



Sunday | October 11, 2015

EXODUS

Preparing a People

Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Welcome!
Bienvenido!
欢迎!
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*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

“When Morning Gilds the Skies” – Jeff Hummel
(Dale Wood)

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

Psalm 19:7-9, 14

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect,

People: Refreshing the soul.

Leader: The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,

People: Making wise the simple.

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right,

People: Giving joy to the heart.

Leader: The commands of the Lord are radiant,

People: Giving light to the eyes.

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure,

People: Enduring forever.

Leader: The decrees of the Lord are firm,

People: And all of them are righteous.

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

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

† **Opening Prayer**

† **Songs of Praise**

"Jesus Shall Reign" – #745 in the Hymnal

"How Firm a Foundation"

"Jesus, I Come"

(See music on following pages.)

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, —
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through fier - y tri - als your path - way should lie, —
 4. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose, —



— is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 — for I am your God, I will still give you aid.
 — My grace, all suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply. —
 — I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes; —



What more can he say than to you He has said, —
 I'll strength-en you, help you, and cause you to stand, —
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign —
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake, —



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled? —
 up - held by my grac - ious, om - ni - po - tent — hand. —
 your sin to con - sume and your gold to re - fine. —
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!

sing refrain on next page after v 2 & 4



To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled? —
 Up - held by my grac - ious, om - ni - po - tent — hand. —
 Your sin to con - sume and your gold to re - fine. —
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!" —

REFRAIN

Pre - cious are Your words, O Lord,

they're wat - er to my soul.

Bring - ing life to all who hear. They're

sweet-er, much sweet-er than the hon - ey - comb.

Words: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; v 3 from Isaiah 43:1-5; Music & additional words: Kim Taulbee © 2009

JESUS, I COME



1. Out of my bon - dage, sor-row and night, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I_ come;_____
2. Out of my shame - ful fail-ure and loss,
3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro-gant pride,
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,



In-to thy free - dom, glad-ness and light, Je - sus, I come to thee._____

In-to the glo - rious gain of thy cross,

In-to thy bless - ed will to a - bide,

In-to the joy and light of thy home,



Out of my sick-ness in - to thy health, out of my want-ing and in - to thy wealth,

Out of earth's sor-rows in - to thy balm, out of life's storms_ and in - to thy calm,

Out of my - self to dwell in thy love, out of des - pair_ in - to rap-tures a - bove,

Out of the depths of ru - in un - told, in - to the peace of thy shelt-er-ing fold,



out of my sin_____ and in - to_ thy - self,_____

out of dis - tress_____ to ju - bi - lant_____ psalm,_____

up - ward for aye_____ on wings like a dove,_____

ev - er thy glo - ri - ous face to_ be - hold,_____



Je - sus, I come_ to_ Thee._____

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Confession of Sin

Everyone:

**God of our exodus,
in your grace bear with us still.
Our proud hearts highly regard
the ways we have kept your law
better than others;
and so we come to you blind
of our own idolatry,
hardened to how we have wronged others,
and busy in seeking our own deeds
instead of resting in your work.
Humble us to repentance
and lead us on in your love.**

Words of Comfort and Assurance

Leader: Through Jesus forgiveness is offered, for by Jesus you who believe are set free from the sins which the law of Moses was powerless to free you. Receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and evermore.

Everyone: Thanks be to God!

† **Greeting of Peace**

THANKSGIVING

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

Our Offerings

Pray for CARITAS, a ministry which joins with area congregations in providing the most basic needs of Richmond's homeless: food and shelter, home furnishings, and employment. Pray for our guests this week to experience the love of Christ.

Musical Offering

8:45 and 11:15 Services

"Great and Glorious" – Sanctuary Choir
(Haydn)

Great and glorious is the Lord in majesty, glorious in pow'r eternal,
Mighty and loving Father, mighty and loving Father.
Praise Him for His greatness; praise Him for all His exceeding greatness.
Great and glorious, mighty in awful majesty, let all extol Him evermore.

