



Sunday | October 18, 2015

EXODUS

Preparing a People

“Social responsibility becomes an aspect not of Christian mission only, but also of Christian conversion. It is impossible to be truly converted to God without being thereby converted to our neighbor.”

John Stott

GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude
8:45 Service

“O Worship the King” – Jeff Hummel
(Paul Laubengayer)

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 68
Jonathan Murphy

Leader: Sing to God, sing in praise of His name!
Rejoice before Him—His name is the Lord.
He is a father to the fatherless, a defender of widows!
When You, O God, went out before Your people,
when You marched through the wilderness,
the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain,
before God, the Holy One of Sinai.
You gave abundant showers, O God;
You refreshed Your weary inheritance.

**Everyone: Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior,
who daily bears our burdens.
Our God is a God who saves.
Praise God in the great congregation!**

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

† **Opening Prayer**

† **Songs of Praise**

“O Worship the King” – #29 in the Hymnal
“Lord, I Need You”
(See music on following pages.)

O WORSHIP THE LORD

1. O wor-ship the King, all glo-rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the
4. Frail child-ren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in thee do we

sing his power and his love; our Shield and De - fen - der, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it des -
trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mer - cies how ten - der, how

An-cient of Days, pa - vil-ioned in splen-dor, and gird ed with praise.
thun-der clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
cends to the plain, and sweet-ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
firm to the end, our Mak - er De - fen - der, Re - deem - er and Friend.

LORD, I NEED YOU



1. - - Lord, I come, - - - I con - fess, - - -
2. Where sin runs deep Your grace is more Where



bow - ing here, I find my rest.
grace is found is where You are



And with - out You, I fall a - part.
And where You are Lord I am free.



You're the one that guides my heart.
Ho - li - ness is Christ in me.

CHORUS



Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev- 'ry hour I need You.



My one de-fense, my right - eous-ness; Oh God, how I need You.



So, teach my song to rise to You when temp-ta-tion comes my



way. And when I can - not stand, I'll fall on You.



Je- sus, You`re my hope and___ stay. And when I can-not stand, I'll fall on



You. Je-sus you're my hope and___ stay._____ Lord, I

repeat chorus

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

From Psalm 68:3, Ezekiel 34:1-10, Ephesians 2:10

Leader: Almighty Father, God of gods and Lord of lords, Defender of the helpless, Father of the fatherless, have mercy on us.

People: We confess that we have not bound up the broken even though You healed us.

Leader: Lord Jesus, merciful Shepherd, Forgiver of sinners, have mercy on us.

People: We confess that we have not forgiven our enemies, even though You forgave us.

Leader: Holy Spirit, our Helper, our Guide, have mercy on us.

People: We confess that we have not followed You, even though You have prepared good works for us in advance.

Leader: Hear us now as we silently confess the many wrongs we have done and the good works that we have left undone.

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort and Assurance

Leader: What can wash away our sins?

People: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Leader: We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

People: We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.

(The people stand)

Leader: God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. And we know that our old selves were crucified with Him, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

People: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: the old things are passed away: Behold, all things are made new! Thanks be to God.

† **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 Bob and Elaine Metcalf building close relationships with Chinese living in Richmond and sharing the good news of Jesus.

Musical Offering

8:45 and 11:15 Services

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” – Sanctuary Choir
(Jay Rouse)

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise his name! I'm fixed upon it--name of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto thy love has blessed me; thou hast brought me to this place.
And I know thy hand will bring me safely home by thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart: O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing!

10:00 Service

“Justice Will Roll Down”
(Words and music by Sandra McCracken)

Oh my love, you have grown so cold
To the world outside, to the house next door.
She who has been loved much has so much to give.
Mercy is the fragrance of the broken.

Chorus: Justice will roll down, oh justice will roll down
From high upon those mountains.
With a mighty river sound
It will roll down,
It will roll down.

Oh my child, I will be your light
In your secret pain, in the dark of night.
No enemy, no conqueror will steal your life from Me.
I am your salvation and your victory.

Chorus

Soon, oh soon, when the trumpet sounds,
Every knee will bend, every heart will pound.
I have made a new world
Where the servant is the King.
Oppression will be over and the slave set free.

Chorus

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† **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 22:21-23:9

²¹ "Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt.

²² "Do not take advantage of the widow or the fatherless. ²³ If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry. ²⁴ My anger will be aroused, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives will become widows and your children fatherless.

²⁵ "If you lend money to one of my people among you who is needy, do not treat it like a business deal; charge no interest. ²⁶ If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, return it by sunset, ²⁷ because that cloak is the only covering your neighbor has. What else can they sleep in? When they cry out to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.

²⁸ "Do not blaspheme God or curse the ruler of your people.

