

If you're not reading *The Loop*,
you're not **in** the loop.

Pick up The Loop for this week's
announcements and calendar.

You'll find it at exits around
the building. You can also
read The Loop online at
www.ThirdRVA.org.

Welcome, visitors!

We're glad you've chosen to
worship at Third! Be sure to write
your contact information (phone
and/or email) on the pads that will
be passed this morning so that we
can get in touch with you to let
you know more about life at
Third. After the service, you
will find information on Third
in the Commons area under the
display TVs. We look forward to
meeting and getting to know you.

Morning Prayer

Health Needs

Pam Rambo, Mary Howard, Elva White, Ann
Kooiman, Jared Armistead, Evelyn Jennings,
Joe Keller, Mary Cox

Deaths

Marriott Jackson (husband, Sam, 4/12), Tim
Pearson (mother, 3/20), Gaynelle DePass (3/15),
Cliff and Julia Sleeman (daughter-in-law, 3/5)

A Wiggle Room is available if you prefer to have
your child with you but he or she is a little too
active or noisy to be in the service. The service is
streamed into Room 124 so you can hear the
sermon while you nurse or play with your baby/
toddler. Room 124 is located in the connecting
hall across from the Toddler Room 105 leading
to the Student Ministry area.

**Are you going to be away any Sunday
this month?** You can now view our worship
services (9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. in the
Sanctuary) online at [www.thirdrva.org/
watch-live](http://www.thirdrva.org/watch-live). Or, find the link on the Welcome/This
Sunday page. You can view the services through
UStream (our vendor) on any device: smartphone,
tablet, laptop/desktop.

April 19, 2015
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Hope is the way we overcome the lurking suspicion that all our getting and spending
amounts to nothing more than fidgeting while we wait for death."

Andrew Delbanco, *The Real American Dream: A Meditation on Hope*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Peter 1:1-2

Leader: Family of God, the grace and peace of God have been poured out upon
us in abundance!

People: **We have been chosen by the foreknowledge of God the Father, set apart
through the work of God the Spirit, and purified by the blood of God the
Son.**

Leader: Let us worship our Triune Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

SONGS OF PRAISE

CONFESSION

Holy and infinite God, we confess our need for you. We have sinned and need your
forgiveness. We are lost and need your guidance. We are broken and need your
healing touch. Hear our prayers, O Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, have mercy)

Lord, have mercy. (2x)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy. (3x)

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE

We trust in the Lord,

Whose mercy knows no end.

We trust in the Lord,

Whose love is healing all brokenness.

We trust in the Lord,

Whose grace is sufficient for every need.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

GREETING OF PEACE

INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

Pray for Andrew Foster at the University of Granada, Spain as he teaches English as a second language and develops relationships to have opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY

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.”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:1-12

(scripture parallel)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

“A Living Hope”

Corey Widmer

SONG OF COMMISSION

BENEDICTION

Today's Bible Reading

1 Peter 1:1-12

¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, ² who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. ¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

Today's Service Leaders: Rick Hutton, Beth Nichols, Kim Taulbee, Brannon Howle, Katie Hottinger, Robin Ore, Tracie Meadows, Michael Armstrong, Charlie McCray