

LET HEAVEN AND NATURE SING

Sunday | December 2, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

"So come now, Lord Jesus
come in your silence
breaking our noising
laughter of panic
breaking this earth's time
breaking us, breaking us
quickly Lord Jesus
make no long tarrying
When will you come
and how will you come
and will we be ready
for silence your silence."

Madeleine L'Engle

Third CHURCH

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

Welcome!

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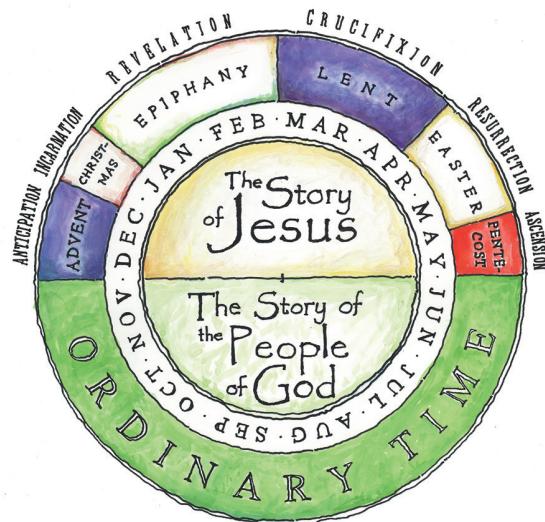
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Добро пожаловать!

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

Sanctuary Decorations

Since the days of the early church, followers of Jesus have been invited to "tell time differently" with a calendar shaped by the story of God's works of salvation and renewal. At Third Church we draw on that tradition not only by marking the seasons of the Christian year through the readings and music in our Sunday services, but also by using colors and textures to enrich our physical space and experience of worship.



The liturgical year starts with the season of Advent, when we begin a four-week vigil waiting for the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, into our hurting world. The purple banners, Advent wreath and window candles, and twig and evergreen decorations now adorning our Sanctuary reflect this season of longing for new life, and help us prepare to celebrate Christmas all the more. The gold and white "chrismon" tree at the front of the Sanctuary features decorations made by earlier generations of Third members which represent the many names and symbols for Jesus used by the Church through the centuries. As we progress through this month-long season, we'll light a new candle on the Advent wreath each week and add new greenery and other markers of God's in-breaking love. On Christmas Eve we'll replace the purple with banners and decorations in white and gold that will carry us into the New Year and to Epiphany.

Adorning the Sanctuary is the work of a multi-generational team of people from 16 to 65, and if you're interested in being part of that effort, or would just like more information, please contact Holly Smith at hovelsonsmith@gmail.com.

GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

"O Come, Emmanuel"
(Wilbur Held)

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

From Philippians 4:4-5

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

People: I will say it again: Rejoice!

Leader: Let your gentleness be evident to all.

People: The Lord is near.

Leader: We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

People: Let us worship God!

Singing together: "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

Silent Preparation for Worship

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

† Call to Worship

From Isaiah 55:12

Leader: The mountains and the hills
will break forth into singing,

People: And all the trees of the forest
will clap their hands.

Leader: For behold, our Lord and Ruler
is coming to reign forever.

People: Alleluia! Come, Lord Jesus.

Prayer of Adoration

GATHERING

† Song of Praise

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

(Lyrics below)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art:
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

† Song of Praise

"Come Light Our Hearts"

(Lyrics below)

*For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
Truly our hope is in you, truly our hope is in you.*

O Lord of life, our only hope!
Your radiance shines on all who look
To you in the dark; Emmanuel, come,
Come light our hearts.

O Joy above all other loves,
In you we find more than enough.
We come as we are, O heal and restore,
Come light our hearts.

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

From Matthew 3:2

Leader: Jesus said, "Repent and return to God,
for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

People: **Jesus Lord, in your mercy,**
by your holy life that heals us,
by your holy death that saves us,
by your Holy Spirit with us,
come to cleanse these sinners that we are.
Set us free to obey you;
make us clear to stand before you;
then, for your mercy, we will praise you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort

From Isaiah 40:1–2

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THANKSGIVING

† 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."

Our Offerings

Pray for our mission partners Chris and Leah, as they use the arts to spread the good news of Jesus to those in Asia who have never heard the gospel.

Offertory "Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor" Worship Team

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire-paved courts for a stable floor.
Hallelujah! Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising heav'nward by thine eternal plan.
Hallelujah! Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Saviour and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou wouldest have us be.
Hallelujah! Thou who art love beyond all telling, Saviour and King, we worship thee.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

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

God speaks to us through his word.

Scripture Reading

Haggai 2:6–7

⁶ “This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land.⁷ I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty.”

Luke 2:25–33

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
 you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,
³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
 and the glory of your people Israel.”

