



Sunday | November 15, 2015

EXODUS Preparing a People

"What the Church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but people whom the Holy Ghost can use, people of prayer, people mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through people. He does not come on machinery, but on people. He does not anoint plans, but people, people of prayer."

E.M. Bounds

Welcome!
Bienvenido!
欢迎!
مرحباً

*We're glad you've chosen to worship at Third!
We look forward to meeting and getting to know you.*

*Third Church exists to spread the gospel and seek
the Shalom of metro Richmond and the world through
a movement of communities and congregations,
welcoming people of all cultures to the glory of Jesus Christ.*

GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

**Prelude
8:45 Service**

"God of Grace" – Jeff Hummel
(Paul Manz)

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation

Leader: Let's prepare our hearts to worship the living God, for "The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him" (Habakkuk 2:20).

People: Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

† Call to Worship

From Psalm 103
Corinne Boyd

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, praise his holy name!

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not his benefits!

Leader: He has made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

People: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love!

Leader: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

Everyone: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

† Opening Prayer

† Songs of Praise

"All Glory Be to God on High"
"Our Great God"
"Psalm 90"
(See music on following pages.)

† The cross indicates standing, as you are able.

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH



1. All glo - ry be to God on high, and thanks to him for -
 2. O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and
 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 4. O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, Who brings us con - so -



-ev - er! What - ev - er Sa - tan's host may try, God
 hon - or; we wor - ship you, we trust in you, we
 au - thor, Re - deem - er of your wan - dering ones,
 -la - tion: To men and wo - men saved by Christ as -



foils their dark en - deav - or. He bends his ear to ev - ery call and
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect, and your might re -
 source of all true_ plea - sure: O Lamb of God, O Lord di - vine, con -
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and bit - ter death, grant



of - fers peace, good - will to all, and calms the trou - bled_ spi - rit.
 lent-less - ly con - firms the right; Your lord - ship is our_ bles - sing.
 form our lives to your de - sign, and on us all have_ mer - cy.
 us your warm life - giv - ing breath; our lives are in your_ keep - ing.

Words: Nicolaus Decius, 1522; tr. Gilbert E. Doan 1978;
 Music: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesänge*, Berlin 1566; Text © Augsburg Publishing House

OUR GREAT GOD

1. E - ter - nal God, un - chang - ing,
 2. Lord, we are weak and frail,
 3. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture in the sea

mys - te - rious and un - known;
 --- help - less in the storm.
 and ev - 'ry fly - ing bird,

Your bound - less love, un - fail - ing,
 Sur - round us with Your an - gels,
 Let ev - 'ry moun - tain, ev - 'ry field

--- grace and mer - cy shown.
 --- hold us in Your arms;
 and val - ley of the earth;

Bright ser - a - phim in cease - less flight
 Our cold and ruth - less en - e - my,
 Let all the moons and all the stars

a - round Your glo - ri - ous throne;
 his pleas - ure the is - our harm.
 in all the un - i - verse

They raise their voices, day and night;
 Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee;
 Sing praises to the living God.

in be - praise fore to our You sov - a - lone.
 who rules them by reign His God. Word.

[CHORUS]

Hal - le - lu - - - jah!
 Glo - ry

be to our great God!
 Hal - le -

lu - - - - jah!
 Glo - ry

be to our great God!

PSALM 90 ANTIOPHON

In ev' - ry age,— O Lord, You have been our re- fuge!

People: **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

Leader: You turn men back to dust,
saying, "Return, O children of men."
For a thousand years in your sight
are as yesterday, now that it is past.

People: **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

Leader: You make an end of man in his sleep.
The next morning, we are like the changing grass
which at dawn springs up anew
but by evening wilts and fades.

People: **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

Leader: Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O Lord our God; how long?
Have pity on your servants.

People: **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

Leader: Fill us at daybreak with Your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
And may the gracious care of the Lord, our God be ours
prosper the work of our hands for us.

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Confession of Sin

Everyone: Merciful Father, we are a stiff-necked people.

We are quick to turn aside from your way.

In your anger do not consume us,

but remember your covenant promises.

