



Sunday | October 14, 2018

## *LOVE PROVIDES*

"Once in a while, God advances his kingdom with a big splash on the stage of history, but, more often than not, he increases his glory through the quiet, persistent deeds of gratitude and kindness that never make the newspaper."

Dean Ulrich



# Third CHURCH

*Called together for the renewal  
of all things through Jesus Christ.*

Welcome!

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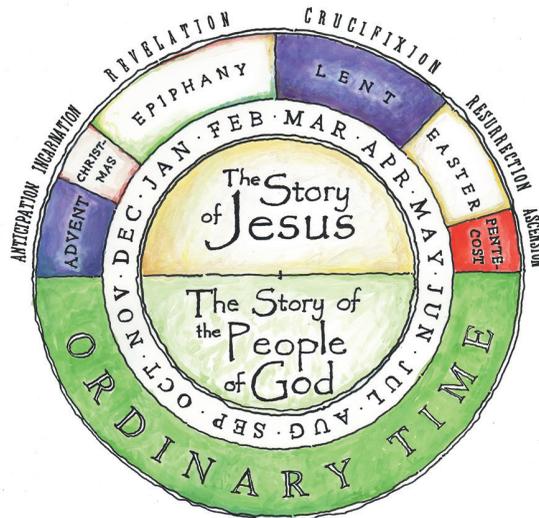
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We're glad you've chosen to worship at Third!  
We look forward to meeting and getting to know you.

## Sanctuary Decorations

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As followers of Jesus, we “tell time differently” with a calendar shaped by the story of God’s works of salvation and renewal. Not only do we mark the seasons of the Christian year through the readings and music in our worship service, we also use colors and textures to enrich our space and experience of worship.



Having spent a half year from Advent to Pentecost walking through the whole story of Jesus, we are currently in the six-month period of Ordinary Time when we remember the story of God’s people as told throughout the Old and New Testaments. In Ordinary Time we are reminded that we are part of a great community of believers throughout time and history that has been called together to bear witness to God’s promises and presence in the world, finally fulfilled in Jesus and his kingdom. The color of this season is green, representing the way God is at work sustaining even the small, ordinary rhythms we experience year by year in his creation, and the way God is calling and empowering his Church to join in the work of renewing all things.

# GATHERING

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*God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.*

## **Prelude**

Ron Klipp

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Preparation for Worship**

From Isaiah 30:15

Leader: In returning and rest is your salvation,  
in quietness and trust is your strength.

**People: Amen.**

*Let's quiet our hearts in silent preparation for worship.*

## **† Call to Worship**

From Psalm 62

Leader: Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.

**People: Truly he is our rock and our salvation;  
he is our fortress, we will never be shaken.**

Leader: Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

**People: Truly he is our rock and our salvation;  
he is our fortress, we will not be shaken.**

Leader: My salvation and honor depend on God;  
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

**People: Trust in him at all times, you people;  
pour out your hearts  
to him, for God is our refuge.**

## **Prayer of Adoration**

**† Songs of Praise** "All Creatures of Our God and King" #356 in the Hymnal  
"Let It Rise" (See music on page 6)

**†** *The cross indicates standing, as you are able.*

# LET IT RISE



1. Let the glo - ry of\_\_ the Lord rise a - mong us.\_\_\_\_
2. Let the songs of\_\_ the Lord rise a - mong us.\_\_\_\_
3. Let the Spir - it of\_\_ the Lord rise a - mong us.\_\_\_\_
4. Let your glo - ry,\_\_ O Lord, rise a - mong us.\_\_\_\_



Let the glo - ry of\_\_ the Lord rise a - mong us.\_\_\_\_  
 Let the songs of\_\_ the Lord rise a - mong us.\_\_\_\_  
 Let the Spir - it of\_\_ the Lord rise a - mong us.\_\_\_\_  
 May your Spir - it\_\_ of truth dwell with - in\_\_ us.\_\_\_\_



Let the prais - es of\_\_ the King rise a - mong us, let it rise.\_\_\_\_  
 Let the joy\_\_ of\_\_ the King rise a - mong us, let it rise.\_\_\_\_  
 Let the fire\_\_ of\_\_ his love rise a - mong us, let it rise.\_\_\_\_  
 Let the pow - er of your love change and heal us, let it rise.\_\_\_\_



