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PRELUDE

"MAKE US AWARE"

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 98

- › Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
- » **Make music to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.**
- › Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.
- » **Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"THE LION AND THE LAMB"

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

- › Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
- » **Only Christ.**
- › And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; the new life has begun!
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

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 | "GOD, I AM PRAYING FOR UKRAINE" (THE VEREMCHUK FAMILY)

Let my prayer be counted
As incense before you.
My heart always longs
For your beautiful temple.

*O God, I am praying for Ukraine.
O God, I pray to you for the people.
Please forgive them and save them,
And show your mercy to us.
God, I know you will be with us
In your temple under heaven.*

You have given us peace and joy,
Given yourself for mankind,
Written us into the book of life,
Yes, you have written us in.

In your living word
You give commandments for our lives,
That we may pray to the One
Who died for us on the cross.

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | ACTS 9:1-19

SERMON | "HOPE IN GOD'S MERCY" (NAN CLARKE)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

- › Christians, what do you believe?
- » **I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sits
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come
to judge the living and the dead.**
- I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.**
- Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- › Lift up your hearts!
- » **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- › Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- » **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, you have made us in your image and for yourself. You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy.
God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

- › You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you. You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home. God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

- › You have sent your Son to bring us home to you.
By his Incarnation–
- » **You have found us.**
- › By his Death–
- » **You have forgiven us.**
- › By his Resurrection–
- » **You have freed us.**
- › God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
- › In union with Jesus Christ of Nazareth, our Great High Priest, and with all who worship you, both in heaven and on earth, we offer you our praise, singing:
- » ***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow’r and might,
Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he, blessed is he
Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

FOR OUR GUESTS

The Lord’s Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It’s one of the most important things we do when we gather together, because the bread and juice are concrete signs of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. When we come forward to receive them, we believe that Jesus is actually present through the Holy Spirit, extending his grace and forgiveness to us. We welcome anyone to the table who is willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion, we invite you to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Lead me into the light and life you promise. Amen.

*Adapted from prayers written by Rev. Scot Sherman,
Redeemer Presbyterian Church*

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more blind and sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete acceptance. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ, reconciled to you and to each other by his blood. By your Holy Spirit make us—
- » **One with Christ, one with each other, and one in mission to all the world,**
- › Until Christ shall come in final victory
and we feast together at his heavenly banquet. We cry,
- » **Maranatha! Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION | FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23–26

- › “The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

PASTORAL PRAYER 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. Amen.**

“I MUST TELL JESUS (WITH BLESSED ASSURANCE)” (MCDONALD)

I must tell Jesus all of my trials; I cannot bear these burdens alone.
In my distress he kindly will help me; he ever loves and cares for his own.

I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear my burdens alone.
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear my burdens alone.
In my distress he kindly will help me; he ever loves and he cares for his own.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

This is my song!

"JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE"

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM LAMENTATIONS 3:21-24

- › But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
- » **The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;**
- › They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
- » **"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."**

POSTLUDE

THE TEN O'CLOCK HOUR

Visit the **Prayer Room (200)** or **Quiet Room (226)** upstairs, have coffee with a new or old friend in our Outdoor Commons by the playground, or visit one of the Sunday school classes listed below.

Have kids? Bring them to one of the classrooms listed on the following page.

The Color of Compromise

A look at Jemar Tisby's book, *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism*.

FELLOWSHIP HALL | DANNY AVULA, BILL MIMS

On Friendship

Explore the riches and pains of friendship and fellowship.

ROOM 217 | DREW CLEVELAND

A Study of 1 Peter

Expository Bible teaching that explores the encouragement and testimony of God's true grace.

ROOM 213/215 | DAVE CARROLL, DAVID SKOVE

The Soul of Desire

An engaging study of Curt Thompson's book on how God can reshape our desires and griefs, and invite us into the beauty of his presence.

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, 500 FOREST AVE | MARY DAMON

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 A.M.

During the ten o'clock hour, 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
18 to 24 months: Toddler 2	105
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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Kindergarten	220
First grade.	201
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Third grade.	218
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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!

PRAYER NEEDS

FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Please be praying for our mission partner For Richmond, a nonprofit organization that connects and equips Christian leaders to collaborate for the transformation of metropolitan Richmond. They cultivate the space and focus for individuals to have greater impact through unity of vision and resources.

FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for the criminal justice system in metropolitan Richmond: for all who are incarcerated in jails and prisons, their families, and their loved ones.

FOR HEALTH

Jeff Hummel, Gretchen Gravely, Carole Macomber, Robert Wilson, Rusty Gregg, Al Foster, Jerry Dearmon, Linnea Engel, Margie Satterfield, Lee Zulauf, Beatrice White, Evi Burgin, Linda Ludlow, Susan Higgins, Bette Phillips, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks, Heather Moret, Liz Slate, Tom Morgan, Christie Geraty

FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Sarah Dugal (father, 4/13); Judy Boland (sister, 4/6); Amy Ziegler (mother, Loma Shafer, 3/14); Kathy White (sister, 3/14); Lynne Hildebrand (mother, 3/5); Kevin and Christie Geraty (son, Liam, 2/24); Bob McCray (sister, 2/15); Alex Bruce (father, 2/14); Melanie Frazier (husband, Taylor, 2/13); Cathy Tullidge (father, 2/5); Stephanie and Linda Buttner (father and husband, Garry, 2/3)

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Cecilia Diane Morrissett 4/16
Harrison Maxwell Stehle 3/4
Niko Vinson 2/16
Gabriel Rogers. 1/12

DEATHS

Betty Thomas 4/5
Loma Shafer 3/14
Liam Geraty 2/24
Taylor Frazier 2/13
Garry Buttner 2/3
Jinny Bartlett 1/8

We rejoice in the birth of Cecilia Diane Morrissett to John and Brennan Morrissett on April 16, 2022 (Grove parish). Please join us in praying for this family!

NEWS & EVENTS

TODAY! STUDENT MINISTRY DESSERT AUCTION

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Help us raise money for our student mission trip to Philadelphia, and take home a delicious dessert for a great cause.



WHAT MAKES MARRIAGE THRIVE: A WORKSHOP

Saturday, June 4, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Could your marriage use a little attention? Join Miriam Bott, a licensed professional counselor, for this powerful, interactive marriage workshop. Spaces limited. Register online.



MEN'S DINNER AND DISCUSSION

Saturday, May 7, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Come hang out with the guys from Third. Join us for a guest speaker, plenty of good food, and stimulating conversation.



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

NOTES

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