Pardon our iniquity and our sin,

and may we always live in the light of your face.

Silent Confession

† Words of Comfort and Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Everyone: Only Christ!

Leader: And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; the new life has begun!

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Everyone: Amen!

† Greeting of Peace

THANKSGIVING

We give to the Lord in gratitude for what he has done for us.

8:45 a.m. – During the noisy offering, children ages kindergarten and younger will be dismissed to Room 223 for play time and snack.

Our Offerings

Pray for Alan and Jennifer deCerff with International Training Partners, training missionaries to work effectively in cross-cultural settings in Africa.

Musical Offering

8:45 and 11:15 Services

"Only God" – Sanctuary Choir
(Mary McDonald)

Only God can move a mountain; only God can calm the sea.
Only God can heal a wounded spirit; only God, only God!
Only God can hear my heart's cry; only God my sin atone.
Only God can give us calm assurance; only God, only God!

God Almighty, most Holy wise God:
You are the power and the glory, O God, our God!

Only God can be our refuge; only God can be our strength.
Only God will stand as our Defender; only God, only God!
Only God is the power, only God in majesty!
Only God will reign as King forever; only God, only God!

God Almighty, most Holy wise God:
You are the power and the glory, O God, our God,
Almighty, most Holy wise God!
You are the power and the glory, O God, Holy God, O God, our God!
Only God can move a mountain; only God, our God!

Musical Offering **10:00 Service**

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Doxology

Please stand as we sing to the Lord.

**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.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Exodus 33:1-6

¹ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' ² I will send an angel before you and drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ³ Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey. But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way." ⁴ When the people heard these distressing words, they began to mourn and no one put on any ornaments. ⁵ For the Lord had said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites, 'You are a stiff-necked people. If I were to go with you even for a moment, I might destroy you. Now take off your ornaments and I will decide what to do with you.'" ⁶ So the Israelites stripped off their ornaments at Mount Horeb.

Exodus 33:12-23

¹² Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' ¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people." ¹⁴ The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

¹⁷ And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." ¹⁸ Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." ¹⁹ And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." ²¹ Then the Lord said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

¹ The Lord said to Moses, "Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. ² Be ready in the morning, and then come up on Mount Sinai. Present yourself to me there on top of the mountain. ³ No one is to come with you or be seen anywhere on the mountain; not even the flocks and herds may graze in front of the mountain."

⁴ So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the Lord had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands. ⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. ⁶ And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,
⁷ maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

⁸ Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Message:

+ A Praying People +
Corey Widmer

Notes:

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Song of Response

"Show Me Your Face"

Show me your face, Lord,
Show me your face.
Then gird up my legs that I might stand in this holy place.
Show me your face, Lord,
Your power and grace.
I could make it to the end if I can just see your face.

Moses stood on the mountain,
Waiting for you to pass by.
You put your hand over his face,
So in your presence he wouldn't die.
All of Israel saw the glory,
And it shines down through the age.
Now you've called me to boldly seek your face.

David knew there was something more,
Than the ark of your presence.
And in a manger a baby was born,
Among kings and peasants,
All of Israel saw the glory,
And it shines down through the age.

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(11:15 service only)

Ordination and Installation of New Officers

Elder, Class of 2018 - Mary Damon, Kenney Grigg, Jeff Hassler, Fritz Kling, Don Smith, Beth Sprinkle, Scott Ziegler

Deacon, Class of 2018 - Ellen Armstrong, Mary Kay Avula, Derek Gage, Stephen Jenkins, Kathryn Pruett, Waylon Lloyd, Elizabeth Massie, Judy Duarte, Dru Fitch

Prayers of the People

Leader: Heavenly Father, make us into a praying people! Stir up our hearts to ache for the brokenness of the world, to cry out to you in prayer, and to long to know more of your glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

Everyone: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you have shown us the face of God and revealed his grace and mercy. Remember the forgotten among us, the elderly facing their mortality and weakness, the oppressed who often live without a voice, the marginalized on the outside looking in. To these who reflect your image, show your face and reveal your mercy and favor, even through us.

