

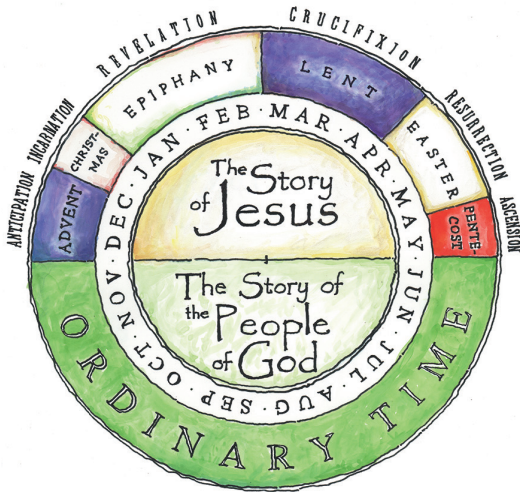
renewing all things

VISION SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020

“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry: ‘Mine!’”

ABRAHAM KUYPER

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.

In the season of Epiphany, we are focused on Jesus’ earthly life and mission to bring God’s kingdom to the whole world, reclaiming and renewing all things. Jesus’ life among the people of Israel reveals the complicated, beautiful nature of God, and in each aspect of Christ’s identity and calling we see glimpses of new life in Jesus.

Added to the white of Christmas (and Easter) are touches of many other colors, each one standing for one aspect of the kingdom of God revealed in Jesus: yellow and gold for the gifts of the Wise Men, signaling that Jesus came to claim people of every nation as his own; red and orange for the Holy Spirit that rested upon Christ to inaugurate his ministry; blue for the tassels of the rabbinical robe marking Jesus as our great teacher and High Priest; royal purple and pink for Jesus our King; green for new life and the role Jesus affirmed for ordinary people (the church) in the great mission of God; even black and brown to remind us of Jesus’ suffering and rejection. The many colors of Epiphany represent the whole, complex kingdom life that Christ brings into the world, and in this season we ask God to open our eyes to see him more and more in the multi-colored light of Jesus.

GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

"My Hope Is Built"
(Raymond Haan)

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

From Psalm 46:10

Leader: Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.

People: **Amen.**

Silent Preparation for Worship

Choral Call to Worship (11:15 only)

"A Jubilant Call To Praise"
(Martin)

Choir

Rise and sing; the Light has come. See the glory of the morning sun.
Let your music fill this place. Wake the dawn with shouts of praise!
Rise and sing; the Light has come. O sing unto the Lord, sing unto the Lord.
Sing a joyful, jubilant song!

People, lift a glad refrain. Let your alleluias live again.
Come proclaim what God has done; all your voices now as one.
Rise and sing; the Light has come. O sing unto the Lord, sing unto the Lord.
Sing a joyful, jubilant song!

Come and join the celebration. This is the day that God has made.
Join your praise with all creation! Sing unto the Lord,
Sing unto the Lord, sing unto the Lord a new song.

Praise the Lord who sets us free! Praise the wonders of his majesty!
Laud and glorify the name. All his mighty works proclaim.
Rise and sing; the Light has come. O sing unto the Lord, sing unto the Lord.
Sing a joyful, jubilant song!

O sing unto the Lord! Sing unto the Lord!
Praise God with joyful, jubilant song!

GATHERING

† Call to Worship

From Psalm 66:1-2, 4

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

People: **All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.**

Prayer of Adoration

† Song of Praise

"Come, Thou Almighty King"
"Almighty God"

#492 in the Hymnal
Words below

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears.
Wash us in the fountain of your mercy.
Come with your light; we cannot hide from you.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.
With gratitude we raise our song to you.
Come and fill the praises of your people.
In grace and truth, you make us new again.

*Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.
We long for more than what this world provides.
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us.
Your river deep floods over everything.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.
You take away our sickness and our sin.
Oh, Lamb of God, we gather at your table.
In bread and wine you have supplied our needs.

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

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

Everyone: **Almighty God,**
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify
your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort and Assurance

From 1 Timothy 1:15

Leader: "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

May Almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace,
now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

† 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 Pregnancy Resource Center as they provide professional, respectful, and compassionate care to women and men unprepared for pregnancy by offering resources and practical assistance for life-affirming choices.

Interview with mission partners Jonathan and Mika Hicks

† 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

Colossians 1:15–23

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

renew

A Capital Campaign for Third Church

Renewing our home to renew our mission.

Since we came to Forest Avenue in 1956, we have been busy making, maturing and sending disciples. Third has always been marked by this movement of the Spirit—pursuing a deep faith that focuses outward to love and serve the world beyond our doors.

However, over the past decades, our facilities have aged. They are increasingly burdened by wear and tear, under pressure from years of use without significant updates. This home of ours struggles to meet the needs of today's community.

If we want our home to continue to be a place where we can gather together as one body in mission and purpose through Jesus Christ, then our home needs renewal.

We're excited to share with you our plan to renew our home in the coming weeks and how you can be a part of it. If you'd like to learn more, please come to one of our Vision Forums. These will provide an open opportunity to hear about the Capital Campaign, hear from our campaign chairs, interact with the facility plans, and ask questions.

