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**CRUCIFORM
LIFE**

Sunday | April 8, 2018
CRUCIFORM PROMISE

"And since death is the unmaking of God's creation,
resurrection will be its remaking.
That, and nothing less, is the Christian hope."

N.T. Wright



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

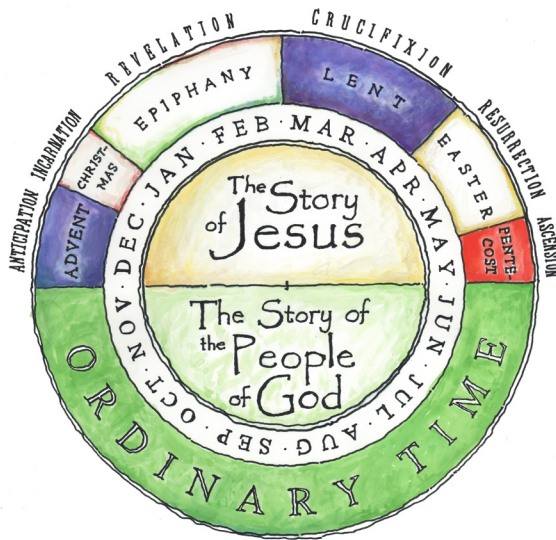
Welcome!
¡Bienvenido!
欢迎!
مرحباً

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

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. Even the lilies of the field 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

"Hail Thee, Festival Day"
(Michael Burkhardt)

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

From Hebrews 4:16

Leader: Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence,

People: So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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

† Call to Worship

From Psalm 66:1-4

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!
Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

**All: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.**

Leader: All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you,
they sing the praises of your name."

Prayer of Adoration

† Songs of Praise

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" #254 in the Hymnal
"Our Great God"

(See music on following page)

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

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! HEARTS TO HEAVEN

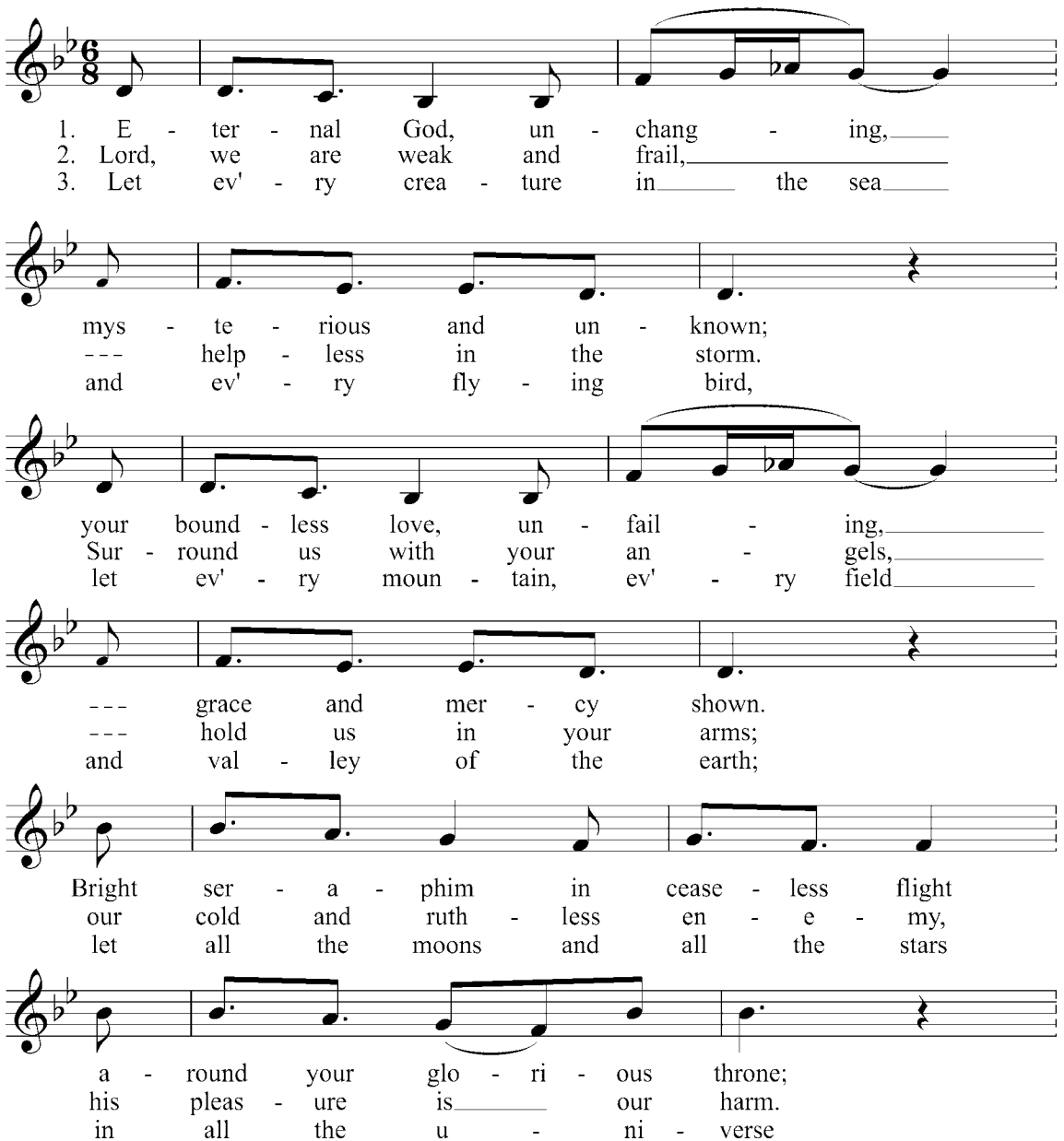
Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;
Once he died, and once was buried: now he lives forevermore.
Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above:
There in all the Father's glory lives and reigns our King of love;
Hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and side;
Now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

