

Sunday | August 6, 2017

PRAYING OUR ANGER

"I think that taking life seriously means something such as this; that whatever man does on this planet has to be done in the lived truth of the terror of creation, of the grotesque, of the rumble of panic underneath everything. Otherwise it is false."

Ernest Becker



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

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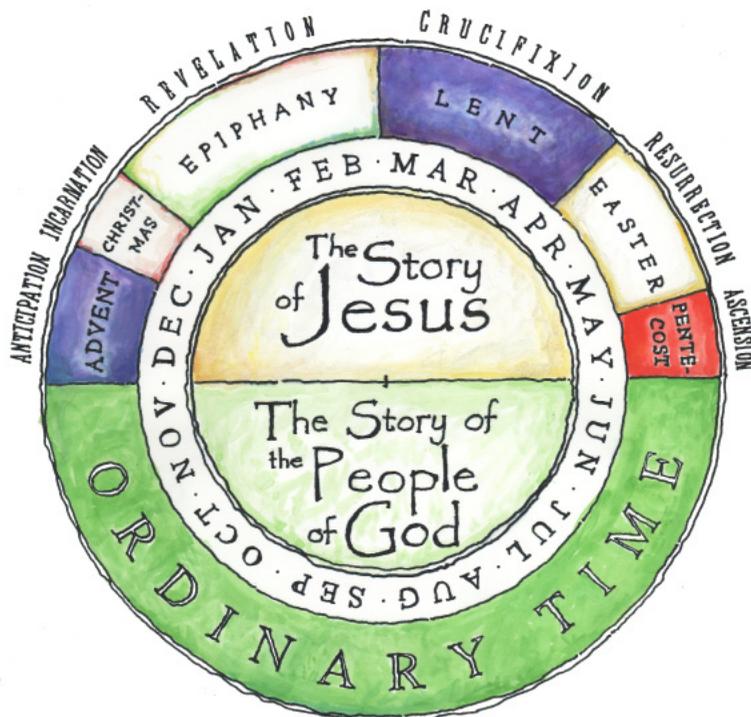
*We're glad you've chosen to worship at Third!
We look forward to meeting and getting to know you.*

Sanctuary Decorations

Ordinary Time 2017

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.

We have spent the half year from Advent to Pentecost walking through the whole story of Jesus. Trinity Sunday begins the six-month period of Ordinary Time when we remember the story of God’s people as told throughout the Old and New Testaments. In Ordinary Time we are reminded that we are part of a great community of believers throughout time and history that has been called together to bear witness to God’s promises and presence in the world, finally fulfilled in Jesus and his kingdom. The color of this season is green, representing the way God is at work sustaining even the small, ordinary rhythms we experience year by year in his creation, and the way God is calling and empowering his Church to join in the work of renewing all things.



GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"
(arr. Diane Bish)

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

From Psalm 19:14

Leader: May the words of our mouths
And the meditations of our hearts
Be pleasing in your sight,
O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.

People: Amen!

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

† Call to Worship

From Psalm 10

Leader: Why, Lord, do you stand far off?
Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

**People: Arise, Lord! Lift up your hand, O God.
Do not forget the helpless.**

Leader: Why does the wicked man revile God?
Why does he say to himself,
"He won't call me to account"?

**People: But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted;
you consider their grief and take it in hand.**

Leader: The Lord is King for ever and ever;
the nations will perish from his land.
You, Lord, hear the desire of the afflicted;
you encourage them, and you listen to their cry.

**People: You do justice for the fatherless and the oppressed,
so that man, who is of the earth, may terrify no more.**

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

Prayer of Adoration



Songs of Praise

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
"Psalm 62"

#702 in the Hymnal

I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy Church, O God! Her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

PSALM 62



1. My_ soul finds rest in God a - lone, my_ rock and my sal -
2. Find rest, my soul, in God a - lone, a - mid the world's temp -
3. I'll_ set my gaze on God a - lone and_ trust in him com -



- va - tion; a_ for - tress strong a - gainst my foes and_
- ta - tions; when e - vil seeks to take a hold I'll_
- plete - ly; with ev' - ry day pour out my soul and_



I will not be shak - en; though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and
cling to my sal - va - tion; though rich - es come and rich - es go, don't
he will prove his mer - cy; though life is but a fleet - ing breath, a_



lies like ar - rows pierce_ me, I'll_ fix my heart on
set your heart up - on_ them; the_ fields of hope in
sigh too brief to meas - ure; my_ King has crushed the



right - eous - ness; I'll_ look to him who hears me.
which I sow are_ har - vest - ed in heav - en.
curse of death and_ I am his for - ev - er!

Refrain



O — praise him, hal - le - lu - jah, my De - light and my Re - ward.



Ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing; my Re - deem - er, my God.

Bridge



O — praise him, O — praise him, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

repeat as desired

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CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

From Morten Lauridsen, "Lux Aeterna"

Leader: O light most blessed,
fill the inmost heart
of all thy faithful.
Without your grace,
there is nothing in us,
nothing that is not harmful.

**People: Cleanse what is sordid,
heal what is hurt,
flex what is rigid,
fire what is frigid,
correct what goes astray.**

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort

From Titus 3:4-7

Leader: But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

People: Thanks be to God!

† 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.