Sunday, January 26

10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 2

11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Room 213/215

Sunday, February 9

10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Room 213/215

Note: Please come early to view our gallery of plans and renderings— these forums will start promptly!

We believe that this is not just a campaign of brick and mortar, but a season where we can partner with God in his vision for our community, and trust deeply in his provision for us.

For more info on the campaign, visit

renew.thirdrva.org

Prayer Needs

For health: Erika Gouverneur, Bradley Crawford, Randy Raggio, Elaine Turner, Cheryl Fluckiger, Terry Jones, Eileen Raynor, Pam Smith, Brad Bishop, Noel and Stephanie Brooks, David Hacker, Julie Walden, Christie Geraty, Milton Jones

For comfort for those who have lost loved ones: Janice Brockenbrough (father, 12/19); Frances Eichost (11/20); Janice Allen (father, 11/12; mother, 9/28); June Keller (husband, Joe, 11/11); Chip Buehler (brother, 11/7); Wendy Rogers (father, 11/5)

For Metro Richmond: We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: to overcome ignorance, indifference, resentment, and bitterness with regard to race in both private and public life.

SENDING

† **Song of Commission** “In Christ Alone” #770 in the Hymnal

† **Commission and Benediction** Revelation 5:12, Romans 11:36

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

**People: For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.**

Postlude “Festive Trumpet Tune” Jeff Hummel
(11:15 service only) (David German)

SERVICE NOTES

Today’s flowers are given by Mary Ann Hancock in memory of Myrtle Hacker and Lou Rutherford.

NEWS & EVENTS

Officer Nominations Open!

Each year, we ask our covenant partners to nominate individuals for the roles of Deacon, Elder, and Trustee. We look to our church family to identify and affirm the callings and giftings of our members. Join us this month by nominating individuals for these offices. More information can be found on our website (thirdrva.org/nominate) or in the handouts found around the church.

New Immigrant Tutoring session has started and we need more tutors!

The winter session of Immigrant and Refugee Tutoring is underway now through March 25, and we are in need of both regular and substitute tutors! There is a waiting list of almost 15 children who would love to have help for just one hour on Wednesday evenings. Don't underestimate the impact this has for both them and their families! Would you prayerfully consider this request? Thirdrva.org/events.

We're Hiring: Finance Accountant

We are sad to announce that Lynley Steadman will be leaving Third staff as our Finance Accountant. We are currently searching for her replacement to start as soon as possible. Those interested in the position can view the job description and apply through Third's website at thirdrva.org/employment, or contact Ed Satterfield (eds@thirdrva.org) or Alan Ware (alanw@thirdrva.org).

Dessert and Dialogue: Mental Health Caregivers Support Group

Third Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Multipurpose Room, Third Office Building

Beginning January 20, this group will be starting an 8-week program called "Sanctuary," designed to teach us about mental illness, social stigma, and how we can respond to those in need. All are welcome! For more information, contact Nan Clarke (clarke5@comcast.net) or Mary Damon (merryoh@gmail.com).

Women's Winter Tea – Tuesday, January 21, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Ladies of Third! You're invited for tea, cookies and time to reconnect with your friends after the holidays. Jimey Ames and Jeff Hummel will provide musical entertainment. This event is a gift from two of our women's groups, led by Kathy Whitten and Emily Oostdyk. No cost, but please let us know you're coming (by January 19): email Kathy Whitten (kjsw44@gmail.com).

NEWS & EVENTS

Today! Meet our mission partners: Jonathan and Mika Hicks

12:30 p.m., Room 101

Come to this (free!) lunch to learn more about the developing ministry of Jonathan and Mika Hicks with Pioneers. The Hicks are relatively new to Japan and are immersing themselves in serving the local church while they pray towards a clearer vision for church planting. No RSVP needed for this lunch.

February Term: “Becoming Eager Witnesses” with Don Everts

For this year’s February Term, we’re welcoming Don Everts to Third for a weekend full of engaging and helpful teaching on how we can learn and delight in having witnessing conversations with our friends and family. Join us!

Saturday, February 1: Fellowship Hall

- Developing Spiritually Vibrant Households: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Learn how your household (family with kids, single, with roommates, or empty nesters) can become a place that produces and passes along a transformative faith.
- Delighting in Spiritual Conversations: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Explore a powerful and simple tool that unpacks the three spiritual postures people have towards Christianity and how we as Christians can graciously adapt our conversations to be most helpful for them based on their posture.

Sunday, February 2: 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

- Don will join us in our only Sunday February Term class. All of our regular Sunday school classes will pause so we can meet as one community to learn together. Don and his team will be unpacking the most important elements of his book, *The Reluctant Witness*, and what it means for our discipleship.

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.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Each Sunday, we offer a few different class opportunities for us to go deep on different topics, grow as disciples, and build community. All classes meet at 10:00 a.m.; locations listed below. 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.

Metamorphosis Class

The Metamorphosis Class will not be meeting today. The class will resume next week as Paul Brasler returns to discuss Stigma and Suicide.

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.

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

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 today 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.