hill.

Risen Lord! Shall yet the city be the city of despair?
Come today, our Judge, our Glory; be its name “The Lord is there!”
Make us worthy, humble servants to those living in despair.
Give them, through our hands, provision, divine love, joy, peace and care.

† **Commission and Benediction** From 1 Corinthians 15:56–57

Leader: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you.

**Everyone: Let us always give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord,
 because we know that our labor in the Lord is not in vain.**

Postlude “Tuba Tune in D Major” Jeff Hummel
(11:15 service only) (C. S. Lang)

SERVICE NOTES

Today's flowers are given by Ann and Ron Klipp in memory of Ann's father, Bill West, whose birthday was on November 14, and in honor of all the veterans for their service.

Today we celebrate the birth of Cassie Ann Cunigan, born on August 31 to Jackie and Chris Cunigan and grandparents Jack and Sandy Martin.

Today at the 10:00 a.m. service we celebrate the baptism of Ann Bradley Brown, daughter of Scottie and David Brown. Relatives present today are Dr. and Mrs. Rennie Howard and Wendy and Lee Brown. Elders representing the Session by holding the font are Val and Fritz Kling. Prayer sponsors are Bob and Karen Tatti.

Today at the 10:00 a.m. service we celebrate the baptism of Anne Amory Tuite, daughter of Ashley and Tyler Tuite. Relatives present today are Robin and Tom Tuite. Elders representing the Session by holding the font are Val and Fritz Kling. Prayer sponsor is Janet Andrews.

Today at the 11:15 a.m. service we celebrate the baptism of Rowan Thomas Reynolds, son of Caitlin and Keith Reynolds. Relatives present today are Charla and Thomas Reynolds and Deborah and Bob Roberts. Elder representing the Session by holding the font is William Roberts. Prayer sponsor is Beth Sprinkle.

A note about the flags in worship: The symbols of our worship are important, and for that reason we ordinarily display only three symbols that demonstrate our identity as those belonging to Jesus Christ: the cross, the baptismal font, and the communion table. However, three times a year (Memorial Day weekend, Independence Day, and Veterans Day weekend), we also display the American flag in our services as a symbol of our earthly citizenship, and a reminder to pray for our country and those who serve it (Jeremiah 29:7, 1 Timothy 2:1-2). This Veterans Day weekend, the flag honors those who have served and currently serve our country, expresses our gratitude for their sacrificial service for the common good, and reminds us to pray for our veterans, many of whom face obstacles in everyday life.

NEWS & EVENTS

Congregational Meeting – Next Sunday, November 17, 12:30 p.m., Sanctuary

On November 17, we'll be electing our new class of incoming officers (deacons, shepherding and governing elders, trustees) at our congregational meeting. We'll also be sharing an update about our upcoming capital campaign. The meeting will start promptly after the 11:15 a.m. service ends.

CAC and Third Potluck – Saturday, November 23, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

1701 Cardwell Road, Crozier

Join us for this potluck, a chance to eat with our brothers and sisters from the Christian Arabic Church and deepen our relationships together. The CAC is excited to host us as they have been hard at work on many improvements including a Prayer Trail, soccer field and volleyball court. Please bring a favorite dish to share. We'll have a bonfire, s'mores and activities for kids!

Today! Forgotten No More: Collecting Donations for the Christmas Store for Foster Children – Sunday, November 10, Commons Area

Today is Stand Sunday, a day when churches across the nation commit to standing up for children in foster care. We are collecting donations for our Christmas store for local children in foster care. These children will then have an opportunity to "shop" for gifts at an open house on December 7 at Third. Learn more or drop donations of new gifts at our table by the Fellowship Hall this morning. Questions? Contact forgottenmore@thirdrva.org.

NEWS & EVENTS

College and Adult Mexico Mission Trip – June 28 – July 4, 2020

After years of what has been solely a Student Ministry mission trip, we plan to have a second team comprised of college students and adults. These two teams will be at base camp together, eat together, and worship together but have separate working teams, with the goal to build at least two houses for families in need. Apply by November 17 at thirdrva.org/events.

Meet Our Mission Partners: The Donleys Sunday, November 17, 12:30 p.m., Room 101

Come to this (free!) lunch to hear an update on Gregg and Kathryn Donley's ministry with WEC International. Gregg spends much of his time overseas evangelizing the lost, discipling young Christians and pastors, and working to coordinate efforts for greater effectiveness and fruitfulness among unreached displaced peoples. Come learn about this ministry and get to know the Donleys! No RSVP needed.

Important Information for Donating Stocks to Third!

