



Sunday | September 18, 2016

IS THERE A GOD?

"If God does not exist, everything is permitted."
Fyodor Dostoevsky

"What comes into our minds when we think
about God is the most important thing about us."
A.W. Tozer

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

"Toccata and Fugue in F Major"
(Dietrich Buxtehude)

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation

From Habakkuk 2:20

Leader: The Lord is in his holy temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before him.

Everyone: Amen.

Let's quiet our hearts in silent preparation for worship.

† Call to Worship

From Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.**

Leader: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."

**People: The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

† Opening Prayer

† Songs of Praise

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (#95, verses 1,2,4,5)
"Forever"
(See music on following pages)

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

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all;
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all!

FOREVER

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Give thanks to the Lord our God and King;
With a migh-ty hand and out-stretched arm,
From the ris-ing to the set - ting sun
his love en-dures for-ev-
his love en-dures for-ev-
his love en-dures for-ev-

- er. For he is good, he is a - bove all things; his love en-dures for-ev-
- er. For the life that's been re-born, his love en-dures for-ev-
- er. And by the grace of God we will car-ry on, his love en-dures for-ev-

- er. Sing praise____ sing____ praise._____ Sing praise,
- er. sing____ praise.____ For-ev - er God is faith - ful, for-ev-

- er God is____ strong, for-ev - er God is with us,____ for-ev-

- er,____ and ev - er,____ for - ev - er._____

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Song of Confession

"I Confess to God the Almighty"

words: trad., music by K Taulbee

1. I con - fess to you, my God, the Al - might - y
2. And I ask you, my sis - ters and bro - thers,

and pray to you, my my bro - thers and sis - ters, and bro - thers,

I have sinned through my own _____ fault,
as you pray to the Lord, _____

in pray my thoughts and my words,
for me to the Lord,

1.
in what I've done and have failed to do.

2.
as I pray for you.

Silent Confession

† Words of Comfort and Assurance From 1 Timothy 1:15 and 1 Peter 2:24

Leader: This is a trustworthy statement that deserves full acceptance,
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

People: **He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.**

Leader: By his wounds we have been healed.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

† Greeting of Peace

THANKSGIVING

We respond to God's word.

Our Offerings

Pray for Tom and Tisha Phillips, training people for ministry to unreached peoples of the world and engaged in sharing the gospel of Christ in Wales.

Offertory

8:45 and 11:15 a.m.

"Refuge"
(Christopher)

Sanctuary Choir

I am your refuge, I am your strength.
I am your helper in time of trouble.
So do not fear; no, do not fear, for I am your God.

And when you pass through the waters, I will be with you.
And when you cross o'er the river, I will be your guide.
And when you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned,
For I am your God.

You are my refuge, you are my strength.
You are my helper in time of trouble.
I will not fear; I will not fear, for you are my God.

Offertory

10:00 a.m.

"Oh, How I Need You (Find You)"

(See text on following page)

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.

"Oh, How I Need You (Find You)"

Lord, I find you in the seeking;
Lord, I find you in the doubt.
And to know you is to love you,
And to know so little else.

Chorus

Oh, how I need you.
Oh, how I need you.
Oh, how I need you.
Oh, how I need you.

Lord, I find you in the morning;
Lord, I seek you ev'ry day.
Let my life be for your glory,
Woven in your threads of grace.

Light, glorious light, I will go where you shine.
Break the dawn, crack the skies,
Make the way bright before me.
In your light I will find all I need;
All I need is you.

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PROCLAIMING

God speaks to us through his word.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Psalm 19:1-4a

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
- ² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
- ³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
- ⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth.

John 1:1-4, 14

- ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

- ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Message:

Is There a God? + Corey Widmer +

Notes:

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

† Song of Response

"Help My Unbelief"

(Words and music by Audrey Assad)

The fullness of the Godhead knit with our humanity,
Flesh and bones sewn in the heart of God inseparably.
I know, I know, and I believe you are the Lord.
I know, I know, and I believe you are the Lord.
Help my unbelief.

Strange and sweet collision of justice and mercy,
Your burden is light and your yoke is easy.
I know, I know, and I believe you are the Lord.
I know, I know, and I believe you are the Lord.
Help my unbelief.

O happy fault that gained for me the chance to know you, Lord,
To touch your wounded side and know the joy of my reward.
I know, I know, and I believe you are the Lord.
I know, I know, and I believe you are the Lord.
Help my unbelief.

My Lord and my God,
My Lord and my God,
I know, I know, and I believe.
I know, I know, and I believe.
Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.