*O* \_\_\_\_\_ *let it rise.*\_\_\_\_\_



*O* \_\_\_\_\_ *let it rise.*\_\_\_\_\_

# CONFESSING

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*God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.*

## **Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Let us come with humble and repentant hearts to the Lord.

**People: 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 Assurance**

From Romans 8:1

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

8:45 a.m. service Patricia Christine "Trish" Brooks and Abigail Jane Brooks

10:00 a.m. service Lawson Connor Speer

11:15 a.m. service Honor Helena Hunter  
Elizabeth Dorsey "Lizzie" Schindler

**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.**

## **† Greeting of Peace**

*As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, offer to one another a sign of peace: a handshake, a hug, or even just a smile. You could say something simple like "Peace be with you," or just simply, "Peace."*

# THANKSGIVING

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## **Our Offerings**

Pray for the Richmond Christian Leadership Initiative (RCLI) and Executive Director Tim Holtz as they seek to train young leaders to address the issues of the city from a Christ-centered perspective.

## **Offertory (8:45 and 11:15 services)**

“Keep Your Lamps!”  
Andre Thomas

Choir

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
The time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary,  
Children, don't get weary,  
Children, don't get weary  
'Til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over,  
Christian journey soon be over,  
Christian journey soon be over,  
The time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
The time is drawing nigh.

# THANKSGIVING

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## **Offertory (10:00 service only)**

"I Shall Not Want"

Worship Team

From the love of my own comfort, from the fear of having nothing,  
From a life of worldly passions, deliver me, O God.

From the need to be understood, from the need to be accepted,  
From the fear of being lonely, deliver me, O God.

*And I shall not want, I shall not want.*

*When I taste your goodness, I shall not want.*

From the fear of serving others, from the fear of death or trial,  
From the fear of humility, deliver me, O God.

Words and Music by Audrey Assad & Bryan Brown  
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## **Doxology**

*Please stand as we sing to the Lord.*

† **Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him,  
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING

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*God speaks to us through his word.*

### Scripture Reading

Ruth 2:1–3, 15–23

<sup>1</sup> Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. <sup>2</sup> And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." <sup>3</sup> So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech.

<sup>15</sup> When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. <sup>16</sup> And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her."

<sup>17</sup> So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. <sup>18</sup> And she took it up and went into the city. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied. <sup>19</sup> And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz." <sup>20</sup> And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers." <sup>21</sup> And Ruth the Moabite said, "Besides, he said to me, 'You shall keep close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.'" <sup>22</sup> And Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young men, lest in another field you be assaulted." <sup>23</sup> So she kept close to the young men of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**



## RESPONDING

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*We respond to God's word.*

### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us boldly pray as our Savior has taught us:

**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.**

## **Prayer Needs**

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### **For Health**

Diane Atkinson, Elva White, Mary Hale, Strick Smith, Myra Thompson, Carolyn Oakley, Nancy Bonsack, Tom Morgan, Betty Cox, Dru Fitch, Kaye Phillips, Brad Bishop, Julie Walden, Jerry Ramsey, Charles Ellison, Lou Hanscom

### **For comfort for those who have lost loved ones**

Valerie Holland (brother, 10/8), Patrice Foster (mother, 10/4), Frank Flanary and Andrea Woie (mother, grandmother, 10/2), Stepha Phillips (mother, 9/22), Merle James (mother, 9/16), John White (nephew, 8/20), Tommy Roper (father, 8/18), Rich Hines (mother, 7/24), John and Fran Robertson (son, 7/16), Hope McGehee (7/16), Terry Jones and Julie Gibbs (father and grandfather, 7/14)

### **For Metro Richmond**

We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in metropolitan Richmond: for all in need of mental health services, all mental health workers, counselors, and treatment facilities.

