

**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.thirdpres.org](http://www.thirdpres.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 entry foyer and in the Steeple Corridor 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)

**During Noisy Offering**, which is for all children, we invite those ages 4 years old through kindergarten to come forward to be escorted to Room 223 for a lesson. They can be picked up there either after the service or after the discipleship hour. Parents of children participating in this pull-out should check in and receive nametags in the Parlor (Room 100) before the service.

**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

9:00 a.m.

### **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**

“Hands to the Heavens”  
“O God Beyond All Praising”

(see insert)

#### **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.**

## 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

“The Solid Rock”

## \*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

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

## 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.

## \*SONG OF COMMISSION

“Christ is Coming”

(see insert)

## \*BENEDICTION

## Today’s Bible Reading

1 Peter 1:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God’s elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. <sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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.

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**Today’s Service Leaders:** Rick Hutton, Beth Nichols, John White, Kim Taulbee, Brannon Howle, Katie Hottinger, Robin Ore, Tracie Meadows, Mark Koontz, Michael Armstrong

**Noisy Offering Helpers:** Isabelle and Audrey Zoffuto

**Today’s flowers** are given by a friend in honor of John and June Dean’s 67th wedding anniversary which was on April 17.