OUR GREAT GOD



1. E - ter - nal God, un - chang - ing, _____
 2. Lord, we are weak and frail, _____
 3. Let ev' - ry crea - ture in _____ the sea _____

mys - te - rious and un - known;
 --- help - less in the storm.
 and ev' - ry fly - ing bird,

your bound - less love, un - fail - ing, _____
 Sur - round us with your an - gels, _____
 let ev' - ry moun - tain, ev' - ry field _____

--- grace and mer - cy shown.
 --- hold us in your arms;
 and val - ley of the earth;

Bright ser - a - phim in cease - less flight
 our cold and ruth - less en - e - my,
 let all the moons and all the stars

a - round your glo - ri - ous throne;
 his pleas - ure is _____ our harm.
 in all the u - ni - verse

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they raise their voic - es and day____ and night____
 Rise up, O Lord, and he____ will flee____
 sing prais - es to the liv - ing God____

in praise to you a - lone.
 be - fore our sov - 'reign____ God.
 who rules them by his____ word.

CHORUS

Hal - le - lu - - jah! Glo - ry

be to our great God! Hal - le -

lu - - - jah! Glo - ry

be to our great God!

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

From The Book of Common Worship

Leader: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort

From Romans 8:31-39

Leader: Who then is the one who condemns?

Everyone: No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Everyone: I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 Tim Cole and Strategies To Elevate People (STEP), surrounding and supporting leaders in the urban community with compassion, prayer, and action to defeat physical and spiritual poverty.

Offertory

Mission Partner Interview
with Scott Armistead and Myrna McLaughlin

† **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

1 Corinthians 15:20-

28

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸ When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Message:
Cruciform Promise
+ Rick Hutton +

Notes:

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.

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

"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."

Leader: 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.**

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.

Communion Song

11:15 a.m. service

"Since By Man Came Death"
(Handel)

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Communion Song

All services

"Trinity Song"

Holy Father, Son and Spirit,
Holy Communion, Three in One.

Come with your peace;
With your invitation
Bind us together in holy love.