²⁹ "Do not hold back offerings from your granaries or your vats.

"You must give me the firstborn of your sons. ³⁰ Do the same with your cattle and your sheep. Let them stay with their mothers for seven days, but give them to me on the eighth day.

³¹ "You are to be my holy people. So do not eat the meat of an animal torn by wild beasts; throw it to the dogs.

¹ "Do not spread false reports. Do not help a guilty person by being a malicious witness.

² "Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd, ³ and do not show favoritism to a poor person in a lawsuit. ⁴ "If you come across your enemy's ox or donkey wandering off, be sure to return it.

⁵ If you see the donkey of someone who hates you fallen down under its load, do not leave it there; be sure you help them with it. ⁶ "Do not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits. ⁷ Have nothing to do with a false charge and do not put an innocent or honest person to death, for I will not acquit the guilty. ⁸ "Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see and twists the words of the innocent. ⁹ "Do not oppress a foreigner; you yourselves know how it feels to be foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt.

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Song of Response

GLORIA PATRI

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

Words: Gloria Patri, 2nd C.; Music: Christoph Meineke, 1844

Joining of New Covenant Partners

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 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 who suffer from addiction, dependency or co-dependency of any sort, for twelve-step programs, recovery programs, therapists, and addiction counselors.

For our Nation and the World

Russia, Rwanda

Song of Commission

OUR GREAT SAVIOR

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! Lov - er
2. Je - sus! what a Strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my -
3. Je - sus! what a Help in sor - row! While the bil - lows
4. Je - sus! what a Guide and Keep - er! While the tem - pest
5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive Him, more than all in

of my soul; Friends may fail me, foes as - sail me,
self in Him. Temp - ted, tried, and some - times fail - ing,
o'er me roll. Ev - en when my heart is break - ing,
still is high. Storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me,
Him I find. He hath grant - ed me for - give - ness,

He, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
He, my Strength, my vic - tory wins.
He, my Com - fort, helps my soul.
He, my Pi - lot, hears my cry.
I am His, and He is mine.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the staves. The first system contains five verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the piece with a final line of lyrics and a double bar line.

Words: J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; Music: Rowland H. Prichard, c. 1830

Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sav - ior,

Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing,

He is with me to the end.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† **Commission**

Micah 6:8

Leader: The Lord has shown us what is good and what he requires of us: to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.

People: **May we do so to the glory of the Father, in union with the Son, and in the power of the Spirit!**

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude** **11:15 Service**

"Cortege" – Jeff Hummel
(Gordon Young)

SERVICE NOTES

Today's flowers are given by Ron Klipp and family in memory of Ron's father, Robert Klipp, whose birthday would have been on October 20.

Communication for Stewardship on Mission – Sunday, October 18

God did not stand at a distance and is not unmoved by our distance from him and from our unbelief. Jesus came into the world, entered our humanity, and experienced what we experience. Going to the cross, he took our sin, brokenness, our infirmity on himself and takes it away to restore us in relationship with God.

Our focus in mission follows Jesus' example in incarnation. Our emphasis this next year in what we want to pursue in missions at Third is to be more personally engaged with people in their situation to bring the love and grace of Jesus to them. Here are key details in our plan to accomplish this in 2016:

- To more heavily support our international partners who are going to those that have never heard of Jesus before. We have committed \$36,000 toward this purpose.
- To make more personal connections than ever before with those internationals living here in Richmond. We hope you might join in this ministry through becoming conversation partners, tutoring, teaching English, and making simple friendships through which Jesus' love will flow.
- Hosting and leading a Jobs for Life ministry next year at Third. We will be seeking to find and invite those in our area in Henrico County who are unemployed to learn job skills so that they might gain and keep a job that will fulfill their purpose as those created in the image of God.
- Partnering with Presbyterian churches in Egypt's Synod of the Nile. We, along with our sister ECO Presbytery churches, have committed not only to send support for the unique new opportunities God has opened in Egypt at this time but to form a relationship with one congregation, that we might join in the ministry developments that God has for them.

The Missions Committee believes the Lord is calling us into these great endeavors to live out the love of God by going and making these connections in order that his grace and peace are experienced by those who do not know him. This will call us to commit our time and our resources to be personally engaged in what he is doing around the world.

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. Be in prayer for the Lord's leading and his choice of our officers. List of nominees is on page 22 of your bulletin.

Men's Quarterly Dinner, this Thursday, October 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Abe Lincoln will be serving his world-famous baked spaghetti. Our guest teacher is Alan deCerff from Durban, South Africa. Are you a runner? What are you running towards or running away from? Do you know? Do you think God has invited you to do something that you're not doing? Come hear how God continues to radically pursue us: not to pay us back, but to win us back. Child care available with an RSVP to Kathy White (kathyw@thirdrva.org). To register: www.thirdrva.org/news-events/mens-quarterly-dinner.