Praise ye the Lord, for it is good to sing praises unto our God.
Praise ye the Lord, for it is good to sing praises to our God.
Glorious and mighty, loving Father, glorious ever in majesty.
Praise to Thy Name, Thy holy Name forevermore.

God is nigh to all that call, all that call truly upon Him;
The Lord upholdeth all who fall, the Lord upholdeth all who fall
And gently He upraiseth those who are bowed down.
Great and glorious, the mighty and loving Father in pow'r eternal,
Great and glorious, the mighty and loving Father in pow'r eternal,
Great and glorious Lord, the mighty, loving Father, eternal Lord.

Great and glorious; call upon Him, mighty and loving,
Glorious ever in majesty, glorious ever in majesty.

† 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.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Highest God, we long to join with the whole world in your praise. Let your salvation be known in all the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Merciful Christ, provide for those with mental illness and those who care for them. As you touched Legion and put him in his right mind, touch those in our city who need your healing mercy. Give wisdom, strength and compassion to mental health workers and counselors. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord of all lords, reign over the nations and bring your peace. Bring down those who instigate violence and war, and protect the vulnerable who cannot protect themselves. Continue your promise to bless the nations, and use your people all over the globe, even us!

People: Hear our prayer.

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 and ever. Amen.

Prayer Needs

For Health

Courtney Via, Brenda Wiltshire, Eileen Raynor, Pam Padgett, Mary Ann Hancock, James Hildebrand, Lou Hanscom, Gene Cox, Carol Holt, Gipsie Rodrigues, Celeste Reynolds, Gretchen Gravely, Betty and Joe Cox, Pam Rambo, Mary Howard, Jared Armistead

For Comfort

Deaths – 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 public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in metropolitan Richmond: for all in need of mental health services, all mental health workers, counselors, and treatment facilities.

For our Nation and the World

Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania

PROCLAIMING

God speaks to us through his word.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-21

¹ And God spoke all these words: ² "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³ "You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

¹⁸ When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die."

²⁰ Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning." ²¹ The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Song of Commission and Response

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" – #213 in the Hymnal

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sor - row and
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow - min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - ma - zing,

count but loss, and pour con-tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: Lowell Mason, 1824, based on plainsong.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† Commission

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for us who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and of death.

People: **Let us not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds, so that we may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

† Benediction

† Postlude 11:15 Service

“A Festival Fanfare” – Jeff Hummel
(J.S. Bach)

SERVICE NOTES

Today’s flowers are given in honor of our mission partner CARITAS, a ministry which joins with area congregations in providing the most basic needs of Richmond’s homeless.

The Banners

The ten banners hanging in the Sanctuary represent ten messages from our new series on Exodus. It is not just the spoken word but the creative, visual word that tells us of God’s love and faithfulness. See if you can guess which banner goes with which story! Many thanks to the wonderful team of Third artists who put them together: Mark Sprinkle, Holly Smith, Kathy Ames and Sarah Hale.

The Cross, the Font, the Table, the Book

What we display reveals what we care about and what constitutes our identity as God’s people. As we explore what it means to be the people of God, we have positioned these four symbols prominently to remind us of God’s faithfulness and where we find life, hope and our identity. The cross speaks of Jesus’ atoning death, the font speaks of the new life he gives us through baptism, the table speaks of our resurrected Savior who continues to gather us around his table of grace, and the Bible speaks of our source of authority and comfort as God speaks through his living word even today.

Thank You for Your Support of Middle East Refugee/IDP Relief

Three weeks ago, the Missions Committee announced a special effort to help refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have been impacted by the ravages of war in Syria and Iraq. Missions resolved to send \$10,000 of emergency funds to aid in the relief efforts. They also asked the congregation to help multiply the gift by making other donations. The committee hoped to send a total of \$30,000 of relief support.

In typical Third Church fashion, you opened your hearts and your wallets! As of now, more than \$55,000 has been raised and will be sent to our partners on the ground in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq to help those who have had to flee their own homes.