Communion Song

All services

"Let the Redeemed of the Lord (Psalm 107)"
(See music on page 17)

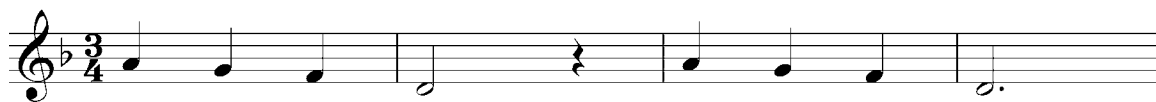
Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

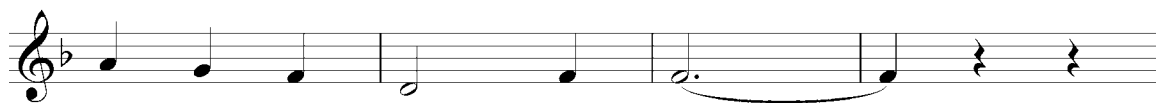
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

Communion Song

"Let the Redeemed of the Lord (Psalm 107)"



1. All we like sheep have gone a - stray,
2. Tir - ed and weak, lost and a - fraid,



wand - ering on paths of sin. _____
ex - iled from God, we roam. _____



Like a good shep - herd, Je - sus is gath - ering the
Je - sus is call - ing, hear his voice call - ing: _____



lost to him - self once a - gain.
"Sin - ner, O won't you come home."

Chorus



Let the re-deemed of the Lord tes-ti - fy: He will your long - ing



soul sat-is - fy. Je-sus our Sav - ior came to save the

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lost. O praise his name. 3. Hate and in - jus-tice, e - vil and

war dis-tress us like pangs at birth. _____ Je - sus, come

quick-ly!_ We need you now. Es - tab - lish your reign on the earth.

Ending

We give you thanks, mer - ci - ful God.

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Prayer Needs

For Health

Barry and BJ Saunders, Stephanie Brooks, Tom Morgan, Betty Cox, Rick DeJarnette, Dru Fitch, Larry Dupree, Kaye Phillips, Gina Maio, Brad Bishop, Greyson Tate, Julie Walden, Amy Boyd, Jerry Ramsey, Charles Ellison, Lou Hanscom

For comfort for those who have lost loved ones:

Parker Garrett (father, 4/2), Kevin Donham (father, 3/28), Willson Brockenbrough (father, 3/11), Ken Hurst (father, 3/3), David Skove (father, 2/25), Nan Clarke (father, 1/31), Peggy Larmore and Scott Copeland (father and grandfather, 1/31)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for the spirit of the Resurrection in metropolitan Richmond: to remove any spirit of contentiousness, prejudice, greed, jealousy or enjoyment of others' troubles; for spiritual renewal, leading to prayer and care for all regardless of race, national origin, religion, income or neighborhood.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† **Song of Commission** "Jesus Shall Reign" #745 in the Hymnal

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

To him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises 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 blessed.

Let all the people rise and bring
Their special honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

† **Commission and Benediction**

Leader: God in his great mercy has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

People: This hope can never perish, spoil, or fade,

All: And in this we greatly rejoice!

† **Postlude**

"Fanfare"
(Michael Helman)

Jeff Hummel

SERVICE NOTES

Today we celebrate the births of Owen Curtis and Charlotte Grace Parker, son and daughter of Britten and Dave Parker. The twins were born on March 30, 2018.

Today's flowers are given in memory of Juanita Klipp, Ron Klipp's mother, who would have been 100 years old on March 27.

If you would like to donate our weekly flowers in honor of a loved one, be it a birthday, anniversary, marriage, etc., please contact Rebecca Hatton: rebeccah@thirdrva.org. This is a wonderful way to honor our congregants and contribute to the worshipful atmosphere of the Sanctuary.

NEWS & EVENTS

People on the Move: A Missions Conference at Third – Saturday, April 14

Want to better understand the global migration and refugee crisis going on around the world (and around us!)? At this event, we'll explore what it's like to be a refugee or immigrant and also how we can be involved directly in our area or outside our area, assisting internationals through acts of service and giving. We'll host an interactive refugee experience during the day in the Fellowship Hall on April 14 (perfect for families!) and will hear from Marilyn Borst, on staff with the Outreach Foundation, that evening. More info: thirdrva.org/events.

Newcomers Class – Kicks Off Sunday, April 15, 10:00 a.m.

Are you ready to explore a deeper commitment to this part of the Body of Christ? We'd love to get to know you and provide an opportunity for you to learn about Third's vision for worship, discipleship, community, serving and outreach. At the end of the class, you'll have an opportunity to become a covenant partner of our church family. For more info and to sign up, visit: thirdrva.org/newcomers.

