If you're not reading *The Loop*, you're not <u>in</u> the loop.
Pick up The Loop for this week's announcements and calendar. You'll find it at exits around the building. You can also read The Loop online at www.ThirdRVA.org.

Welcome, visitors!
We're glad you've chosen to worship at Third! Be sure to write your contact information (phone and/or email) on the pads that will be passed this morning so that we can get in touch with you to let you know more about life at Third. After the service, you will find information on Third in the Commons area under the display TVs. We look forward to meeting and getting to know you.

Morning Prayer

<u>Health Needs</u>
Lynn Pendleton, Gretchen Gravely, Betty and Joe Cox, Pam Rambo, Mary Howard, Elva White, Jared Armistead, Evelyn Jennings, Joe Keller, Mary Cox

<u>Deaths</u>
Marriott Jackson (husband, Sam, 4/12), Tim Pearson (mother, 3/20), Gaynelle DePass (3/15), Cliff and Julia Sleeman (daughter-in-law, 3/5)

A Wiggle Room is available if you prefer to have your child with you but he or she is a little too active or noisy to be in the service. The service is streamed into Room 124 so you can hear the sermon while you nurse or play with your baby/toddler. Room 124 is located in the connecting hall across from the Toddler Room 105 leading to the Student Ministry area.

Are you going to be away any Sunday this month? You can now view our worship services (9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary) online at www.thirdrva.org/watch-live. Or, find the link on the Welcome/This Sunday page. You can view the services through UStream (our vendor) on any device: smartphone, tablet, laptop/desktop.

April 26, 2015
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Preparation for Worship
"Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs...yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labor under all the disabilities of aliens. Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them. They share their meals, but not their wives. They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven." Second century letter to Diognetus

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 34:1-3
Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;
People: His praise will always be on my lips.
Leader: My soul will boast in the Lord;
People: Let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
Leader: Glorify the Lord with me;
People: Let us exalt his name together!

Opening Prayer

Songs of Praise

Confession
I confess to God, the Almighty, and to you, my brothers and sisters, I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and my words, in what I've done and have failed to do. And I ask you, my sisters and brothers, as you pray to the Lord, pray for me as I pray for you.

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort and Assurance — 1 Peter 1:18-21 (MSG)

It cost God plenty to get you out of that dead-end, empty-headed life you grew up in. He paid with Christ's sacred blood, you know. He died like an unblemished, sacrificial lamb. And this was no afterthought. Even though it has only lately—at the end of the ages—become public knowledge, God always knew he was going to do this for you. It's because of this sacrificed Messiah, whom God then raised from the dead and glorified, that you trust God, that you know you have a future in God.

Song of Assurance

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Greeting of Peace

Introduction to Offering

Pray for John and Lynn Lehn as they invest in church planting in Croatia: for the past seven years the Dubrava Church on the east side of Zagreb, and since May 2012 in Dubrovnik in the southern tip of Croatia. Pray for spiritual and numerical growth and ministry to the surrounding cities.

Offertory

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."

Video

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings — 1 Peter 1:13-2:3; 2:11-12 — Katherine Fitch

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. (scripture parallel)
People: Thanks be to God!

Message — "Hope for Exiles" — Corey Widmer

Song of Commission

Benediction

Today's Bible Readings — 1 Peter 1:13-2:3; 2:11-12

13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be
brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. 14 As obedient children, do
not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he
who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I
am holy."17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live
out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. 18 For you know that it was not with
perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of
life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ,
a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world,
but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God,
who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.
22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere
love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have been born
again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word
of God. 24 For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25 but the word of the Lord endures forever."
And this is the word that was preached to you.

1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of
every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow
up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which
wage war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they
accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day
he visits us.

Today's Service Leaders: Ed Satterfield, Nan Clarke, Kim Taulbee, Emily Henley, Camille Foster, Mark Sprinkle, McKinley Sprinkle, Mark Holt, David and Sandy Arroyo, Noah Pollack, Jerry Stout