



THE GOSPEL OF

LUKE

REVOLUTION
OF THE KING

Sunday | April 30, 2017

THE END OF THE BEGINNING

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

"From the ascension our faith receives many benefits. First, it understands that the Lord by his ascent to heaven opened the way into the Heavenly Kingdom, which had been closed through Adam. Since he entered heaven in our flesh, as if in our name, it follows, as the apostle says, that in a sense we already 'sit with God in the heavenly places in him,' so that we do not await heaven with a bare hope, but in our Head already possess it."

John Calvin

Welcome!
Bienvenido!
欢迎!
مرحباً

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

*Third Church exists to spread the gospel and seek
the Shalom of metro Richmond and the world through
a movement of communities and congregations,
welcoming people of all cultures to the glory of Jesus Christ.*

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.

After six weeks of somber purple to mark the Lenten season of repentance and remembrance of Jesus’ suffering, on Easter morning the Sanctuary was transformed into a place of celebration and joy. The colors of white and gold remind us that Jesus is King, and that his resurrection has overcome death and washed us clean of our sins. Join us as we lift up our hands and voices in praise of the One who is renewing all things by his power and love.

GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

"Come, Thou Almighty King"
(Paul Laubengayer)

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

From Psalm 51:15

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

People: And our mouths will declare your praise.

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

† Choral Call to Worship 11:15 a.m. service

"I Will Rejoice"
(Benjamin Harlan)

Sanctuary Choir

† Call to Worship

From Hebrews 4:14 and Revelation 5:10, 12

Leader: Jesus Christ has ascended into heaven and is at God's right hand—
with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.

**People: Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven—
Jesus, the Son of God—let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.
Let us praise his holy name!**

Leader: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

**People: Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength
be to our God forevermore!**

Prayer of Adoration

† Songs of Praise

"All Creatures of Our God and King" #356 in the Hymnal
"Come As You Are"

(See music on following pages)

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

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All ye who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
Sing his praises, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

COME AS YOU ARE



1. Come out of sad - ness from wher - ev - er you've been._
 2. There's hope for the hope - less_____ and all those who've strayed;



____ Come, bro - ken - heart - ed, let res - cue be - gin._
 come sit at the ta - ble,_____ come taste the grace.

verse 3 begins here



3. Come find your mer - cy. O sin - ner, come kneel;
 There's rest for the wea - ry,_____ rest that en - dures.
 There's joy for the morn - ing. O sin - ner, be still.



Earth has no sor - row that Heav - en can't heal,
 Earth has no sor - row that Heav - en can't cure.
 Earth has no sor - row that Heav - en can't heal.



Earth has no sor - row that Heav - en can't heal.
 Earth has no sor - row that Heav - en can't cure.
 Earth has no sor - row that Heav - en can't heal.

So lay down your bur - dens, _____ lay down your shame.

All who are bro - ken, _____ lift up your face. _____

O wan-der-er, come home; _____ you're not too far.

So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart; come as you are. _____

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

**Everyone: Most 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;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Silent Confession

† Words of Comfort

Leader: Almighty God, have mercy on us,
forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ;
strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen.

† Greeting of Peace

THANKSGIVING

Our Offerings

Pray for Richard Haney and Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship, as they connect Presbyterian churches to be engaged in establishing new churches among indigenous people groups around the world.

Offertory

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

Worship Team

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own.
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth thy footstool, Heav'n thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Words: William C. Dix, Altar Songs, 1867
Music: Urban Doxology

† **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.

† **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PROCLAIMING

God speaks to us through his word.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:36-53

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Song of Response

"Gloria Patri"

#807 in the Hymnal

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

Joining of New Covenant Partners

(See page 20)

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.**

Prayer Needs

For Health

Bob Horne, Pam Haney, Leah Gaertner, Linda Ludlow, Julie Walden, Kaye Phillips, Katherine Crocker, Amy Boyd, Loma Shafer, Jack Schilthuis, Jerry Ramsey, Betty Cox, Charles Ellison, Dru Fitch, Mark Koontz, Margaret Leith, Dabney Harvey, Lou Hanscom, Carol Holt

For Comfort

Deaths – Sue Hendrickson (Becky Sloomweg, mother, 4/18), Anna DeJarnette (father, 4/14), Jennifer Friend (father, 4/4), Will Allen (father, 4/3), Peggy Dennis (sister, 4/3), Barbara Corry (father, 3/22), Kathy Boley (brother, 3/19), Betsy McCray (father, 3/13), Patti Hamilton (sister, 3/10), Betsy Lohr (mother, 3/8), Etta Lawrence (husband Allen, 3/8), Malachi Mills (father, 2/27), Parker Hale (mother, 2/21), Jim and Jane Fields (grandson, 2/17), Kyle Tobias (2/5)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for the power of Christ's resurrection in metropolitan Richmond: for a spirit of justice, righteousness, equality and mutual benefit.