Lord, in your mercy,

Everyone: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy Spirit, fill all those elders, deacons and trustees who are being ordained and installed today to serve as leaders among us. Grant them all the gifts and energy they need for your service, and help us to support them in their call.

Lord, in your mercy,

Everyone: Hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?

Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions at this time, ending with "Lord, in your mercy" and all responding, "Hear our prayer."

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly 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

Vickie O'Dell, Margaret Leith, Dabney Harvey, Courtney Via, Eileen Raynor, Pam Padgett, Mary Ann Hancock, Lou Hanscom, Carol Holt, Celeste Reynolds, Gretchen Gravely, Betty and Joe Cox, Pam Rambo, Mary Howard, Jared Armistead

For Comfort

Deaths — Diane Atkinson (mother, 11/3), Michael Phillips (grandmother, 10/31), Mark Grubbs (father, 10/27), Jennifer Parham (father, 10/7), Karen Fite (father, 10/6), Frank Wilson (sister, 10/4), Martha Gilg (father, 9/28), Annhorner Truitt (sister-in-law, 9/7), Brenda Wiltshire (brother, 8/31), Kathie Cox (mother, 8/31), Jane Gallion (8/20), Kay Martine (husband, 8/18), Britten Parker (father, 8/16), Mason and Jean Robinson, Stephen Robinson and Danita Harper (son and brother, Greg Robinson, 8/7)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for persons in financial need in metropolitan Richmond: for healthy marriages; for constructive, safe, and caring households for the bringing up and nurturing of children and caring for the elderly.

For Our Nation and the World

Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Tajikistan

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† Song of Commission

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" – #622 in the Hymnal

Commission

From 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, 28

Leader: We have come together as the gathered church and now we go forth together as the scattered church. As you go, be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Everyone: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us!

† Benediction

† Postlude

11:15 Service

"March"— Jeff Hummel
(William Walton)

SERVICE NOTES

Today's flowers are given by Ann Klipp in memory of her father, Bill West, whose birthday would have been on November 14, and in honor and thanks to all our veterans.

Having difficulty hearing? See one of our ushers to use a hearing assistance device.

NEWS

Stop Hunger Now - Gift Card Drive

Join in our goal of raising \$29,000 – the equivalent of 100,000 meals – for Stop Hunger Now on January 23. Starting this Sunday, you can donate in honor of family or friends and receive a Christmas gift card to give them. Donate and sign up to serve at Stop Hunger Now on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall or Steeple Corridor, or go online and pickup your card(s) on Sunday morning.

Third Christian Book Group – Meeting Soon!

We're a group that enjoys reading Christian books and sharing how they challenge us to grow in our faith. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 24 at noon in the Bonhoeffer Room of the church office building. We'll bring our lunches and discuss *To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain* by Matt Chandler. We'd love for you to read this month and join us.

Family Advent Celebration – November 29 at 10:00 a.m.

During Sunday School for families of 3 year olds through 4th graders. Come to the Fellowship Hall and we will sing, hear about Advent and make a craft. Keeping Christ in Christmas at Third!

Stocking Stuffers Initiative

Join us in collecting small stocking stuffer items for the residents of Covenant Woods. Items needed include: toiletries, calendars, and gift items such as scarves, pens, and nail polish. Bring them to the Women's Christmas Dinner or put them in the box in the main hallway by Room 109. For the full list of items, contact Jean Sommerville (789-9888 or mjstwin2@gmail.com).

Calling All Cards!

The Little Lambs class requests your help with our annual Christmas ornaments craft. We need **new or used Christmas cards** with nativity scenes (reindeer and Frosty need not apply!). Please bring your cards by Room 101 anytime before December 6. Thank you!

Relationships in Peace Ministry

If you are experiencing a relationship impasse or need someone to walk beside you through a difficult relational situation or conflict, please contact us. We're here to help. Learn about this Third care ministry at www.thirdrva.org/partners/relationships-in-peace. For assistance: RelationshipsInPeace.ThirdRVA@gmail.com or call Margie Satterfield, (804) 819-0260.

