

Today's Service Leaders:

Corey Widmer, Ed Satterfield, Nan Clarke, Chitra Swygard, Katherine Fitch, Scott Frayser, Luke Swygard, Jerry Stout, Kim Taulbee

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

Health Needs

Jared Armistead, Mary Ann Hancock, Evelyn Jennings, Joe Keller, Mary Cox

Deaths

Sunny Rosebro (father, 2/9), Lee Amidon Edwards (mother, 2/8), Lex Strickland (father, 2/2), Gail White (mother, 1/19), Joyce Koontz (mother, 1/14), Jane Mims (father, 1/18), Ellen Hemphill (1/16), Fred Whitten (mother, 1/4)

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.

March 1, 2015
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Holiness is not something we are called upon to do in order that we may become something; it is something we are to do because of what we already are."

Martin Lloyd-Jones

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 3:1-4

Leader: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God!

People: We set our minds on things above, not on earthly things!

Leader: For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

People: When Christ who is our life appears, then we will also appear with him in glory!

OPENING PRAYER

SONGS OF PRAISE

CONFESSION

Gracious and forgiving God, hear our confession.

We acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins – those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed.

Gracious and forgiving God, hear our request:

Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us. (repeat)
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE

Psalm 130:4

“If you Lord, kept a record of wrongs, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, therefore you are feared.”

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 International Cooperating Ministries as they seek to partner with in-country leaders to nurture believers and build churches. Pray for Third members serving at ICM, Janice Allen as Executive Chair and Geoff Stiff as President.

OFFERTORY

GLORIA PATRI/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.”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

(scripture parallel)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

“Sanctification Takes Practice”

Dr. James K. A. Smith

CONFESSING OUR FAITH | HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Q86

Q: Since we are redeemed from our misery by grace through Christ, without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Sursum Corda

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

SONG OF COMMISSION

BENEDICTION

Today’s Bible Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.