2018 Mexico Mission Trip – Calling college students and adults!

Join us this July 1-7 as we head into Mexico with Amor Ministries (www.amor.org) to transform the life of a family by building a home for them. Over the course of four work days we'll construct a home from scratch (and without power tools), providing a family with a home that will provide safety and security for them. This is a last-minute opportunity we are so excited to share! If you're interested in learning more, get in touch with Rick Hutton (rickh@thirdrva.org) or visit: thirdrva.org/events.

Help in the Nursery! Volunteers Needed

We are bursting at the seams in our nurseries! Would you be willing to help once or twice a month? All you need is a loving heart for infants through 3 year olds, and you can be any age. All volunteers provide support for paid workers and Sunday school teachers, so you would not be in charge. We're looking for 6 monthly volunteers. Please contact Kathy White (kathyw@thirdrva.org) if you feel called to this vital ministry.

Club 56 Retreat – April 27-28

Fifth and 6th grade students are invited to the annual Club 56 retreat. We will gather for games, food, fellowship, and a great speaker on the very important topic of integrity! Invite friends. Sign up (\$10): thirdrva.org/events.

NEWS & EVENTS

Announcing "Forgotten No More" Fellowship!

This monthly gathering will build community among prospective and experienced foster and adoptive families. Time will include prayer, personal stories, and practical support. The first fellowship will be Friday, April 13, 7-9 p.m., at the home of Mike and Missy Murchie, 9603 Lyndonway Drive. Pete and Leila Gunning, founders of Patty's Hope, and foster/adoptive parents will join us to provide their perspective and answer questions. RSVP to 447-1049 or forgottenomore@thirdrva.org.

Quarterly Men's Dinner – Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Hear Rick DeJarnette, a lifelong mountain climber and guide, share stories of how triumph and tragedy in the mountains has informed his understanding of faith, life's fragility, and forgiveness. We'll have hot dogs, burgers, and chicken for dinner. Bring a friend! Sign up (\$5): thirdrva.org/events. Contact Tom Barila: tomb@thirdrva.org.

Mission Partner Visit: Galina Obrovets – April 17, 6:45 p.m.

Join us for dessert to become better acquainted with Galina Obrovets. For many years, Galina has hosted short-term mission teams from Third in teaching children and youth at VBS and orphanages in many parts of Russia. Come get to know her: Tuesday, April 17 at 6:45 p.m. at LJ's home (10505 Mountainbrook Court). Questions? Contact LJ Jaworski: lj@thirdrva.org.

Mission Partner Visit: Paul and Julie Ford – April 29, 12:30 p.m.

Paul and Julie Ford seek to develop indigenous leaders through education, partnerships and mentoring Christian leaders in approximately ten cultures worldwide, through Church Resources Ministry (CRM). Come meet them and learn more about their important work: Sunday, April 29, 12:30 p.m. in the Parlor. RSVP to Rebecca Hatton (rebeccah@thirdrva.org) so we can prepare lunch.

Parent and Child Communion Class – April 29, 10:00 a.m., Choir Room

Is your child ready to take communion? Pastor Rick Hutton will talk to parents and their children about the meaning of communion and how to know when your child is ready. This class is for parents and their children to attend together. RSVP to Tracie Meadows by April 26: traciem@thirdrva.org.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Join us for one of our Sunday School Classes!

This season of classes runs from March 4 to May 27, all at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. If you've never been to a class before, choose one to drop in to, or try out a few! For descriptions of all our classes, visit: thirdrva.org/Sunday-discipleship.

Acts: The Sequel

Led by Andrew Fuller, Grant Holbrook,
Jennifer Parham

March 4 – May 27, Room 213

A Study of Galatians

Led by David Carroll and David Skove

March 4 – May 27, Room 101

The Architectural Design of a Growing and Faith-Based Family

April 8 - Topic: *Love is love is love. Or is it?*

Facilitated by Ginger James and Third
family participants

March 4 – April 29, Fellowship Hall

Soul Repair: Rebuilding Your Spiritual Life

Led by Mary Damon

March 4 – May 27, 500 Forest Ave.,
Multipurpose Room

*For any questions about our Sunday School classes, contact Tom Barila:
tomb@thirdrva.org.*

STUDENT MINISTRY

Sunday morning student ministry

Join us today 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@thindrva.org) or Andrea (andreaw@thindrva.org).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SUNDAY MORNING

Today we resume our regular schedule with Sunday School classes during the 10:00 a.m. hour, and childcare for Kindergarten and younger at the 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. For more information on these offerings, please visit: thirdrva.org/family-ministry-sunday-morning.