# WE ARE NOT OVERCOME



Flesh will fail, \_\_\_\_\_ and bones will break;\_  
Put no trust \_\_\_\_\_ in the earth,\_  
Of - fer up \_\_\_\_\_ your shoes and shirt;\_



thieves will steal, \_\_\_\_\_ the earth will shake.\_  
in the sod \_\_\_\_\_ you stand up - on.\_\_\_\_  
turn your cheek! \_\_\_\_\_ Turn your cheek!\_



Night will fall, \_\_\_\_\_ the light will fade; \_\_\_\_\_  
Flow - ers fade \_\_\_\_\_ in - to dust, \_\_\_\_\_  
Bear the yoke \_\_\_\_\_ of love and death; \_\_\_\_\_

Sing Refrain after vv. 2 & 3



the Lord will give \_\_\_\_\_ and take a - way:  
the Lord will make \_\_\_\_\_ a place for us:  
the Lord will give \_\_\_\_\_ all life and breath:

Isaac Wardell/Robert Heiskell 2011

9 Refrain



Be - cause of his great love, we are not o - ver - come!



Be - cause of his great love, we are not o - ver - come!



## SENDING

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*God sends us into the world as his witnesses.*

† **Song of Commission**     “We Are Not Overcome”     (See music on page 14)

† **Commission and Benediction**

Leader:     We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,  
                  who have been called according to his purpose.

**People:     For nothing in all creation will be able to separate us  
                  from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

† **Postlude**  
**(11:15 service only)**

Ron Klipp

## SERVICE NOTES

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**Today's flowers** are given in honor of the Richmond Christian Leadership Initiative (RCLI) and Executive Director Tim Holtz as they seek to train young leaders to address the issues of the city from a Christ-centered perspective.

**Today at the 8:45 a.m. service** we celebrate the baptism of Patricia Christine "Trish" Brooks and Abigail Jane Brooks, daughters of Noel and Stephanie Brooks. Relatives present today are Teresa Gibrall, Pat and Robert Brooks, and Philip and Mary Gibrall. Elder representing the Session by holding the font is Andy Burgess. The prayer sponsor is Noel Raggio.

**Today at the 10:00 a.m. service** we celebrate the baptism of Lawson Connor Speer, son of Harry and Amy Speer. Relatives present today are Lex and Kate Strickland, and Barb and Steve Speer. Elder representing the Session by holding the font is Lex Strickland. The prayer sponsor is Peggy Dennis.

**Today at the 11:15 a.m. service** we celebrate the baptism of Honor Helena Hunter, daughter of Colin and Margaret Hunter. Relatives present today are Jamie and Carolyn Copeland. Elder representing the Session by holding the font is Heidi Little. Heidi will also be the prayer sponsor.

**Today at the 11:15 a.m. service** we celebrate the baptism of Elizabeth Dorsey "Lizzie" Schindler, daughter of Matt and Emily Schindler. Relatives present today are the Tate family, and grandparents Laura and Wade Perkins and Jamie and Judy Schindler. Elder representing the Session by holding the font is Linda Hobgood. The prayer sponsor is Nan Clarke.

# REFLECTING

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## Week 6: Love Protects | Ruth 2:1–3, 15–23

As we study the book of Ruth together as a community this fall, you'll benefit most by continuing to read and meditate on the scriptures throughout the week, either on your own or with others. Use this simple guide this week to guide your reading and reflection.

### READ

- Ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart to God's Word.
- Read the passage for the day slowly once or twice, even out loud!
- Take a few minutes to try to understand the main themes of the passage. Pay special attention to the original context of the scripture.
- Ask: What does this passage tell you about God, humanity, or the world?

Monday: Genesis 50:15–21, Tuesday: Psalm 54, Wednesday: Matthew 6:25–34, Thursday: John 9:1–7, Friday: Romans 8:26–30, Saturday: Romans 8:31–39

### REFLECT

- Focus on one theme, verse, or phrase that stood out to you during your reading.
- Meditate on one or more of the following questions: *Why is God showing me these particular things today? Does my life demonstrate that I am remembering and acting based upon this truth? What do I need to do or become in light of this?*
- You might consider journaling on your reflections.

### RESPOND

- Talk to God in response to what you heard from him. Praise him, confess to him, ask him for what you need based on your reflections.
- Consider one thing you will do today in response to what you learned.
- Pause periodically for a few moments throughout the day to reflect on what you heard from God.

### **Next Saturday! Third Church and Christian Arabic Church Potluck October 20, 5:00 p.m.**

This dinner is a chance to meet and eat with our brothers and sisters from the Christian Arabic Church and deepen our relationships together. We'll come together at their new property (1701 Cardwell Road, Crozier) and celebrate this wonderful new ministry space! (The CAC will continue to meet at Third on Sunday nights! This new property is for special events.) No cost, but please let us know if you're coming: [thirdrva.org/events](http://thirdrva.org/events).