Missionary Prayer and Care groups meet monthly to pray for our mission partners in Europe, Asia and the Muslim world. Contact Carolyn Oakley (cdoakley1@gmail.com/937-6564) to learn more.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† **Song of Commission**

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
The highest honors to our King,
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

† **Commission**

From Mathew 28:18-20

Leader: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

People: Thanks be to God!

† **Benediction**

† **Choral Benediction** **11:15 a.m. service**

"Ascription of Praise"
(David Schwoebel)

Sanctuary Choir

Now to him who's able to keep you from falling,
And to present you without blemish before the presence of his glory,
With rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Be the glory, majesty, dominion and the authority before all time,
Now and forever. Amen.

Postlude **11:15 a.m. service**

"Jesus Shall Reign"
(arr. Betty Jean Chatham)

Jeff Hummel

If you would like prayer for any reason, two elders are available at the front of the Sanctuary (by the lectern) after each service. We invite you to come forward for any prayer needs you may have.

SERVICE NOTES

Today's flowers are given in honor of our mission partner Richard Haney and Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship, as they connect Presbyterian churches to be engaged in establishing new churches among indigenous people groups around the world.

NEWS & EVENTS

Today! Forgotten No More – Interest Meeting and Coffee, Sunday, April 30, 11:15 a.m., Parlor

This new group has formed at Third to advocate for the fatherless by supporting families who are adopting or fostering and also to serve social workers in Third's community. Stop by for coffee and learn about getting involved with this developing initiative to care for orphans here in Richmond and around the world. Questions? Contact Danny Avula, dannyavula@yahoo.com.

Mission Guest Speakers – Monday, May 1, 6:45 p.m., Room 101

We are hosting a visit from Hanaa Mankarios and Andy Scott (International Cooperating Ministries), the area director for Africa and the Holy Land. They will share with us a perspective on Egypt, report on the recently completed church that Third funded in Egypt, provide an update on the New Geneva Tunisia pastoral training and also the Syrian refugee crisis in the Middle East. Please join us for a time of learning about Third-sponsored mission projects as well as various world updates.

Men's Dinner – Tuesday, May 2, 6:00-7:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Men, join us for our free spring cookout. We will be providing all the cookout fare (entrees, sides and drinks). An update on our summer plans will be given. We will be encouraging you with some practical action steps in the hopes that you'll have a summer game plan for cultivating/maintaining covenant friendships. Please join us!

Women's First Friday Fellowship – Friday, May 5, 7:00 p.m., Emily Henley's Home

Ladies, this spring we're opening our homes to host a monthly First Friday Fellowship for all the women of Third. Join us (703 Sawdust Drive) for a simple way to meet other women, enjoy some light drinks and snacks, and start your weekend off right. For questions or to RSVP, contact Erin Holbrook: echolbrook@gmail.com.

Meet and Greet with Myrna McLaughlin, Sunday, May 7, 11:15 a.m., Parlor

Come and meet Myrna McLaughlin with The Least of These Ministries, a ministry extending the gospel and God's care based in Zimbabwe. Myrna will share about her recent visit to Zimbabwe and provide an update on the ministry there.

NEWS & EVENTS

Guest speaker, Rob Weingartner, Executive Director of The Outreach Foundation, Sunday, May 7, 10:00 a.m., Room 213

Rob will share how he sees God at work in the world in places like Syria, Iraq, Ethiopia and China. You'll be encouraged as he recounts the faith and faithfulness of God and God's people around the globe. This is not a fund-raising invitation. No RSVP needed. All are invited! Questions? Please contact L J (LJ@thirdrva.org) or Tom Barila (Tomb@thirdrva.org).

2017 Vacation Bible School: Registration Open

Join us this summer for our Galactic Starveyors VBS! This year, we're excited to partner with the Christian Arabic Church (CAC) to work and to learn alongside one another during this week. Registration for participants is open for children who regularly attend either Third Church or the CAC. During this period of registration, we encourage you to consider inviting at least one family you know who doesn't go to church, that God may want to reach with the good news of Jesus Christ. If you have a family that you want to invite, please email Tracie (traciem@thirdrva.org), who will contact them with a personal invitation and link to register. Registration will open to the general public on Sunday, May 21 and will close when we reach capacity. We also need volunteers to serve as team leaders. Team leaders and their assistants will lead small group discussion and shepherd the children each day at VBS. We will provide you with all of the materials you need. More info: thirdrva.org/events.