If you would like to donate stocks to Third, please direct to: TD AMERITRADE: Third's Account #427-607640. Agent: David A. Hamilton, Broker/DTC: #0188, 804-893-5601 or email David.Hamilton@tdameritrade.com. Upon finishing your contribution, you must contact Lynley Steadman (lynleys@thirdrva.org) to let her know when the trade is complete. Our broker can no longer credit donors for their donations.

FAMILY & STUDENT MINISTRY

During 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. services: Childcare is available for all children aged Kindergarten and younger. First grade and above attend worship with their parents.

Infants, toddlers, 2 year olds	First Floor
Young 3s–Kindergarten	Second Floor

During the 10:00 service: Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents or Sunday school:

Infants, toddlers, 2 year olds	First Floor
Young 3s–4th Grade	Second Floor
5th–6th Grade (Club56)	Basement
Middle and High School	Student Ministry Area (First Floor)

Need help? Look for volunteers wearing gold or blue name badges. They can help answer your questions, find where to take your kids, and guide you around our building.

Student Ministry: Sunday Night Gatherings

Students in 7th–12th grade are welcome to join us on Sunday evenings in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00–8:30 p.m. Contact Rick (rickh@thirdrva.org) or Andrea (andreaw@thirdrva.org) with any questions.

THIS WEEK AT THIRD

- 12** Tuesday **Women's Weekly Morning Study**
9:30 a.m., Room 213 (joyce.koontz@gmail.com)
- 13** Wednesday **Freedom Road Recovery Community**
6:30 p.m., Conference Room, 500 Forest Ave (merryoh@gmail.com)
- 15** Friday **Europe Prayer and Care Group**
8:30 a.m., Carolyn Oakley's home (cdoakley1@gmail.com)

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Our new season of adult Sunday school classes has started! If you've never checked out our Sunday morning classes, it's the perfect time to start. All classes meet at 10:00 a.m. For full class descriptions, visit: thirdrva.org/sunday-discipleship.

Delta: Young Adult Community and Conversation

Room 217

Are you in your 20–30s or college age and looking for a place to connect with others and grow at Third? Join us for coffee, conversation and teaching on how to connect faith to daily life, work, relationships and culture.

Good News Class

Room 101

Expository Bible teaching of the Gospel of Mark in the tradition of inductive Bible study. Our teachers ask the three classic questions of each text: (i) what does it say; (ii) what did it mean to them (the original audience); and (iii) what does it mean to us? This class is centered on understanding and applying God's word for his glory and our growth as his people.

Study of Acts

Room 213

The Reveal Class will continue our study of the book of Acts, exploring through UP, IN and OUT observations the missionary themes that Luke narrates. The mission of God's people always involves our theology, our community, and our outreach.

Metamorphosis Class

Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

We are a diverse community seeking God's healing and wholeness for the brokenness in our lives and families through safe, authentic Christian relationships. This fall, we'll read *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr. We'll examine how our brokenness can be the springboard for spiritual growth, no matter what half of life we are in.

Questions about our Sunday school classes? Contact Derek Mondeau at derekm@thirdrva.org.

2019 BUDGET UPDATE

2019 Total Annual Budget
\$4,003,155

October YTD Giving Budget
\$2,854,250

October YTD Giving Actual
\$2,693,285

(difference: \$160,965)



As we begin to close out 2019 and prepare our budget for 2020, we want to share with our church family how the Lord is providing for our finances this year. We are grateful for his provision thus far, and look to him in the weeks to come.

Year-to-date giving through October was \$2,693,285, which is approximately \$160,965, or 5.6% short of budgeted expectations. It is worth noting that our annual giving budget remains heavily dependent on November and December giving as, historically, close to 30% of our annual giving occurs during these two months. We faithfully rest in God's grace and provision, and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to stir our hearts with overflowing and joyful generosity to meet the commitments to which God has called us.

We give praise for God's faithfulness and generosity and invite you to pray that our financial gifts will empower Third's ministry and mission at Forest Avenue, in Richmond and around the world. Your gifts have Kingdom impact.

WELCOME!

¡Bienvenido! 欢迎! مرحباً Добро пожаловать!

We're so glad you're here.

1. LEARN ABOUT THIRD

Visit our website (thirdrva.org), sign up for our ministry emails (thirdrva.org/signup), and pick up a copy of Third Press, our monthly newsletter, from around the church.

2. JOIN US FOR COFFEE

Join us for our Welcome Coffee next Sunday, November 17, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. You'll meet a few people and learn about Third's vision and beliefs, and how you can get involved.

3. FIND COMMUNITY

Our parish groups provide the opportunity for each person at Third to grow in our relationship with God, build authentic community, love our actual neighbors and bless our city. Find a group meeting near you at thirdrva.org/parish-life.