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"BE THOU MY VISION" (ARR. DALE WOOD)

CHORAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (8:45) | "GLORY BE" (SORENSEN)

Glory be to God the Father and to God the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit, Three in One.

Sing alleluia! O sing alleluia!

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing.
O praise the Father, praise the Son. O praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit. Glory! Glory!

Glory to God!

CALL TO WORSHIP | PSALM 100

- › Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
- » **Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**
- › Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us and we are his;
- » **We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**
- › Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
- » **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

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

"JESUS, I COME TO THEE"

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 | FROM PSALM 103:11-13

- › For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him.
- » **As far as the east is from the west,**
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
- › As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | CLAIRE DELUCA (8:45 SERVICE)

Claire Austen DeLuca is the daughter of Lauren and Steve DeLuca. Val Kling is representing the Session as the elder holding the font. Anna Henderson is the prayer sponsor. Please pray for Lauren and Steve as they seek to raise Claire in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

» **Sing together:**
*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine upon you,
And give you peace, and give you peace,
And give you peace forever!*

JOINING OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS (11:00 SERVICE)

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.**

END OF YEAR GIVING UPDATE

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | 2 SAMUEL 5:1–12

SERMON | “A KING WHO UNITES” (COREY WIDMER)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each prayer, we'll respond together:

- › Lord, in your mercy,
- » **Hear our prayer.**

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.**

“CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS” 223

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | EPHESIANS 4:3–5

- › Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
- » **There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

“O LORD, YOU ARE MY GOD AND KING” (C. HUBERT H. PARRY)

PRAYER NEEDS

FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Please be praying for our mission partner Andrew Fuller with World Horizons, and their efforts in pioneering, recruiting, equipping, and supporting evangelism and church planting in parts of the world where there is no church, particularly among Muslim peoples.

FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for the families of metropolitan Richmond: for persons who are lonely or have no family; for persons who are estranged from their families; for persons who are grieving the loss of a loved one; and for all who need to feel the love of God.

FOR HEALTH

Evi Burgin, Don Floyd, Dabney Harvey, Linda Ludlow, Evelyn Jennings, Susan Higgins, Bette Phillips, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks, Beatrice White, Jinny Bartlett, Heather Moret, Liz Slate, Tom Morgan, Carolyn Oakley, Christie Geraty

FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Mary Cox (husband, Gene 11/9); Rene Shouse (brother, 11/7); Agnes Smith (sister, 10/1); Jeff Price (wife, Gloria 9/24); Christi Hancock (mother, Jackie Cozens 9/21); Roseanne Adams and Melissa Yacher (mother and grandmother, Ruth Ann Blakely 9/18); Betty Wingo (9/17); Carl Cunningham (father, 9/16); Fitch and Rivers families (son, brother, and grandson, John 9/14); Susan Pottle (mother, 8/31); Linda Ludlow (brother, 8/17)

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

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

Gene Cox 11/9
Gloria Price 9/24
Jackie Cozens 9/21
Ruth Ann Blakely 9/18
Betty Wingo 9/17
John Fitch 9/14
Ann Nell Jackson 8/11
Strick Smith 8/2

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Classes are at 10:00 a.m. and are open to all! Classes will be running for six weeks, ending December 12 (there will be no class on November 28).

ON BEING HUMAN

- ABOUT** A class on sexuality, gender, and human identity and purpose.
- LOCATION** Fellowship Hall
- LEADERS** Scott Armistead, Mark Sprinkle, Missy DeRegibus, Drew Cleveland, Derek Mondeau
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ENCOURAGEMENT AND TESTIMONY OF GOD'S TRUE GRACE

- ABOUT** Expository teaching of 1 Peter and topics of separation, suffering, persecution, hope, courage, and above all, the true grace of God.
- LOCATION** Room 213/215
- LEADERS** David Carroll and David Skove
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THE OTHER HALF OF CHURCH

- ABOUT** A provocative discussion of *The Other Half of Church* and the missing ingredients for transformational spiritual growth.
- LOCATION** Multi-Purpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue
- LEADER** Mary Damon
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THE GOSPEL-CENTERED LIFE

- ABOUT** A class on the transformational power of the gospel to shape every aspect of our lives.
- LOCATION** 2nd Floor Conference Room, 500 Forest Avenue
- LEADER** Derek Mondeau

NEWS & EVENTS



TODAY: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Annual meeting for election of officers and important updates.

**TODAY
NOVEMBER 14
12:15 P.M.**



FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION

Welcome the Advent season with us!
For parents and kids (ages 4–4th grade),
in lieu of Sunday school for these ages.

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 28
10:00 A.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL**



FORGOTTEN NO MORE ADOPTION CELEBRATION

Celebrate 18 new foster families with
Henrico Foster Care! Join us for a meal,
activities, speaker, and more.

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 18
6:00 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL**



MISSION PARTNER DINNER

Special seated dinner with several of
our visiting and resident mission partners.
RSVP required.

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 20
5:00 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

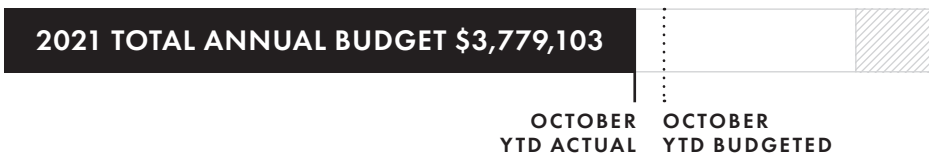
For more information and to register for these events, scan the QR codes above
or visit thirdrva.org/events to see all upcoming events.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As we begin to close out 2021 and prepare our budget for 2022, we want to share with our church family how the Lord is providing for our finances this year.

Due to many contributing factors, we are currently in a situation where we are about \$117K behind in giving revenue for what we projected at this point in the year. While our staff has curtailed many of our ministry expenses at 33% below budget YTD, our operating expenses are 7.9% over budget, mostly because of the heavy technology budget we have had to levy in order to make our worship accessible virtually, and also because of higher than anticipated facility expenses. Therefore, due to lost donors and heavy expenses incurred this year, **we are projecting to suffer a \$310K shortfall by year end.**

PROJECTED SHORTFALL OF \$310,000



By God’s grace, we ended last year with a significant surplus, so we have cash reserves sufficient to cover the shortfall at the end of this year. But this shortfall is expected to continue into 2022, and Session is currently working on a plan for how we will operate within a lower budget for the coming year.

WHAT ARE WE ASKING OF YOU?

Pray for God’s provision for our church, and that the work of ministry and mission that he desires for us would be accomplished.

If you are currently giving to our church, thank you and please continue to do so!

If God has especially prospered you over the past 18 months, would you consider giving generously toward making up this end-of-year shortfall?

As Paul wrote, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God” (Philippians 4:6). This is a moment we can depend on our Father, and give thanks that he is giving us an opportunity to look to him for our need!

Please come to the congregational meeting today, November 14, at 12:15 p.m. to hear more about this situation, as well as how we're approaching the budget for 2022. Join the meeting in person in the sanctuary, or online at live.thirdrva.org.

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