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.

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).

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.

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.

Last Call for Men’s Basketball.

Our participation in the Henrico County church league begins on November 12. Please let Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org) know if you are interested.

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 18

- 9:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Weekly refreshments – Fellowship Hall
- 12:30 p.m. Officer Training – Room 217
- 7:00 p.m. Student Ministry gathering – Fellowship Hall and Basement
- 7:30 p.m. Christian Arabic Church worship – Sanctuary

Monday, October 19

- 7:00 p.m. Muslim World Missionary Prayer and Care Group – meets at Laurie Chalifoux's home
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue
- 7:00 p.m. Kingdom Knitters – Parlor

Tuesday, October 20

- 9:15 a.m. Weekly Women's Group – Room 213
- 9:30 a.m. Weekly Morning Mothers Together – Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Session dinner and meeting/Examination of new officers – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

Wednesday, October 21

- 6:00 p.m. Handbell rehearsal – Choir Room
- 6:30 p.m. Reconnect: Wednesdays at Third – Various rooms, 600 Forest Avenue
- 6:45 p.m. Alleluia choir rehearsal – Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Praise band rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Third Brass rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, October 22

- 6:00 p.m. Men's Quarterly Dinner – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Needle's Eye Young Professionals Grp. – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, October 23

- 9:00 a.m. Emotional Eating Group – Knox Room, 500 Forest Avenue
- 5:00 p.m. That Great Dance – Fellowship Hall
- 6-10 p.m. Relationships in Peace Training – Kitchen/Multipurpose Rm, 500 Forest Ave.

Saturday, October 24

- 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Relationships in Peace Training – Kitchen/Multipurpose Rm, 500 Forest Ave.
- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive – Fellowship Hall

Elders
Class of 2018

Mary Damon
Andrew Fuller
Kenny Grigg
Jeff Hassler
Fritz Kling
Stephen Piepgrass
Don Smith
Beth Sprinkle
Scott Ziegler

Deacons
Class of 2018

Ellen Armstrong
Mary Kay Avula
Derek Gage
Stephen Jenkins
Kathryn Pruett
Waylon Lloyd
Elizabeth Massie
Judy Duarte
Dru Fitch

Trustees
Class of 2018

Andrew Moore
John Robertson
Wilson Brockenbrough

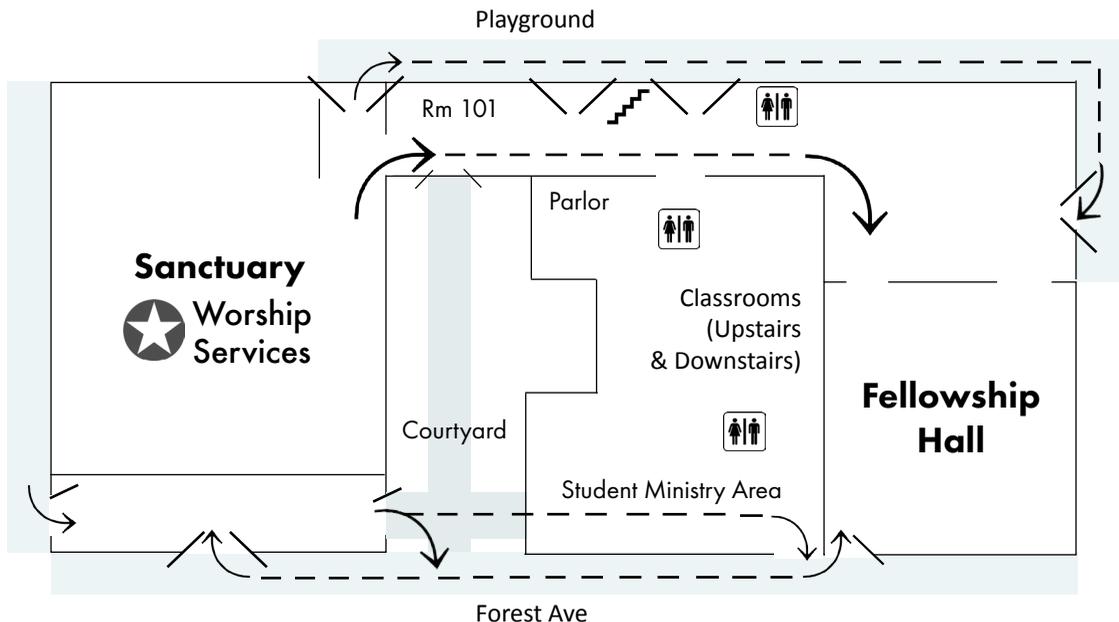
Class of 2017
Doug Kinard

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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