

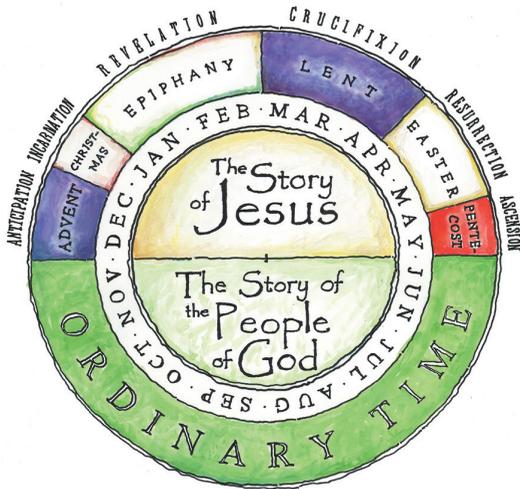
TRAINING IN HOPE

YOUTH SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

“Godliness...has unlimited value, for it is that life in the power of the Spirit in which the ‘whole’ believer, in body and spirit, comes to experience the resurrection life of Christ. Through it the physical passions and propensity to sin can be brought under control, and the reality of the Holy Spirit’s operation in the life of the believer becomes evident.”

PHILIP H. TOWNER

SANCTUARY DECORATIONS



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.

In the season of Epiphany, we are focused on Jesus’ earthly life and mission to bring God’s kingdom to the whole world, reclaiming and renewing all things. Jesus’ life among the people of Israel reveals the complicated, beautiful nature of God, and in each aspect of Christ’s identity and calling we see glimpses of new life in Jesus.

Added to the white of Christmas (and Easter) are touches of many other colors, each one standing for one aspect of the kingdom of God revealed in Jesus: yellow and gold for the gifts of the Wise Men, signaling that Jesus came to claim people of every nation as his own; red and orange for the Holy Spirit that rested upon Christ to inaugurate his ministry; blue for the tassels of the rabbinical robe marking Jesus as our great teacher and High Priest; royal purple and pink for Jesus our King; green for new life and the role Jesus affirmed for ordinary people (the church) in the great mission of God; even black and brown to remind us of Jesus’ suffering and rejection. The many colors of Epiphany represent the whole, complex kingdom life that Christ brings into the world, and in this season we ask God to open our eyes to see him more and more in the multi-colored light of Jesus.

GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”
(arr. Camp Kirkland)

Churchestra

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

From Isaiah 30:15

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

People: Amen.

Silent Preparation for Worship

† Call to Worship

From Psalm 71:5–8

Leader: For you have been our hope, Sovereign Lord,

People: Our confidence since our youth.

Leader: From birth, we have relied on you;

People: We will ever praise you.

Leader: Our mouths are filled with your praise,

Everyone: Declaring your splendor all day long.

Prayer of Adoration

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

GATHERING

† Song of Praise

“Raise a Hallelujah”

Words below

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies.
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief.
I raise a hallelujah; my weapon is a melody.
I raise a hallelujah; heaven comes to fight for me.

*Lord, help me to sing in the middle of the storm.
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar.
Up from the ashes, hope will arise.
Death is defeated, the King is alive!*

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me.
I raise a hallelujah; I will watch the darkness flee.
I raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery.
I raise a hallelujah; fear, you lost your hold on me.

*Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies.
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief.
Sing a little louder; my weapon is a melody.
Sing a little louder; heaven comes to fight for me.*

† Song of Praise

“We Sing the Mighty Power of God”

#10 in the Hymnal

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

Everyone: **Merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

From Romans 5:1–2, 5

Leader: Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

People: **And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.**

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Video Testimony: Mia Walker

† 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

Our Offerings

From 1 Chronicles 29:14

Leader: Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?

**People: For all things come from you
and what we now offer is already yours.**

Please pray for our mission partner Urban Hope as they seek to strengthen the inner city of Richmond through encouraging financial stability, assisting people in home ownership and affordable rental property.

Interview with Peyton Hayes and Lanie Moore

† Doxology

***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

1 Timothy 4:7–10

⁷ Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly.

⁸ For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. ⁹ This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. ¹⁰ That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONDING

† **Song of Response**

“Build My Life”

Words below

Worthy of every song we could ever sing, worthy of all the praise we could ever bring,
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for you.

Jesus, the name above every other name. Jesus, the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for you.

*Holy, there is no one like you, there is none beside you,
Open up my eyes in wonder.
Show me who you are and fill me with your heart and lead me
In your love to those around me.*

I will build my life upon your love, it is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in you alone, and I will not be shaken.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Heavenly Father, it’s easy for us to get caught up in things that have some value and miss out on godliness, which you tell us has value for all things. Help us to see the things you desire for us to do or to give up so that we would grow in godliness, and not just for our benefit, but also for those you’ve brought into our lives so that your love through Jesus for all things would be made known. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you that you became one of us and have shown us what it looks like to live a godly life. Help us to see how we can live our lives in a way that trains us to be godly. Help us to see our friends, neighbors, coworkers, and classmates, as you see them. Help us to love them as you love them, give us your heart for them and for the overlooked, the forgotten and the downtrodden. Jesus, be with them and all who need you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

RESPONDING

Holy Spirit, thank you that you have enabled us to have faith, that you have enabled us to put our hope in the loving God. May we always remember this hope and may this hope continue to give us strength to press on that we would grow in godliness being made more and more into the image of Jesus, not only for our benefit, but for the benefit of your world and the people whom you love. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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: Erika Gouverneur, Bradley Crawford, Randy Raggio, Elaine Turner, Cheryl Fluckiger, Terry Jones, Eileen Raynor, Pam Smith, Brad Bishop, Noel and Stephanie Brooks, David Hacker, Julie Walden, Christie Geraty, Milton Jones

For comfort for those who have lost loved ones: Janice Brockenbrough (father, 12/19); Frances Eichost (11/20); Janice Allen (father, 11/12; mother, 9/28); June Keller (husband, Joe, 11/11); Chip Buehler (brother, 11/7); Wendy Rogers (father, 11/5)

For Metro Richmond: We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: to proclaim in word and deed the establishment of a beloved community in metropolitan Richmond.

