

# WELCOME!

## WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

New here? Learn about Third on our website at [thirdrva.org](http://thirdrva.org) and sign up for our ministry emails at [thirdrva.org/signup](http://thirdrva.org/signup). Looking to get plugged in and find community? Find a parish group meeting near you at [thirdrva.org/parish-life](http://thirdrva.org/parish-life).

### HANDBELL CHOIR | "WE THREE KINGS" | "JOY TO THE WORLD"

#### "A JUBILANT CALL TO PRAISE" (MARTIN) | (11:00 SERVICE)

Rise and sing; the Light has come. See the glory of the morning sun.

Let your music fill this place. Wake the dawn with shouts of praise!

Rise and sing; the Light has come. O sing unto the Lord, sing unto the Lord.

Sing a joyful, jubilant song!

People, lift a glad refrain. Let your alleluias live again.

Come proclaim what God has done; all your voices now as one.

Rise and sing; the Light has come. O sing unto the Lord, sing unto the Lord.

Sing a joyful, jubilant song!

Come and join the celebration. This is the day that God has made.

Join your praise with all creation! Sing unto the Lord,

Sing unto the Lord, sing unto the Lord a new song.

Praise the Lord who sets us free! Praise the wonders of his majesty!

Laud and glorify the name. All his mighty works proclaim.

Rise and sing; the Light has come. O sing unto the Lord, sing unto the Lord.

Sing a joyful, jubilant song!

O sing unto the Lord! Sing unto the Lord!

Praise God with joyful, jubilant song!

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

## CALL TO WORSHIP

» **Sing together:**

*Holy, holy, holy.*

- › Come, worship the living King over all the earth. The Spirit of the Lord is on him. He was anointed to preach good news to the poor. He was sent to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

*(From Isaiah 61:1,2)*

» **Sing together:**

*Holy, holy, holy.*

- › Come, worship the living King over all the earth. God has exalted him to the highest place and given him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*(From Philippians 2:9–11)*

» **Sing together:**

*Holy, holy, holy.*

- › Come, worship the living King over all the earth. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing. To him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever! *(From Revelation 5:12–13)*

» **Sing together:**

*Holy, holy, holy.*

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY" 538

"CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, OH GOD"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

» **Almighty God,**

**to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hid:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify**

**your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

### WORDS OF COMFORT

- › May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from your hearts and minds,  
forgive you your sins, grant you the joy of his kingdom,  
and raise you to new and everlasting life.

» **Amen.**

### GREETING OF PEACE

#### OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- › Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » **For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.**

#### MISSION PARTNER INTERVIEW | THE BARNABAS CENTER

### DOXOLOGY

#### SCRIPTURE READING | MARK 1:1-13

#### SERMON | "THE WAY OF JESUS: JESUS ARRIVES" (COREY WIDMER)

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

» **Sing after each prayer:**

*You hear us call, you hear us call, Abba Father.*

*You hear us call, you hear us call, Abba Father.*

*Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy.*

*Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy.*

### "FATHER, LET YOUR KINGDOM COME"

### COMMISSION AND BLESSING

- › The time has come! The Kingdom of God has drawn near in Jesus our Messiah!
- » **Let us listen to him, let us turn to him, let us follow in his way.**

#### POSTLUDE | "SING PRAISE TO GOD" (PAUL LAUBENGAYER)

# PRAYER NEEDS

## FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

On this Sunday, we celebrate the sanctity of life. We pray this morning for our mission partner, the Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond. They have been an outreach ministry of the local Body of Christ since 1983 and continue to reach out to women and men who might otherwise never know the love of Christ or their worth and value.

## FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: to experience the healing power of Jesus's resurrection over all personal and institutional results of racism and racial inequality in this metropolitan city.

## FOR HEALTH

Jessica (Arroyo) and Josh Gamble, Beatrice White, Bill Edwards, Nan Clarke, Evi Burgin, Dabney Harvey, Linda Ludlow, Evelyn Jennings, Susan Higgins, Bette Phillips, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks, Heather Moret, Liz Slate, Tom Morgan, Christie Geraty

## FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Kathi Johnson (sister, 1/10); Linda Hobgood, Laura Perkins, Jenny Connors, Emily Schindler, Sally Tate (mother, grandmother, Jinny Bartlett 1/8); Paula Harrison (father, 1/5); Margarete, Nick and Trina Jeffer (mother and grandmother, 12/17); Karen Perry (father, 11/23); Ellen Armstrong (brother-in-law, 11/15); Melissa Lincoln (husband, Abe 11/12), Mary Cox (husband, Gene 11/9); Rene Shouse (brother, 11/7); Agnes Smith (sister, 10/1)

## BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

McKenna Ballard . . . . . 12/7  
Elliot Pendleton "Penn" Cave, Jr 10/27  
Holland Joy Henry. . . . . 10/10  
Levi Elliot Sawyer. . . . . 8/24  
Samuel Sainz Bond . . . . . 8/15  
Clara Garland Patrick . . . . . 7/23  
Emery Ann Anthony . . . . . 7/8  
Sophie Moon Babcock . . . . . 7/8

## DEATHS

Abe Lincoln. . . . . 11/12  
Gene Cox. . . . . 11/9  
Gloria Price . . . . . 9/24  
Jackie Cozens . . . . . 9/21  
Ruth Anne Blakely . . . . . 9/18  
Betty Wingo. . . . . 9/17  
John Fitch . . . . . 9/14

# NEWS & EVENTS

## STARTING TODAY! FEBRUARY TERM: "LIFE TOGETHER"

*Sundays at 10:00 a.m., January 16 – February 20*

Join this all-church class happening on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall as we explore Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book *Life Together*. It's a key moment to focus on the importance of Christian community for the life of discipleship.

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## NEWCOMERS CLASS: NEXT CLASS BEGINS SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

Interested in learning more about Third, or considering joining as a Covenant Partner? Come to our Newcomers Class and learn more about being a part of our community and what we believe!

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## BARNABAS TRAINING BASIC

*February 12, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

Learn how to better encourage friends facing difficult times in life and faith through this interactive and informative workshop from the Barnabas Center.

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## CELEBRATE ALAN WARE'S RETIREMENT

Alan Ware, our Director of Finance and Administration, is retiring next month. Send any notes of gratitude and encouragement to Cathy Almond ([cathya@thirdrva.org](mailto:cathya@thirdrva.org)) to compile as a parting gift!

For more information and to register for these events, scan the QR codes above or visit [thirdrva.org/events](https://thirdrva.org/events) to see all upcoming events.

# NOTES