We will continue to receive gifts for this devastating cause. But, more than anything, the Missions Committee simply says "thank you" to the Third Church congregation for partnering with us in this important work of aiding Christians, Muslims and Yazidis whose lives have been turned upside down in the face of war and upheaval. You are the hands and feet of God, trusting that He will make all things new even in the face of these unthinkable conditions. As Isaiah said in Chapter 43 about God, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up, do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." All things are possible with Him.

Thank you for your generosity, Third family.

NEWS

CARITAS – This week!

We're hosting homeless families here at Third beginning this past Friday evening, and continuing until this Friday evening, October 16. Please be praying for our guests during their time here. If you'd like to help out, opportunities to serve are still available: www.thirdrva.org/news-events/caritas-oct-10-17.

Congregational meeting on Sunday, October 25, 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The business for our meeting will be the election of elders, deacons, and trustees for the class of 2018. An update on the development of life and ministry at Third Church will be presented, with opportunity for questions and dialogue.

Save the date! Men's Quarterly Dinner, Thursday, October 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Our guest teacher is Alan deCerff from Durban, South Africa. Alan is a trained life coach, leadership consultant, and a workshop teacher with International Training Partners. We are fortunate to have him as our guest teacher while he is on study leave in Richmond. Child care available with an RSVP to Kathy White (kathyw@thirdrva.org).

CHAT Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have an hour to spare on a Monday or Tuesday evening? If so, you can make the difference in the life of a youth in Church Hill. We hold one-on-one tutoring for K-12th graders on Monday and Tuesday nights from 5-7 p.m. (volunteers needed from 5:50-6:50). Questions? Contact Lucy Gurley (lucy.gurley@chatrichmond.org). We also need help with our Wednesday Life Skills class. To help, please contact Lindsay Parks (lindsay.parks@chatrichmond.org).

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.

Third Christian Book Group

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 in November!

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.

Today! Newcomers Class – October 11, 16-17

Starting this morning at 10 a.m.! Interested in learning more about Third or considering membership? Join us in our Newcomers Class where you will learn about Third's vision for worship, discipleship, community, serving and outreach. Child care provided with a reservation. Sign up online at www.thirdrva.org/membership or contact Beth Nichols (bethn@thirdrva.org or 282-4645, ext. 124).

Biblical Peacemaking Class – October 23-24, 30-31

The Gospel of Christ breathes life and purpose and meaning into difficult relationships. Instead of viewing these difficulties as "accidents", what if we viewed these situations as "God's appointments"? Come learn how our Sovereign God uses these situations to bring His peace. This class will equip you with practical, biblical principles to learn how to live in peace in your relationships. Two Friday nights (7:00-9:30 p.m.) and Two Saturday mornings (8:30-11:59 a.m.). Register online at www.ThirdRVA.org/Events or call Margie at (804) 819-0260.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Saturday, October 24, 9-3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

This will be our third drive, so help us make it our best yet. To donate blood, you should feel healthy, bring a donor card or photo ID, be at least 17 years old (or 16 with signed parental consent), and weigh at least 110 pounds. To register, sign up in the Commons area, on the Red Cross website, or contact Elizabeth Conner (bconner288@gmail.com or 205-4983).

Women's Fall Conference – November 7 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

All women are invited to our fall conference in Third's Fellowship Hall. Our speaker is Sara Hagerty, the author of *Every Bitter Thing is Sweet*. We will draw close to God and discover his goodness as we seek to adore him through his word. Early bird: \$20 through October 15. Regular: \$25 from October 16-31. Deadline: October 31. Sign up online or at Third on Sunday morning.

Welcome Coffee – October 25 from 9:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

If you're new to Third, we'd like to invite you to our monthly Welcome Coffee in the Parlor. It's a time to meet a few people and learn about Third's vision, what we believe, and how to get involved.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday Morning Discipleship Classes

From 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., our discipleship classes are back in full swing. 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 for a drop-in class? Try today’s Sermon Chat located in The Vault room in Third’s main offices at 500 Forest Avenue. We’ll talk about the scriptures and the sermon’s main themes in an engaging discussion.