Musical notation for the song "Help My Unbelief". The music is in common time (indicated by a 'C') and uses a treble clef. The lyrics "Help my un - be - lief." are written below the notes, corresponding to the melody. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes, with a fermata over the last note of the phrase.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: Loving Father,
help us in our unbelief,
grant us all an experience of your grace
and deepen in us a love for you and our neighbor.
Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ,
for all teachers and students
in all schools, colleges, universities and technical schools:
grant peace in this new school year
and advance your good purposes through the ministry of education.
Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Holy Spirit,
bring comfort to all those who are sick or in distress:
may they know your deep comfort
and healing power in both body and spirit.
Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
for the church of every nation,
and especially today for the church in Chad:
advance your Kingdom
and grant faith and perseverance to your people.
Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: And for what else should we pray?

*Anyone may add their own intercessions at this time, ending with,
"Lord, in your mercy..."*

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

Missy Deregibus, Jack Schilthuis, Katie Payne, Allen Lawrence, Marriott Jackson, Jerry Ramsey, Francis Steadman, Betty Cox, Charles Ellison, Christie Geraty, Dru Fitch, Mark Koontz, Margaret Leith, Dabney Harvey, Eileen Raynor, Lou Hanscom, Carol Holt, Celeste Reynolds, Pam Rambo

For Comfort

Deaths – Jeff Rebman (sister, 8/30), Lillian Hazelton (father, 7/21), Amy and Sarah Helweg (husband and father, 7/20), Paul White (mother, 6/20), Christina Brown (brother, 6/17), Pam Haney (mother, 6/9), Sunny Rosebro (mother, 6/6)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for schools and educational institutions of metropolitan Richmond: for all universities, colleges, seminaries, trade, technical, graduate and professional schools; for the students, faculty and staff of these institutions.

For Our Nation and the World – Chad

Chad is a landlocked country in northern central Africa. It is surrounded by Libya to the north, Sudan to the east, the Central African Republic to the south, Cameroon and Nigeria to the southwest and Niger to the west. Lake Chad, located in the southwest corner of the country, is a gathering area for Boko Haram rebels.

- Pray for a stable and just government. Tribal rivalries and conflict between Muslims (north) and Christians (south) create instability.
- Pray for the Christians who comprise almost 40% of the population. Pray for outreach efforts to their Muslim neighbors.
- Pray for the 100 people groups (133 languages) who make up Chad's society. Chad has more unreached peoples than any other country in Africa. Only 12 languages have the whole Bible translated.
- Pray especially for the Sahara peoples (Sunni Muslims) who dominate politics in Chad. Only a few Christians are numbered among them. Pray also for the Ouaddai-Fur peoples (Muslim) who live in harsh conditions in the eastern provinces near Sudan.

Missionary Prayer and Care groups meet monthly to pray for our mission partners in Europe, Asia and the Muslim world. Contact Carolyn Oakley (cdoakley1@gmail.com/937-6564) to learn more. **NOTE:** Beginning in October, the Muslim World Prayer and Care group will meet on the first Tuesday night of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. at the home of Laurie Chalifoux.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† Song of Commission

"Great Are You, Lord"

Verse

You give life. You are love. You bring
light to the darkness. You give hope. You re -
store ev - 'ry heart that is bro - ken.
And great are you, Lord.

Chorus

It's your breath in our lungs, so we
pour out our praise, we pour out our praise. It's your
breath in our lungs, so we

Fine

pour out our praise to you on - ly.

Bridge

And all the earth will shout your praise. Our
hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
"Great are you,
Lord!"

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Commission

Leader: Go in peace, in the knowledge of God's power.
 Go in confidence, in the knowledge of God's strength.
 Go in joy, in the knowledge of God's love.
 Go forth, remembering who you are and to whom you belong.

Everyone: Thanks be to God!

Benediction

Postlude

11:15 a.m. service

Postlude on "Webb"

(Jason Payne)

Jeff Hummel

If you would like prayer for any reason, two elders are available at the front of the Sanctuary (by the lectern) after each service. We invite you to come forward for any prayer needs you may have.

SERVICE NOTES

Today's flowers are given in honor of our mission partners Tom and Tisha Phillips, who train people for ministry to unreached peoples of the world. They are engaged in sharing the gospel of Christ in Wales.

Today's Liturgists: (8:45) Ed Satterfield, (10:00) L. J. Jaworski, (11:15) Rick Hutton

11:15 a.m. service in Room 101: Due to anticipated crowding in the 11:15 a.m. service, we have created an additional worship space in Room 101. Anyone is welcome to come to Room 101 for the last service if you need additional space, or you want to give up your space to make room for visitors and newcomers.