³³ The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message:

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Corey Widmer

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Everyone: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: 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,

People: **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

Leader: You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you.
You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home.
God, our Father,

People: **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

Leader: You have sent your Son to bring us home to you.
By his Incarnation—

People: **You have found us.**

Leader: By his Death—

People: **You have forgiven us.**

Leader: By his Resurrection—

People: **You have freed us.**

Leader: God, our Father,

People: **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

RESPONDING

Leader: 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, saying:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest;
blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

From 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

Leader: 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.

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—

People: **One with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in mission to all the world,**

Leader: Until Christ shall come in final victory
and we feast together at his heavenly banquet.
We cry, Maranatha!

People: **Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.**

RESPONDING

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It is 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 of 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.

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.

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

RESPONDING

Communion Songs	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	Choir
	"Wait for the Lord"	#480 in the Hymnal
	"Eat This Bread"	#818 in the Hymnal

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

For Health

Zach James, Strick Smith, Nancy Bonsack, Betty Cox, Dru Fitch, Brad Bishop, Julie Walden, Charles Ellison, Lou Hanscom

For comfort for those who have lost loved ones

Patty Ramsey (husband, Jerry, 10/25), Valerie Holland (brother, 10/8), Patrice Foster (mother, 10/4), Frank Flanary and Andrea Woie (mother, grandmother, 10/2), Stephia Phillips (mother, 9/22), Merle James (mother, 9/16)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for the families of metropolitan Richmond: for single-parent families, adoptive families, foster families, and for households that are communities of friends; for elderly persons living in their own homes, in retirement communities, and in nursing institutions.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† **Song of Commission** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” #56 in the Hymnal

† **Commission and Benediction** From Romans 13:10–12

Leader: Now go forth to live a life of love.
And do this, understanding the present time:
The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber,
because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.
The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.

People: **So let us put aside the deeds of darkness
and put on the armor of light.**

Singing together: “Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”

† **Postlude** “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” Jeff Hummel
(11:15 service only) (Paul Manz)

SERVICE NOTES

Today's flowers are given in honor of our mission partners, Chris and Leah, as they use the arts to spread the good news of Jesus to those in Asia who have never heard the gospel.

REFLECTING

Advent Week 1: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

This week we'll meditate on the theological themes and the biblical roots of the first verse of the hymn, "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus."

- Monday..... "Born to set thy people free"..... Galatians 5:1–6
- Tuesday "From our fears and sins release us"..... Ephesians 2:1–9
- Wednesday ... "Let us find our rest in thee" Matthew 11:28–30
- Thursday "Israel's strength and consolation" Luke 2:25–32
- Friday..... "Hope of all the earth thou art" 1 Corinthians 1:20–25
- Saturday "Dear desire of every nation" Revelation 21:22–27
- Sunday..... "Joy of every longing heart" 2 Corinthians 5:1–5

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?

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.

NEWS & EVENTS

Tonight! Lessons and Carols – 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

The service of Lessons and Carols tells the story of Jesus through scripture readings, visual arts, instrumental music and the singing of carols. Our musicians lead the service in the Sanctuary, interweaving ancient and modern worship traditions. It is a great opportunity to begin the Advent season reflecting on scripture and praying for the coming of God's Son. Join us, and bring friends and neighbors!

Women's Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join us for this special evening of good food, fellowship and a reflection on the story of Mary and Elizabeth in the book of Luke. The event is free, but we do ask that you bring a dish to share and a small gift to donate to the Covenant Woods stocking stuffers drive. Learn more and let us know you're coming: thirdrva.org/events.

Student Ministry Lock-In – December 21-22

It's time for the annual Student Ministry Lock-In! Join us for games, food, an inflatable obstacle course and fun from 8:00 p.m. Friday night till 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Great opportunity to invite friends! Sign up (\$20): thirdrva.org/events.

Support Our Mission Partner: STEP – Donate to Their Christmas Store!

Each year STEP collects new, unwrapped children's gifts with the original purchase price intact and allows parents living in the Gilpin Court community to purchase them at discounted prices for their children. These donations are then marked to half price or less and made available to the parents of Gilpin Court. Donate by December 5. The collection bin is by Room 109. Contact STEP at 804-648-7552 for more info.

Changes to Donating Stocks to Third

Our brokerage firm has changed from Scottrade to TD Ameritrade. If you are planning to donate stock to Third, please note the following changes — TD AMERITRADE: Third's Account #427-607640. Agent: David A. Hamilton, Broker/DTC #0188, David.Hamilton@tdameritrade.com. If you have questions, please contact Lynley Steadman at lynleys@thirdrva.org.

NEWS & EVENTS

Donate a Hymnal for Our Special Advent Series

We will be using our new hymnals each week in Advent for our special sermon series on the hymns of Christmas. If you would like to donate a hymnal (\$20) to be used in the Sanctuary, you still can! You can also buy one for your home. Visit: thirdrva.org/hymnals.