Join us for an evening of prayer for the Renew Campaign

We'll be gathering together on Tuesday, February 11, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be praying together for our capital campaign and asking God to lead us, empower us, and transform us as we seek his will for our community.

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A Capital Campaign for Third Church

Renewing our home to renew our mission.

Since we came to Forest Avenue in 1956, we have been busy making, maturing and sending disciples. Third has always been marked by this movement of the Spirit—pursuing a deep faith that focuses outward to love and serve the world beyond our doors.

However, over the past decades, our facilities have aged. They are increasingly burdened by wear and tear, under pressure from years of use without significant updates. This home of ours struggles to meet the needs of today's community.

If we want our home to continue to be a place where we can gather together as one body in mission and purpose through Jesus Christ, then our home needs renewal.

We're excited to share with you our plan to renew our home in the coming weeks and how you can be a part of it. If you'd like to learn more, please come to one of our Vision Forums. These will provide an open opportunity to hear about the Capital Campaign, hear from our campaign chairs, interact with the facility plans, and ask questions.

Today, January 26

10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 2

11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Room 213/215

Sunday, February 9

10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Room 213/215

Note: Please come early to view our gallery of plans and renderings— these forums will start promptly!

We believe that this is not just a campaign of brick and mortar, but a season where we can partner with God in his vision for our community, and trust deeply in his provision for us.

For more info on the campaign, visit

renew.thirdrva.org

NEWS & EVENTS

Officer Nominations Open!

Each year, we ask our covenant partners to nominate individuals for the roles of Deacon, Elder, and Trustee. We look to our church family to identify and affirm the callings and giftings of our members. Join us this month by nominating individuals for these offices. More information can be found on our website (thirdrva.org/nominate) or in the handouts found around the church.

Jobs for Life: Spring Semester begins February 17!

We're kicking off our next semester of changing lives through this Biblically-based jobs ministry. If you are unemployed, under-employed or unhappy in your employment, or if you would like to be a Champion for someone who is, or to help provide a meal for the class, please visit thirdrva.org/jobsforlife, or stop by our table in the Steeple Corridor this morning.

February Term: "Becoming Eager Witnesses" with Don Everts

For this year's February Term, we're welcoming Don Everts to Third for a weekend full of engaging and helpful teaching on how we can learn and delight in having witnessing conversations with our friends and family. Join us!

Saturday, February 1: Fellowship Hall

- Developing Spiritually Vibrant Households: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Learn how your household (family with kids, single, with roommates, or empty nesters) can become a place that produces and passes along a transformative faith.
- Delighting in Spiritual Conversations: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Explore a powerful and simple tool that unpacks the three spiritual postures people have towards Christianity and how we as Christians can graciously adapt our conversations to be most helpful for them based on their posture.

Sunday, February 2: 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

- Don will join us in our only Sunday February Term class. All of our regular Sunday school classes will pause so we can meet as one community to learn together. Don and his team will be unpacking the most important elements of his book, *The Reluctant Witness*, and what it means for our discipleship.

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)

Need help? Look for volunteers wearing gold or blue name badges. They can help answer your questions, find where to take your kids, and guide you around our building.

Student Ministry: Sunday Night Gatherings

Students in 7th–12th grade are welcome to join us on Sunday evenings in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00–8:30 p.m. Contact Rick (rickh@thirdrva.org) or Andrea (andreaw@thirdrva.org) with any questions.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Each Sunday, we offer a few different class opportunities for us to go deep on different topics, grow as disciples, and build community. All classes meet at 10:00 a.m.; locations listed below. For full class descriptions, visit: thirdrva.org/sunday-discipleship.

Delta: Young Adult Community and Conversation

Room 217

Are you in your 20–30s or college age and looking for a place to connect with others and grow at Third? Join us for coffee, conversation and teaching on how to connect faith to daily life, work, relationships and culture.

Metamorphosis Class

We are a diverse community seeking God's healing and wholeness for the brokenness in our lives and families through safe, authentic Christian relationships. This week, Paul Brasler, MDiv, LCSW will be presenting on Stigma and Suicide.

Good News Class

Room 101

Expository Bible teaching of the Gospel of Mark in the tradition of inductive Bible study. Our teachers ask the three classic questions of each text: (i) what does it say; (ii) what did it mean to them (the original audience); and (iii) what does it mean to us? This class is centered on understanding and applying God's word for his glory and our growth as his people.

Questions about our Sunday school classes? Contact Derek Mondeau at derekm@thirdrva.org.

WELCOME!

¡Bienvenido! 欢迎! مرحباً Добро пожаловать!

We're so glad you're here.

1. LEARN ABOUT THIRD

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

2. JOIN US FOR COFFEE

Join us for our Welcome Coffee on Sunday, February 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. You'll meet a few people and learn about Third's vision and beliefs, and how you can get involved.

3. FIND COMMUNITY

Our parish groups provide the opportunity for each person at Third to grow in our relationship with God, build authentic community, love our actual neighbors and bless our city. Find a group meeting near you at thirdrva.org/parish-life.