NEWS & EVENTS

Today! Welcome Coffee – 10:00 a.m.

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 (bethn@thirdrva.org).

Arabic Student Homework Tutoring – Kicks Off September 21!

For this program, tutors are matched with a student. Each Wednesday evening, they meet together and tutors help their students with their homework. We continually find ourselves with more students than tutors, so your help is very much needed! Our tutoring season runs for 10 weeks in the Fall, September 21 through November 16. No experience needed. Ready to help? Contact Andi Redmond: andi.redmond6@gmail.com.

Volunteers needed for CARITAS: October 8-15

Join us to host families without a home during our CARITAS week. We'll serve them a meal where we can connect with them and share Christ's love. Volunteers needed to help prep and serve meals, do laundry, spend the night (and to serve a simple breakfast in the morning), and set up and break down. To signup, visit thirdrva.org/events or contact Cecilia Elliott (denelliott@gmail.com).

Play Groups for Fall!

Come join other parents with children for our Playgroup and infant Mommy & Me gatherings on: September 23; October 14 and 28; November 4 and 18; December 2 and 16. Playgroup meets in Room 109; Mommy & Me in Room 102. Contact kathyw@thirdrva.org for more information.

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. Visit www.thirdrva.org/partners/relationships-in-peace. For assistance: RelationshipsInPeace. thirdrva@gmail.com or call Margie Satterfield, (804) 819-0260.

NEWS & EVENTS

Women's Ministry: Coffee and Conversation – Tuesday, Sept. 20, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Third's Women's Ministry invites you to join us in the parlor this Tuesday for a chance to connect with long-time friends or meet new ones! There will be plenty of time for fellowship and a short devotional on the Fruit of the Spirit. For questions or to make a childcare reservation, email Missy Murchie at murchiefamily@yahoo.com.

Beta Groups – Kicking off this Fall!

Beta groups are six-week small groups that are designed especially for those who are new to our church, new to small groups, or interested in getting more involved and meeting people at Third. New groups are kicking off this October and November. Interested in signing up? Visit thirdrva.org/events. For questions, contact Beth Nichols (bethn@thirdrva.org).

Needle's Eye Luncheon with Brenda Burgess – Sept. 29, Noon, Westwood Club

Our mission partner Needle's Eye is hosting a luncheon with Brenda Burgess, Third member and former Executive Director of Virginia Women's Center. Brenda will speak about thankfulness in the midst of facing (another) cancer diagnosis, and how it forced her to retire early from a job she loved. More info and signups: needleseye.org.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Come and join us for fellowship this morning! Weather permitting, we'll have Blanchard's coffee and snacks in the courtyard outside the Sanctuary between services, from 9:45 - 11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHP CLASSES

Join us for our adult Sunday morning discipleship classes **during the 10:00 a.m. worship hour.**

For more information on the classes below, visit: thirdrva.org/classes-and-fellowship, or pick up a copy of the **Fall 2016 Brochure for Community, Discipleship and Mission.** Questions? Contact Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org).

A Study of Hebrews

Room 101

Where is God in the Business and Busyness of Life?

Room 217

Marriage Fellowship

Room 215

Orphans and the Gospel

Room 207

Sermon Chat: Explore God

Fellowship Hall

Forgiving and Reconciling: Bridges to Wholeness and Hope

500 Forest Avenue, Room 109

Did Our Hearts Not Burn Within Us?

A Study of Luke

Room 213

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SUNDAY MORNING

DURING THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE:

We resume all of our children's Sunday morning discipleship classes during the 10:00 a.m. worship hour.

Visit thirdrva.org/family-ministry-sunday-morning or pick up a copy of the **Fall 2016 Brochure for Community, Discipleship and Mission** for information on where the classes will be.

DURING 8:45 AND 11:15 A.M. SERVICES:

Childcare is available for all children aged Kindergarten and younger. First grade and above attend worship with their parents.

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. You'll be able to watch the service via streaming. The room is located near the Student Ministry area in Room 132.

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).

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT THIRD

Starting Wednesday, September 21, we'll kick off our Wednesday evening programs. We host many different opportunities on Wednesday nights that include children's choir, worship practices, homework and ESL tutoring, group studies and much more!

For the full list of offerings, visit thirdrva.org/wednesdays-at-third for more information, or pick up a copy of the **Fall 2016 Brochure for Community, Discipleship and Mission**. Questions? Contact Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org).

STUDENT MINISTRY

Sunday morning student ministry

Join us for food, solid teaching, and great people as we grow together in God's word.