Club 56 Retreat: May 12-13

Fifth and 6th grade students are invited to attend the Club 56 weekend retreat. This is a fun weekend with quiet time in God's word, fun activities, and great fellowship! Invite a friend! Sign up to go: thirdrva.org/events. Questions? Contact Tracie Meadows (traciem@thirdrva.org) or Andrea Woie (andrea@thirdrva.org).

Annual Sports Skills Camp – July 10-14, Pump Road Fields, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Our Sports Skills Camp combines the fun and excitement of great sports training in soccer and basketball with the great news of the Gospel for students in rising 1st through 12th grade. Leaders from our mission partner Sports Outreach Institute will help with coaching. More info and registration (\$80): thirdrva.org/events. Questions? Contact Tom Barila: tomb@thirdrva.org.

Mission Scholarship and Training Fund – Legacy and Opportunity

Join us as we aim to raise \$25,000 for mission trips and mission training this year!
We will begin collecting for the offering on May 7.

*“ . . . and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8*

Third has a strong legacy in local and global mission. Short-term trips are known to be springboards for individuals to choose a life of service in mission ministry. There are many ways you can be involved even if you are not actually going. Some may be goers, some senders and others may advance mission work through prayer.

This summer there are two short-term mission trips:

- **Haiti Mission Trip: July 15-22** / Each year, Third travels to Haiti to work alongside friends to treat patients, build homes for families and teach 180 sweet children about Jesus. The medical staff sees hundreds of patients in the poorest city in the poorest country in the western hemisphere. Your offering will not only assist with funds needed for supplies but it will also help fund the Haitian staffed portion of the clinic in Cite Soleil which is at risk of closing.
- **High School Mission Trip: July 2-8** / Leech Lake Reservation in Minnesota serves as the tribal headquarters for the Chippewa tribe. Here our high school ministry will serve by painting, cleaning, doing yard work and simple work projects or upkeep of the community gardens. They will also plan and lead kids' programming for children in the community and learn about the Native American culture from an Ojibwa perspective.

Would you please consider contributing toward our short-term trips as a sender? Your contributions go toward:

- **Scholarships:** To help support persons in gaining exposure and experience in mission work settings through short-term mission trips.
- **Projects:** To purchase materials for ministry projects to be completed by our short-term mission teams (construction materials, medical supplies, VBS materials, etc.)

Short-term mission trips expand the reach of our church beyond our geographic area. Will you commit to pray for our teams? Can you help expand Third's reach to both Haiti and Leech Lake through giving? The legacy continues . . .

Use the envelopes found in the pews or give online: thirdrva.org/generosity.

Thank you!

LJ Jaworski, Mission Pastor

Welcome to our Newcomers Class, Spring 2017



Tracie & Chris
Adams



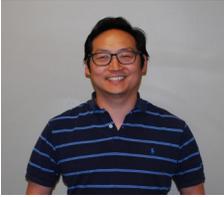
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Bigelow



Alex & Janice
Bruce



Karen & David
Carroll



Phil Choi



Erin & Cody
Fleeger



Matt Foster



Will Hayes



Colin & Margaret
Hunter



Billy & Jen
Martin



Yuliya & Spencer
Porter



Sean & Kira
Rohrer



Matt Schindler



Mark Smith



Liz & Christian
Stiff



Nate Story



Nate Tate



Alexa & Vinson
Braxton

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Join us for our adult Sunday morning discipleship classes **during the 10:00 a.m. worship hour.** For more information on the classes below, visit: thirdrva.org/classes-and-fellowship. Questions? Contact Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org).

A Study of Hebrews

Room 101

Where is God in the Business and Busyness of Life?

Room 217

Marriage Fellowship

Room 215

Loving God with Our Minds

Fellowship Hall (see below)

Forgiving and Reconciling: Bridges to Wholeness and Hope

500 Forest Avenue, Room 109

Did Our Hearts Not Burn Within Us? A Study of Luke

Room 213

Join us for one of our ongoing classes or for this new class!

Loving God With Our Minds: Through June 11, Fellowship Hall

This class, taught by CJ Alderson, will explore developing the Christian mind so we may strengthen our faith and sharpen our apologetic. We hope to provide a space that is down to earth, yet intellectually rigorous enough for real learning and honest dialogue. Questions? Please contact CJ Alderson (courtalderson@gmail.com) or Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SUNDAY MORNING

DURING THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE:

All of our children's Sunday morning discipleship classes take place during the 10:00 a.m. worship hour. Visit thirdrva.org/family-ministry-sunday-morning for information on where the classes will be.