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).

WEDNESDAYS AT THIRD

Come to Third this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for the Wednesday fellowship opportunities. Visit our website, pick up a copy of the Third Press, 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 more information.

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, October 11

9:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Weekly refreshments – Fellowship Hall

12:30 p.m. Officer Training – Room 217

12:30 p.m. Care and Cards meeting – Room 209

4:00 p.m. AA – Rooms 213/215

7:00 p.m. Student Ministry Gathering – Fellowship Hall and Basement

7:30 p.m. Christian Arabic Church Worship – Sanctuary

Monday, October 12

7:00 p.m. Missions Committee meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

Tuesday, October 13

9:00 a.m. Monthly Morning Study – Room 217

9:15 a.m. Weekly Women's Group – Room 213

9:30 a.m. Weekly Morning Mothers Together – Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Monthly Morning Study – Room 101

11:45 a.m. Helping Hands Service Group – Room 217

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting – Parlor

Wednesday, October 14

6:00 p.m. Handbell rehearsal – Choir Room

6:30 p.m. Reconnect: Wednesdays at Third – Various rooms, 600 Forest Avenue

6:30 p.m. Refresh Women's Group Monthly Evening Study – Parlor

6:45 p.m. Alleluia choir rehearsal – Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Praise band rehearsal – Sanctuary

7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, October 15

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

Friday, October 16

9:00 a.m. Emotional Eating Group – Knox Room, 500 Forest Avenue

6:00 p.m. Newcomers Class – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 17

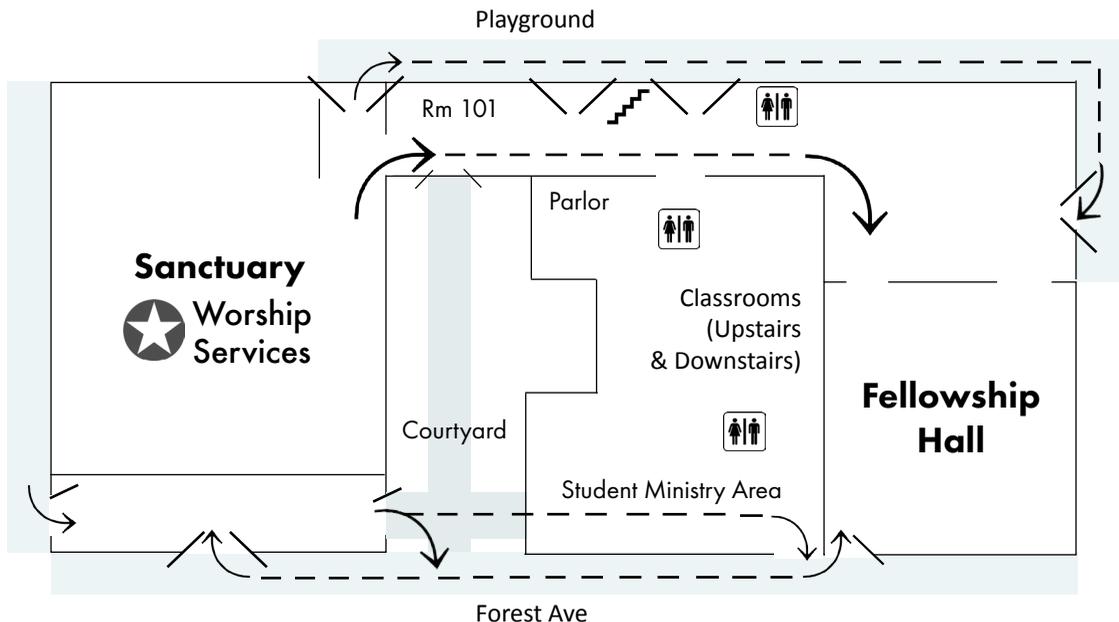
8:45 a.m. Newcomers Class – Fellowship Hall

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 8:00 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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