Purchase Poinsettias for the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall!

These poinsettias help beautify our worship space during Advent. Order a red poinsettia for \$12.50 each in memory or honor of a loved one. Please contact Rebecca Hatton by December 10 to place your order (rebeccah@thirdrva.org or 282-4645, ext. 1101). Your poinsettia can be claimed after the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

Support the Hila Sewing Project! Childcare and Drivers Needed

The Hila Sewing Project of Alcansa provides sewing classes for refugees in the Richmond area, and is supported by our missions team here at Third. The project is in need of childcare helpers and drivers for their class that meets Fridays from 10:00–12:30 in Scott's Addition. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact the coordinator of the program, Leah Westberry: westberryl@alcansa.org or 404-660-3007.

Christmas Eve in the Fellowship Hall: Children needed to help lead worship

We're looking for third through sixth grade students to help lead worship and hand out bulletins during the 4:00 p.m. service in the Fellowship Hall on Christmas Eve. If your child would like to be part of the choir, there will be three rehearsals during the 11:15 a.m. services on December 9, 16 and 23 in the Choir Room. For more information, contact Jenny Harper at jharper@st.catherines.org.

Housing for a Mission Partner Over Christmas

Our mission partner Stephanie Black, with Serge in Dublin, will be in Richmond from December 22–28 visiting family. She needs a place to stay during this time and would like to house sit for someone if they're going to be away. Her family lives off River Road, so if anyone close by that area needs a house sitter, please contact Rebecca Hatton at 282-4645, ext. 1101 or rebeccah@thirdrva.org.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Three of our adult Sunday School classes have their final meeting today at 10:00 a.m.

Book of Acts Study (Room 213)

Explore the Enneagram (Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Ave.)

Women, the Bible, and the Church (Fellowship Hall)

Good News Class (Room 101) will continue meeting through December, focusing on Advent based on Scripture and Advent-inspired music—including some of the Great O Antiphons of Advent—from the Renaissance (Michael Praetorius, William Byrd) through the Baroque (J.S. Bach) and Romantic periods (Felix Mendelssohn) and all the way to the 20th century (Herbert Howells).

Advent Resources for the Third Family

We are encouraging every person and family at Third to engage with this season of anticipation and waiting. Here are a few resources we wanted to share with you:

Common Rule: Advent Edition This guide contains daily and seasonal habits that you can practice during the Advent season. Then join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. on December 9 and 16 (Room 213/215) to connect with other Third folks committing to these habits. Visit thecommonrule.org/advent-edition to download the guide.

Behold! An Advent Devotional From Frontier Fellowship Our mission partner Frontier Fellowship has released a daily Advent devotional with entries by their staff and ministry friends, including Richard Haney, Donald Marsden, and LJ Jaworski. Guides will be available around the church to pick up on December 2, and can be accessed digitally at frontierfellowship.org/blog.

If you have any questions about our Sunday school classes, contact Derek Mondeau: derekm@thirdrva.org.

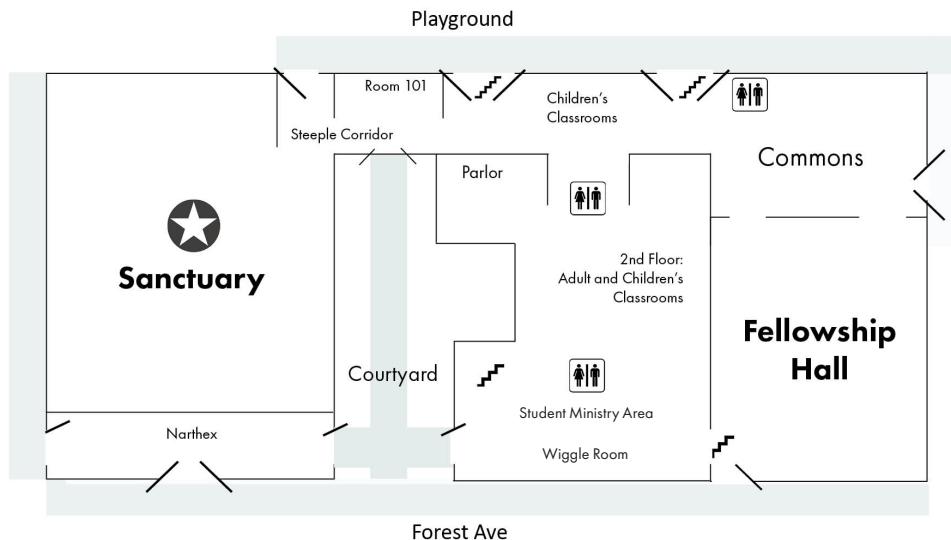
FAMILY & STUDENT MINISTRY

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) or Andrea (andrew@thirdrva.org) with questions.