### **Hymnal Update – 159 hymnals still need to be purchased!**

Earlier this summer we kicked off our hymnal drive to purchase new hymnals for our Sanctuary. We're hoping to have the hymnals in place by the new year, and are still looking for 159 hymnals to be donated by the congregation. You can order one for your home as a worship guide as well. To learn more and donate, visit: [thirdrva.org/hymnals](http://thirdrva.org/hymnals).

### **Immigrant and refugee homework helpers still needed!**

It's not too late to help out! Each Wednesday evening new students are showing up – so there continues to be a great need for regular tutors and subs. Please contact Andi Redmond for more information: [andir@thirdrva.org](mailto:andir@thirdrva.org).

### **Meet Shadi Fatehi with Pars Theological Centre Sunday, October 21, 12:15 p.m., Room 101**

Shadi is the Director of Studies at Pars Theological Centre and a Visiting Fellow at the Kirby Laing Institute of Christian Ethics in Cambridge, England. Pars equips and mobilizes the Iranian church—the fastest growing church in the world! Come meet Shadi and hear more about the Pars ministry at our luncheon. No need to RSVP.

### **Last Call! Second Grade Bible Presentation Sunday, October 21, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Each year, 2nd grade students and their families are invited to share a meal together and to hear a message on the importance of God's word in their lives. We'll also have the opportunity to worship together and each 2nd grade student will be presented with an inscribed Adventure Bible. Please RSVP to Tracie Meadows ([traciem@thirdrva.org](mailto:traciem@thirdrva.org)) no later than October 15!

### **The Ten O'Clock Choir – Starts this week during the 10:00 a.m. service**

The Sanctuary Choir sings in the 8:45 and 11:15 services, and having their voices up front makes a big difference. So, we are looking for enthusiastic singers to sit in the choir loft each week at the 10:00 a.m. service and sing with the worship team on all congregational singing. Even a few can make a big difference! Come when you can (no rehearsals!) and we'll send links to the worship songs each week so you can be familiar with them. Let us know if you would like to join: contact John White ([johnw@thirdrva.org](mailto:johnw@thirdrva.org)).

## SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

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### **Our Sunday School classes meet each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

Here is a brief look at the classes — there is something for everyone! Full descriptions and teacher information can be found at: [thirdrva.org/Sunday-discipleship](http://thirdrva.org/Sunday-discipleship).

#### **Book of Acts Study**

*Room 213*

The Reveal class continues our study of the book of Acts, exploring through UP, IN and OUT observations, and the missionary themes that Luke narrates.

#### **Explore the Enneagram**

*Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Ave.*

Join us for a journey of compassionate self-discovery using the enneagram, an ancient personality typing tool. Learn with us about the nine different types, yourself, and your relationships as they are and also as God would have them to be.

#### **Good News Class**

*Room 101*

The Good News Class gathers for the purpose of renewing our minds through the study of God's holy word. Our classes usually focus on expository teaching that is centered on understanding and applying God's word for his glory and our growth as his people.

#### **Women, the Bible, and the Church**

*Fellowship Hall*

We're digging deep and exploring the breadth of Scripture's affirmation for all God's people (women included!) in all dimensions of church ministry, in an effort to understand why Third Church and ECO have gender equality as one of their key values.

*If you have any questions about our Sunday school classes, contact Derek Mondeau: [derekm@thirdrva.org](mailto:derekm@thirdrva.org).*

