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PRELUDE | "VARIATIONS ON 'HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION'" (ARR. DONALD HUSTAD)

"O WORSHIP THE KING" 2

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 24

- › Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,
- » **That the King of glory may come in.**
- › Who is this King of glory?
- » **The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"THE LION AND THE LAMB"

"GREAT ARE YOU, LORD"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
- » **We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us.**
- › Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- » **Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

"THE LORD IS MERCIFUL"

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.**

INTERVIEW WITH MISSION PARTNERS TIM AND KIM

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | 2 SAMUEL 7:1–17

SERMON | “AN ETERNAL KING” (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.**

“HE WILL HOLD ME FAST”

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | EPHESIANS 2:8–10

- › It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.
- » **For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

POSTLUDE | “GOD OF GRACE” (ARR. DALE WOOD)

PRAYER NEEDS

FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Please be praying for our mission partner Set Free, a ministry which offers hope and healing through the Lord Jesus Christ to all individuals who struggle with sexual sin and its resultant brokenness, through support groups, couples counseling, and education to families, friends and churches.

FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for the families of metropolitan Richmond: for an end to child abuse; for healthy relationships between children and their caregivers; for the care and protection of infants, children, and youth; and for the intimate knowledge that each one is a beloved child 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

Melissa Lincoln (husband, Abe 11/12); 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 Anne 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); Ann Nell Jackson (8/11); Strick Smith (8/2)

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

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
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: MEET OUR MISSION PARTNERS TIM AND KIM

Get to know our mission partners and hear about their work in Central Asia. Meet at Ratee Thai (9407 W. Broad St) after the 11:00 a.m. service.

FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION | NOVEMBER 28

Welcome the Advent season with us! For parents and kids (ages 4–4th grade), in lieu of Sunday school for these ages on Sunday, November 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



ADVENT PRAYER GATHERINGS & GUIDES

We'll pray together at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Advent– Mondays and Fridays on Zoom, and Wednesdays in the Sanctuary. We'll send links and prayer prompts in advance. Sign up to receive the guides by scanning the QR code or visiting thirdrva.org.



LESSONS AND CAROLS | DECEMBER 5

Join us on December 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary as we listen to scripture that speaks of God's power at work in the world, sing the story of Jesus, and prepare our hearts to welcome the Savior.



AFGHAN REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

We're preparing to assist multiple Afghan families in their resettlement to Richmond. Donate needed goods to outfit their home.



STEP CHRISTMAS STORE

Our mission partner STEP is collecting new, unwrapped gifts to resell at lower prices to parents in Gilpin Court. Donate in the bins in the Commons or at our office.

DONATE A POINSETTIA FOR THE SANCTUARY

Order a red poinsettia (\$12.50 each) for the Sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one. It will be yours after Christmas Eve! Contact Rebecca to order: rebeccah@thirdrva.org, 282-4645 x1101.

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

2021 TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET \$3,779,103

OCTOBER YTD ACTUAL OCTOBER YTD BUDGETED

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!

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