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.

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. You'll be able to watch the service via streaming. The room is located near the Student Ministry area in Room 132.

Please let us know if we can help familiarize you with all that is available at Third for your children. Contact Kathy White (kathyw@thirdrva.org) or Tracie Meadows (traciem@thirdrva.org).

STUDENT MINISTRY

Student Ministry Fundraiser: Eat at Pie Five (at Willow Lawn) on Sundays from now through June, mention you're with Third, and they'll donate 10% of proceeds to our high school summer mission trip!

Sunday morning student ministry

Join us for food, solid teaching, and great people as we grow together in God's word.
600 Forest Avenue, Student Ministry Area
10:00-11:00 a.m. for all students in 7th-12th grade.

Sunday evening student ministry

Join us from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m in the Fellowship Hall.

Questions? Contact Rick (rickh@thirdrva.org) or Andrea (andreaw@thirdrva.org).

THIS WEEK AT THIRD

Sunday, April 30

8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary

Monday, May 1

6:00 p.m. Jobs for Life – Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Nominating Committee meeting – 2nd floor Conference Room, 500 Forest Ave.

Tuesday, May 2

9:30 a.m. Women's Group, "No Other Gods" – Room 213

6:00 p.m. Men's fellowship dinner – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 3

6:45 p.m. Club 56 meeting – Basement

Thursday, May 4

10:00 a.m. Seasons women's group – Room 132

7:00 p.m. Needle's Eye Young Professionals Grp. – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Ave.

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Worship team rehearsal – Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Muslim World missionary care group - meets at Laurie Chalifoux' home,
10801 Whitaker Woods Road, Richmond, 23238, 543-0361

Friday, May 5

1:00 p.m. Day by Dayers – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Ave.

6:00 p.m. Healing Prayer – Student ministry area

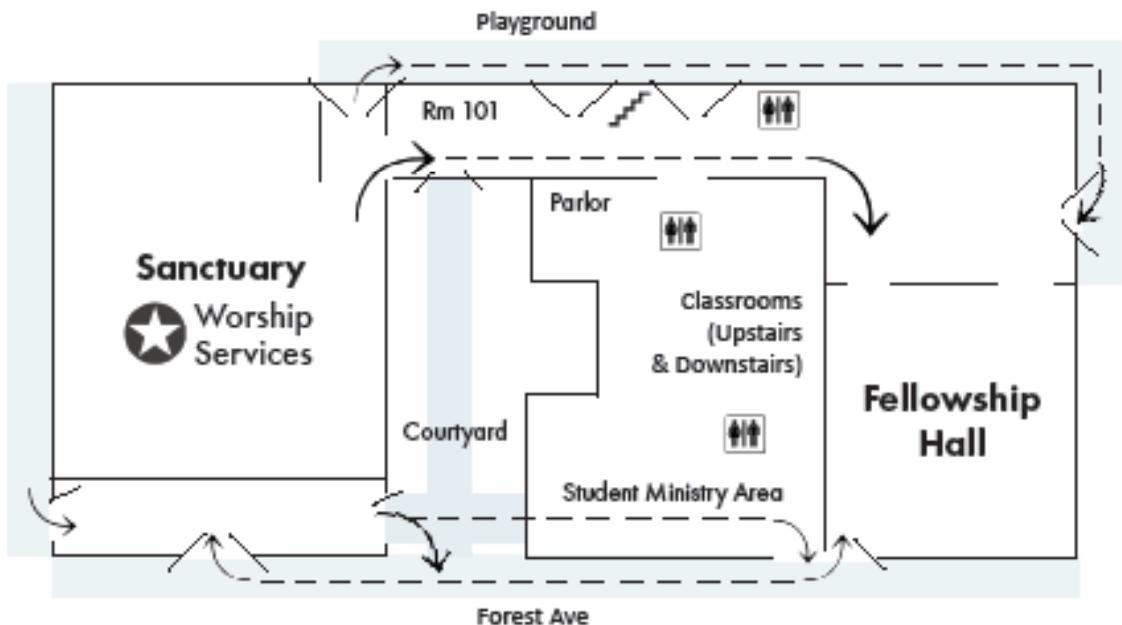
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

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. We have a couple opportunities for you to connect with us and help you find out more about Third.

- **Sign up for emails:** thirdrva.org/signup
- **Pick up Third Press:** Our monthly newsletter can be found around the church.
- **Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram:** @thirdrva

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT THIRD

If you need help or have any questions at any point on a Sunday morning, look for individuals wearing carnations or yellow name badges. They're here to help answer questions, find you seats, and guide you around our building.



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