EVENTS

For more information on classes, events and ministries, come to the Fellowship Hall from 9:45-11:30 a.m., visit our website or find more information at kiosks throughout the building.

Fall Thanksgiving Feast – Wed., Nov. 18, 5:45 - 7:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Gather with us for this family-friendly evening to give thanks. Our gathering will feature a traditional Thanksgiving meal followed by a time of singing together and teaching from Corey Widmer. Register at www.thirdrva.org/registrations or call Sterling Lloyd in the church office at 282-4645, ext. 115. Questions? Contact Lynn Hardwicke (lynnh@thirdrva.org).

Shiloh Ministry: Dessert and Fellowship – Monday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.

Shiloh is a new ministry at Third that provides support for those grieving the loss of their unborn baby or longing for a child yet to be conceived. Shiloh invites you to an initial gathering for dessert and fellowship at Caroline Hutton's home: 9602 January Court, Richmond, 23238. Husbands welcome. For more information or to RSVP, contact Caroline Hutton (cmhutton6@gmail.com) or Charlotte Gage (charlotte.jean.gage@gmail.com).

Makers Series: Neighbor – Friday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as we welcome three local artists for our next edition of the Makers Series, picking up on the way that contemporary works of art (and artists) can also help us rethink "neighbor" and make spaces to connect and care for them.

Bless Richmond – Saturday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. at U-Turn

Gather together with a large and diverse group of Christians from across Richmond to pray alongside one another and thank God for his work in our city. Food donations will also be collected to feed metro Richmond's hungry. For more information, see www.blessrva.org.

Welcome Coffee – Sunday, November 22, 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor

If you're new to Third, come to this monthly gathering to meet a few people, learn about Third's vision, what we believe and how to get involved. Questions? Contact Beth Nichols at bethn@thirdrva.org.

Women's Christmas Dinner – Tuesday, December 1, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Sign up online or on posters at Third. Bring a dish to share.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHP

Sunday Morning Discipleship Fellowship Classes (10:00 –11:00 a.m.)

To learn more about our discipleship classes, please visit our website or see the “Fall Season” pamphlet (located in the media racks) to read about all the wonderful study options, serving opportunities, and ways to be with your community. Please contact Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org) for questions or details.

Looking to meet folks and strengthen your marriage relationship

communications? We've just started a new series in the Marriage Fellowship class and we'd love for you to give it a try. Love and Respect study is a dynamic DVD-driven study for couples that unpacks the biblical truth of marriage and applies it in ways that can restore, strengthen and improve any marriage. You'll laugh, you'll wince and you'll come back week after week wanting to hear more. Taught by Connie and Keith Byers, we meet in Room 209 at 10:00 a.m.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Sunday Morning Ministry

600 Forest Ave., Student Ministry Area

10:00-11:00 a.m. For all students in 7th-12th grade.

Sunday Evening Ministry

600 Forest Ave., Fellowship Hall and Basement

7:00-8:30 p.m. For all students in 7th-12th grade.

For more information on upcoming student ministry events and how you can get involved, contact Rick Hutton (rickh@thirdrva.org) or Andrea Woie (andreaw@thirdrva.org).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SUNDAY MORNING

We welcome you to Third and want you to know that your children are precious to us! Our staff of both professional childcare workers and volunteers are here to serve your family in a safe, loving and Christ-centered environment.

Nursery is provided for the 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sunday services. Sunday school is at 10:00 a.m. Child care is available for all children aged Kindergarten and younger. First grade and above attend worship with their parents. **For details on all Sunday school class offerings, pick up the Fall class brochure found near the doors.**

Children ages 2 through 6th grade are taught by teams of volunteers who use the Tru curriculum by David C. Cook. This curriculum empowers the family to be the primary spiritual teacher and includes a weekly parent page emailed to families. The parent page previews the following Sunday's lesson, and has a memory verse and blessing for the family to use the week before the children will learn the lesson in Sunday school.

If you would like to receive the weekly parent email, contact Tracie Meadows (TracieM@thirdrva.org) or Kathy White (KathyW@thirdrva.org) with your child's name and age or grade.

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.