600 Forest Avenue, Student Ministry Area

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

Sunday evening student ministry

Join us from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m in the Fellowship Hall.

Questions? Contact Rick (rickh@thirdrva.org) or Andrea (andreas@thirdrva.org).

THIS WEEK AT THIRD

Sunday, September 18

8:00 a.m. Communion and Prayer – Room 101
8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Welcome Coffee – Parlor
10:00 a.m. Baptism Class – Choir Room
2:00 p.m. Ordination service for Murray Withrow – Sanctuary

Monday, September 19

7:00 p.m. Kingdom Knitters - Parlor
7:00 p.m. Muslim world prayer and care group meeting – in Laurie Chalifoux' home,
10801 Whitaker Woods Rd, 23238, 740-1199

Tuesday, September 20

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation – Parlor
9:30 a.m. Women's Group, Priscilla Shirer's "Breathe" – Room 213
6:30 p.m. Dinner Study with Nan Clarke – Kitchen, 500 Forest Avenue
7:00 p.m. Deacons meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

Wednesday, September 21

6:30 p.m. Alleluia choir rehearsal – Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Club 56 – Basement
6:30 p.m. Children's Choir (1st-4th grades) – Room 201
6:30 p.m. Refresh group meeting – Parlor
6:45 p.m. Arabic student homework tutoring – Fellowship Hall and various classrooms
6:45 p.m. English as a Second Language (ESL) for adults – Room 101
7:00-9:30 p.m. Officer Training – Rooms 213/215

Thursday, September 22

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

Friday, September 23

8:30 a.m. Europe prayer and care group meeting – in Carolyn Oakley's home,
2710 Old Point Drive, 23233, 937-6564

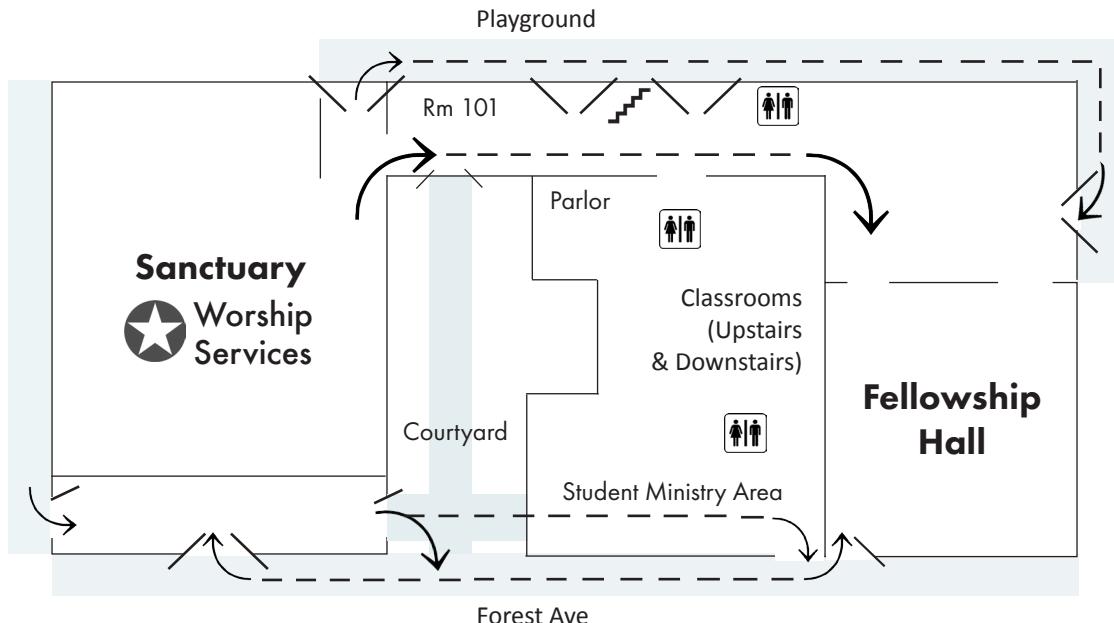
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

Welcome to Third! We're so glad you're here. We'd love to get to know you and for you to learn more about our community. We have a couple opportunities for you to connect with us and help you find out more about Third.

- **Sign up for emails:** thirdrva.org/signup
- **Pick up Third Press:** our monthly newsletter can be found around the church.
- **Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram:** @thirdrva
- **Today! Join us for a Welcome Coffee at 10 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. Contact Beth Nichols (bethn@thirdrva.org).

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT THIRD

If you need help or have any questions at any point on a Sunday morning, look for individuals wearing carnations or yellow name badges. They're here to help answer questions, find you seats, and guide you around our building.



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