# FAMILY & STUDENT MINISTRY

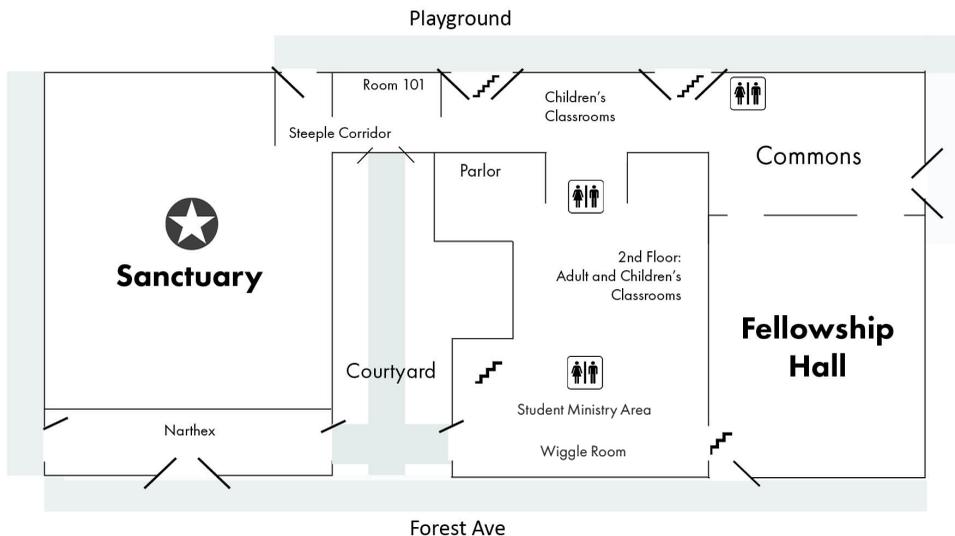
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**During 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. services:** Childcare is available for all children aged Kindergarten and younger. First grade and above attend worship with their parents.

Infants, toddlers, 2 year olds	First Floor
Young 3s–Kindergarten	Second Floor

**During the 10:00 service:** Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents or Sunday school:

Infants, toddlers, 2 year olds	First Floor
Young 3s–4th Grade	Second Floor
5th–6th Grade (Club56)	Basement
Middle and High School	Student Ministry Area (First Floor)



## Student Ministry: Sunday Night Gatherings – 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Students in 7th–12th grade are welcome to join us on Sunday evenings in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Rick ([rickh@thirdrva.org](mailto:rickh@thirdrva.org)) or Andrea ([andreaw@thirdrva.org](mailto:andreaw@thirdrva.org)) with questions.

## *THIS WEEK AT THIRD*

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### **Sunday, October 14**

- 8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Parish Core Leader training – Room 217
- 12:15 p.m. Cards and Care – Room 207
- 7:00 p.m. Sunday night student gatherings – Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, October 15**

- 6:00 p.m. Jobs for Life – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Kingdom Knitters – Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Collegiate Moms Bible study – Student Ministry Area

### **Tuesday, October 16**

- 1:00 p.m. Women’s Lunch Group – Kitchen, 500 Forest Ave.

### **Wednesday, October 17**

- 6:30 p.m. Freedom Road – Conference Room, 500 Forest Ave.
- 6:45 p.m. Immigrant and refugee homework tutoring – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Officer Training – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Ave.

### **Thursday, October 18**

- 10:30 a.m. Women’s Ministry Monthly Leadership – Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Healing Prayer Group – Student Ministry Area
- 7:00 p.m. Guided Tour of the Bible – Room 217
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Team rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice – Choir Room

# WELCOME TO THIRD

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We're so glad you're here. We'd love to get to know you and for you to learn more about our community. To get started, you can visit our **website** ([thirdrva.org](http://thirdrva.org)) and sign up for our **ministry emails** ([thirdrva.org/signup](http://thirdrva.org/signup)). You can also pick up a copy of **Third Press**, our monthly newsletter, from around the church.

## SUNDAY MORNINGS AT THIRD

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If you ever need help on a Sunday morning, look for individuals wearing yellow name badges. They can help answer questions, find seats, and guide you around our building. A **Wiggle Room** is available if you need to leave the service with your little one. You'll be able to watch the service via streaming. The room is across the courtyard, through the doors and to the right.

## WELCOME COFFEE

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If you're new to Third, join us for our next Welcome Coffee! This monthly gathering is a great opportunity to meet a few people, learn about Third's vision, what we believe and how you can get involved. Our next Welcome Coffee will be **next Sunday, October 21 at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor.**

## JOIN A PARISH GROUP COMMUNITY

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We desire everyone at Third to be known, cared for, and encouraged as a disciple of Christ, and we do this through our Parish Groups. Whether you are new or not, you are invited to a Parish Group in your area this week. No qualifications, no homework, just come. We have a place set for you.

Parish Groups meet regularly to grow in our relationship with God, build authentic community, love our actual neighbors and bless our city. Learn more and find a group meeting near you at [thirdrva.org/parish-life](http://thirdrva.org/parish-life).



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