

# WELCOME!

## WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

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### PRELUDE | "ALLEGRO AND FUGUE FROM SONATA II" (FELIX MENDELSSOHN)

### CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 62

- › Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.
- » **Truly he is our rock and our salvation;  
he is our fortress, we will never be shaken.**
- › Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.
- » **Truly he is our rock and our salvation;  
he is our fortress, we will not be shaken.**
- › My salvation and honor depend on God;  
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
- » **Trust in him at all times, you people;  
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

"ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME" 601

"KING OF KINGS"

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › Let us come with humble and repentant hearts to the Lord.
- » **We all, like sheep, have gone astray.  
Each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT | FROM ROMANS 8:31–39

- › Who then is the one who condemns?
- » **No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.**
- › Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
- » **I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

JOINING OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS

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.**

“OFFERTORY” (BECK)

With what shall I come before the Lord,  
And bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
Shall I come before him with yearling calves?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
With ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I give him my firstborn for my transgressions,  
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
He has shown you, O man, he has shown you what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you  
But to do justice and to love kindness,  
And to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God.

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | MARK 5:1–20

SERMON | “THE WAY OF JESUS: JESUS LIBERATES” (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.  
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.*
- » **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.**

“A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD” 776

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | 1 PETER 5:6–11

- › Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.
- » **And the God of all grace, who called us to his eternal glory in Christ, after we have suffered a little while, will himself restore us and make us strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.**

POSTLUDE | “PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN” (MICHAEL BURKHARDT)

# PRAYER NEEDS

## FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Please be praying for CARITAS as they assist the most vulnerable in our city to overcome crises with dignity, respect and compassion so they can regain their independence and experience long-term success.

## FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for the coming of God's realm in metropolitan Richmond: for the enhancement of our common life through the Holy Spirit, and for the resurrection of metropolitan Richmond as a modern metropolitan city of hope for the world.

## FOR HEALTH

Jerry Dearmon, Loma Shafer, Linnea Engel, Margie Satterfield, Lee Zulauf, Jessica (Arroyo) and Josh Gamble, Beatrice White, Bill Edwards, Nan Clarke, Evi Burgin, Linda Ludlow, Susan Higgins, Bette Phillips, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks, Heather Moret, Liz Slate, Tom Morgan, Christie Geraty

## FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Bob McCray (sister, 2/15); Melanie Frazier (husband, Taylor, 2/13); Stephanie and Linda Buttner (father and husband, Garry, 2/3); Kathi Johnson (sister, 1/10); Linda Hobgood, Laura Perkins, Jenny Connors, Emily Schindler, Sally Tate (mother and grandmother, Jinny Bartlett 1/8); Paula Harrison (father, 1/5); Scott Ziegler (brother, 12/27)

## BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Niko Vinson . . . . . 2/16  
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

Taylor Frazier . . . . . 2/13  
Garry Buttner . . . . . 2/3  
Jinny Bartlett . . . . . 1/8  
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

We rejoice in the birth of **Nikolas (Niko) Constantine Vinson** on February 16 to Braxton and Alexa Vinson and big brother Theo (City North parish). Please join us in praying for this family!

# NEWS & EVENTS

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

*Wednesday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary or Online*

This special worship service of repentance marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Childcare available for 4 years and younger with reservation to [blairb@thirdrva.org](mailto:blairb@thirdrva.org) by tomorrow, February 28.



## NEW 10:00 A.M. OPPORTUNITIES STARTING MARCH 6

We want to give you a new opportunity to engage with your church community on Sundays through our 10:00 a.m. hour. Visit the new prayer room or quiet room, grab a coffee in our outdoor commons, or join a new class. More info on our website.



## GLOBAL MISSIONS WEEKEND: A CONFERENCE FEATURING DR. CHRIS WRIGHT

*March 12–13 in the Fellowship Hall*

Dr. Chris Wright, author, speaker, and Director of the Langham Partnership, is visiting Third to lead us in three important forums on integrating mission into every aspect of the Christian life.



- **Integrated Mission and the Great Commission**  
*Saturday, 10:00 a.m.*
- **A Focus on God's Global Church: Whose Church? Whose Mission?**  
*Saturday, 7:00 p.m.*
- **21st-Century Challenges to the Church's Global Mission**  
*Sunday, 12:30 p.m.*

## SUBMIT OFFICER NOMINATIONS

*Submit nominations online at [thirdrva.org/nominate](http://thirdrva.org/nominate).*

Nominations for the roles of elder, deacons and trustee must be in by Tuesday, March 1. Please nominate someone today.



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

# CHILDCARE 8:45 AND 11:00 A.M.

Each Sunday we offer childcare during our worship services for infants through kindergarten; older kids worship with their parents.

Infants (up to 12 months or steady walkers) . . . . .	102
Toddlers . . . . .	107
2-year-olds. . . . .	103
3-year-olds – Kindergarten . . . . .	223

**Following the 8:45 service:** If you plan to attend Sunday school after the service, your child can be escorted to their assigned classroom but please notify your teacher on the sign-in sheet that they will be attending Sunday school. Otherwise, please pick up your children immediately after the 8:45 service ends.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 A.M.

At 10:00 a.m., we have a dedicated Sunday school hour where our kids meet in age-specific classrooms to learn, sing, and read the Bible together.

Infants (up to 12 months or steady walkers) . . . . .	102
12 to 18 months: Toddler 1 . . . . .	107
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2-year-olds (by 9/30/21): Little Lambs . . . . .	103
3-year-olds: Little Lions . . . . .	223
Older 3s and younger 4s: Little Deer. . . . .	204
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Club 56 (5th and 6th grades). . . . .	Basement
7th–12th grades. . . . .	Student Ministry Area

**Following Sunday school:** If your child attends Sunday school and you plan to attend the 11:00 a.m. service, they can be escorted by their teacher to Room 223. Please let your teacher know on the sign-in sheet when you'll be picking up your child!

# TODAY, FEBRUARY 27, IS FAITH COMMITMENT SUNDAY

2022 PROJECTED BUDGET  
**\$3,801,500**

4.8% MINISTRY EXPENSES

53% PERSONNEL COSTS

25% MISSIONS FUNDING

17.2% OPERATING COSTS

Today, our Covenant Partners are committing themselves and their resources to God’s work in and through our church.

**If you didn’t bring your card today**, or haven’t yet decided on your commitment, it’s not too late! Bring your card to the service next week, mail it to the church office, or make your commitment online at [thirdrva.org/give](http://thirdrva.org/give).

In years past we have had a stewardship season every fall when we shared our projected budget for the coming year and invited your faith commitment. Your Session has decided it would better serve our church to change the timing of this season, and we will now share the new budget with you after the previous year’s books have closed. This has enabled us to project more accurately what our revenue and expenses will be for the coming year and then invite you to join us in giving to this budget through annual commitments.

The Session has set our expense budget for 2022 at \$3,801,500 (breakdowns shown in the chart to the left). This is lower than our 2021 budget, but still represents a \$138K increase over our giving last year, so we are trusting God to provide for this increase.

We encourage you to make a commitment to the Lord for your giving for the year, believing that it’s an important and formational exercise in your relationship of following Jesus. By passing along your giving commitment to Third, you’ll allow us to provide you updates on your progress toward that commitment throughout the year.

# NOTES