AGE	ROOM
Infants, toddlers, 2 year olds (Little Lambs)	All on the 1st floor
Little Lions - Young 3s	Room 223
Little Monkeys - Older 3s, Young 4s	Room 204
Little Eagles - Older 4s	Room 202
Kindergarten	Room 227
1st Grade	Room 220
2nd Grade	Room 221
3rd Grade	Room 201
4th Grade	Room 209
5th and 6th Grade	Basement
Middle and High School	Meet in Student Ministry Area

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 across the courtyard and directly up the stairs, Room 226.

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).

THIS WEEK AT THIRD

Sunday, April 8

8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Welcome Coffee – Parlor
12:15 p.m. Care and Cards – Room 207

Monday, April 9

10:00 a.m. Circle meeting – Multipurpose room, 500 Forest Avenue
6:00 p.m. Jobs for Life – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Mission Committee meeting – Multipurpose room, 500 Forest Avenue

Tuesday, April 10

9:00 a.m. Janet Kay's monthly study – Room 217
9:30 a.m. "All Things New: A Study on 2 Corinthians" – Room 213
10:00 a.m. Sara's Circle of Friends – Parlor
12:00 p.m. Helping Hands circle – Room 217

Wednesday, April 11

9:30 a.m. Community Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
6:45 p.m. Club56 – Basement

Thursday, April 12

5:00 p.m. Pregnancy Resource Center Advanced Training – Rooms 213/215
6:00 p.m. STEP Board meeting – Room 101
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal – Choir room
7:00 p.m. Worship Team rehearsal – Sanctuary

Friday, April 13

4:00 p.m. Global Project to Rwanda student training – Room 101

Saturday, April 14

9:00 a.m. Global Project to Rwanda student training – Room 101
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mission Conference – Interactive Family Friendly Refugee Display
– Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Mission Conference Lecture by Marilyn Borst – Sanctuary

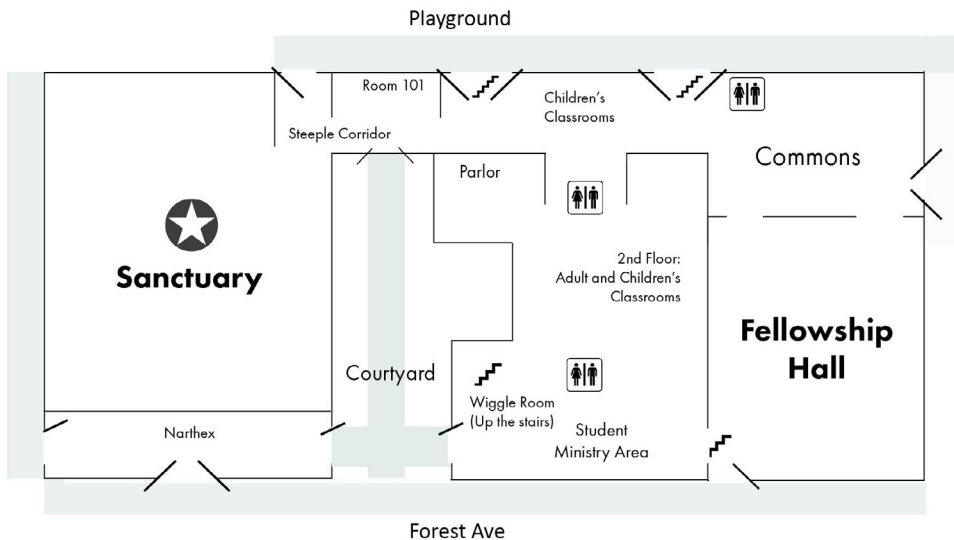
JOIN US NEXT WEEK

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 our ministry 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
- **Today! Welcome Coffee** at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor. Start here to learn more about Third.

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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