THIS WEEK AT THIRD

Sunday, December 2

- 8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Parish Core Leader training – Room 217
- 12:30 p.m. Praying For Our Nation – Room 101
- 1:00 p.m. Host Home Summit (Parish Life) – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Ave.
- 5:00 p.m. Good News Class Dinner – Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Student Ministry Dinner – Basement
- 7:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols – Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 4

- 6:30 p.m. Women's Christmas Dinner – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Muslim World Prayer Group – Laurie Chalifoux' home (804-740-1199)

Wednesday, December 5

- 6:30 p.m. Freedom Road – Conference Room, 500 Forest Ave.
- 6:45 p.m. Club 56 – Basement

Thursday, December 6

- 6:00 p.m. Healing Prayer Group – Student Ministry Area
- 5:00 p.m. Pregnancy Resource Center – Room 213/215
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Team rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice – Choir Room

Saturday, December 8

- 9:00 a.m. "Care 2 Share" Toy Drive – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Ave.

2018 BUDGET UPDATE

**2018 Total Annual Budget
\$3,876,808**

October YTD Giving Budget
\$2,718,497

October YTD Giving Actual
\$2,618,072

(difference: \$100,425)



As we begin to close out 2018 and prepare our budget for 2019, we want to share with our church family how the Lord is providing for our finances this year. We are grateful for his provision thus far, and look to him in the weeks to come.

Year-to-date giving through October was \$2,618,072, which is \$100,425 or 3.7% short of budgeted expectations. It is worth noting that our annual giving budget remains heavily dependent on November and December giving as, historically, close to 30% of our annual giving occurs during these two months. We faithfully rest in God's grace and provision, and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to stir our hearts with overflowing and joyful generosity to meet the commitments to which God has called us.

We give praise for God's faithfulness and generosity and invite you to pray that our financial gifts will empower Third's ministry and mission at Forest Avenue, in Richmond and around the world. Your gifts have Kingdom impact.

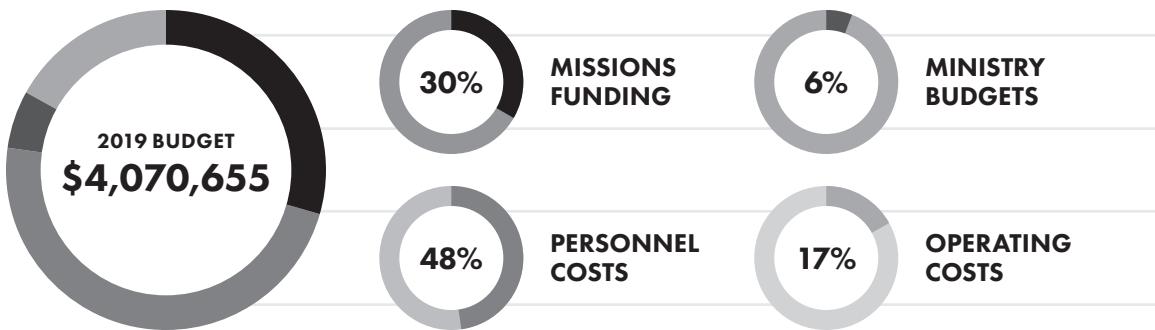
2018 STEWARDSHIP SEASON: A GENEROUS PORTION

On November 4, we came together as a church to offer our pledged financial commitments to the Lord for the upcoming year. In this act, we entrust this church to him, and ask him to use our gifts for his great purposes. If you would still like to make a commitment, you can use the cards found in the church (can be dropped in the offering plate), or visit: thirdrva.org/give.

We believe that through the local church, the gospel is proclaimed, community is formed, individuals grow and the kingdom is embodied and sent out into the world.

To that end, every year we look at what it will cost us in the coming year to live as the particular local church God has called us to be. The staff, alongside the Budget and Stewardship Committee, carefully projected our budget for 2019, and we as a church body make pledges to help ensure our financial commitments.

For 2019, we project our total budget will be **\$4,070,655**, a 5% increase from 2018.



Budget Highlights:

- For the first time, we're including our full mortgage payment for our office building, and also including increases for additional principal payments and replacement costs for aging HVAC systems.
- We aim to commit more resources to maintenance and debt reduction now, so that our future facility improvements will be less encumbered by debt, freeing us up to invest in good, new work.

WELCOME TO THIRD

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) and sign up for our **ministry emails** (thirdrva.org/signup). You can also pick up a copy of **Third Press**, our monthly newsletter, from around the church.

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT THIRD

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

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 and learn about Third's vision, what we believe, and how you can get involved. **Join us December 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.**

JOIN A PARISH GROUP COMMUNITY

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.