Please let us know if we can help familiarize you with all that is available at Third for your children. Contact Kathy White (kathyw@thirdrva.org) or Tracie Meadows (traciem@thirdrva.org).

THIS WEEK AT THIRD

Sunday, November 15

9:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Weekly refreshments – Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. Leadership Retreat with TAG – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Student Ministry gathering – Fellowship Hall and Basement
7:30 p.m. Christian Arabic Church worship – Sanctuary

Monday, November 16

7:00 p.m. Trustees meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue
7:00 p.m. Kingdom Knitters – Parlor

Tuesday, November 17

9:15 a.m. Weekly Women's Group – Room 213
9:30 a.m. Weekly Morning Mothers Together – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Deacons meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

Wednesday, November 18

5:45 - 7:15 p.m. Fall Thanksgiving Feast – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 19

7:00 p.m. Needle's Eye Young Professionals Grp. – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Praise band rehearsal – Sanctuary

Friday, November 20

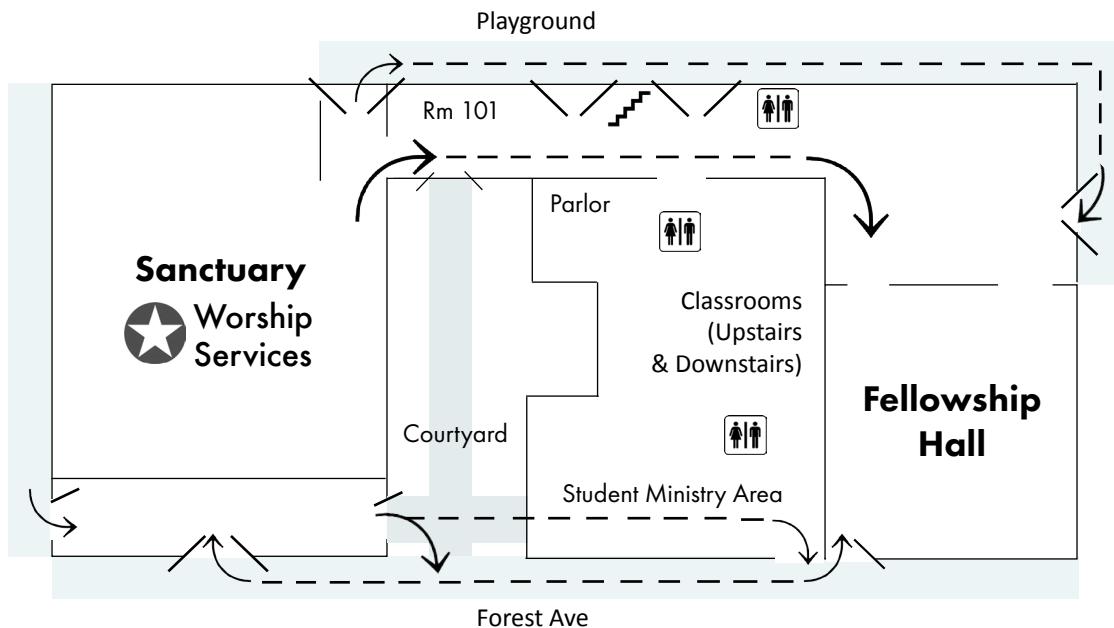
9:00 a.m. Emotional Eating Group – Knox Room, 500 Forest Avenue
7:00 p.m. Makers Series – Fellowship Hall

LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

Welcome to Third! Visit www.thirdrva.org to learn more about the community and how you can connect. Worship preparation, sermon reflection notes, and sermon audio are posted weekly. You can also watch the sermon live on the "This Sunday" page. If you'd like to join a small group, find out how you can become a member, or find ways to serve, please contact Beth Nichols at bethn@thirdrva.org. Also follow us on Facebook and Twitter for community updates.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP TODAY!

Our services are at 8:45 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:15 a.m. on Sundays in the Sanctuary. Join us for a short time of communion and prayer every Sunday at 8:15 a.m. in Room 101. From 9:45-11:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, stop by for a time of fellowship and refreshments, including Blanchard's coffee, in the Fellowship Hall.



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