† Greeting of Peace

THANKSGIVING

Our Offerings

Please pray for Andrew and Jill Fuller as they travel overseas to help facilitate a retreat for World Horizon staff. Pray for World Horizons and their efforts in pioneering, recruiting, equipping and supporting evangelism and church planting in parts of the world where there isn't a church, primarily among Muslim people. Pray for Jeremiah Marsden as he begins to serve in Kazakhstan as guidance counselor and teacher at Tien Shan International School.

Offertory

"By the Babylonian Rivers"
(Sedio)

Summer Choir

By the Babylonian rivers we sat down in grief and wept,
Hung our harps upon a willow, mourned for Zion while we slept.
There our captors, in derision, did require of us a song;
So we sat with staring vision and the days were hard and long.

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange and bitter land?
Can our voices veil the sorrow? Lord God, hear your lonely band.
Let your cross be benediction for those bound in tyranny;
By the power of resurrection, loose them from captivity.

Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING

God speaks to us through his word.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 137

- ¹ By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.
- ² There on the poplars we hung our harps,
- ³ for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"
- ⁴ How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?
- ⁵ If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill.
- ⁶ May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.
- ⁷ Remember, Lord, what the Edomites did on the day Jerusalem fell. "Tear it down," they cried, "tear it down to its foundations!"
- ⁸ Daughter Babylon, doomed to destruction, happy is the one who repays you according to what you have done to us.
- ⁹ Happy is the one who seizes your infants and dashes them against the rocks.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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, 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.

Communion Song

"We Are Not Overcome"



Flesh will fail, and bones will break;
 Put no trust in the earth,
 Of - fer up your shoes and shirt;



thieves will steal, the earth will shake.
 in the sod you stand up - on.
 turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!



Night will fall, the light will fade;
 Flow - ers fade in - to dust,
 Bear the yoke of love and death;



the Lord will give and take a - way:
 the Lord will make a place for us:
 the Lord will give all life and breath:

Sing REFRAIN after verses 2 & 3



Be-cause of his great love, we are not o - ver - come!__



Be-cause of his great love, we are not o - ver - 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.

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

Jonathan Shouse, Greyson Tate, Emily Oostdyk, Jennifer Parham, Carol Macomber, Listwella Donaldson, Julie Walden, Kaye Phillips, Katherine Crocker, Amy Boyd, Jack Schilthuis, Jerry Ramsey, Charles Ellison, Margaret Leith, Lou Hanscom

For Comfort

Deaths – Zach James (father, 7/28), Anne Elam (husband Ray, 7/25), Carol Holt (7/19), Allene Brown (father, 7/15), Mack Cornett (mother, 7/16), John White (father, 7/12), Willson Brockenbrough (mother, 7/12), Bill Shaw (father, 6/24), Jeff Rebman (sister), Kathy White (mother, Lorraine Joseph, 6/6)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for the workplaces and businesses of metropolitan Richmond: for safe, respectful work environments, healthy work ethics and attitudes, and sufficient salary and benefits for all workers. For owners and managers: for servant leadership, civic responsibility and ethical decision-making.

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.

Hymn of Commission

"A Mighty Fortress"

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper, he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name,
From age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly power, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sideth.
Let good and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

† **Commission**

From Ephesians 6:10-12

Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities,

Against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

† **Benediction**

Postlude
11:15 a.m. service

"Trumpet Tune"
(Raymond Haan)

Jeff Hummel

SERVICE NOTES

Today's flowers are given in honor of our mission partners Andrew and Jill Fuller as they travel overseas to help facilitate a retreat for World Horizon staff. Pray for World Horizons and their efforts in pioneering, recruiting, equipping and supporting evangelism and church planting in parts of the world where there isn't a church, primarily among Muslim people.

What's this whole "Parish Thing" about again?

Parish Model FAQ (Abridged Version)

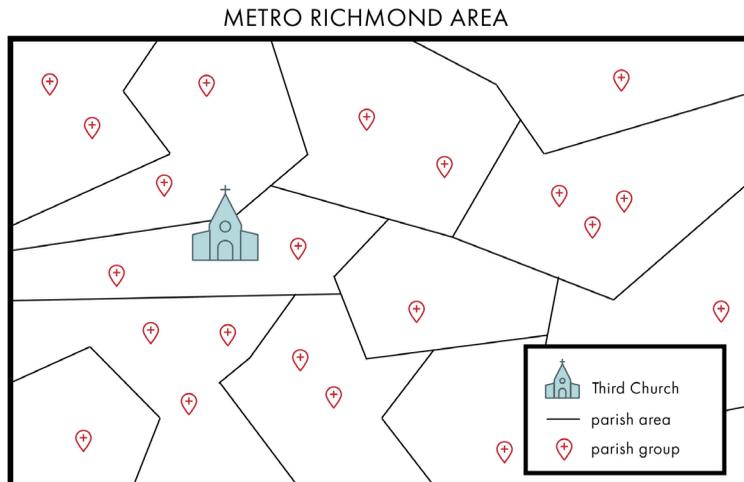
Read the rest: <http://www.thirdrva.org/strategic-planning>

What is the "Parish model" that you all keep talking about?

Beginning in January 2018, our congregation will be organized into eleven geographic areas called "Parish Areas." Each Parish Area comprises about 75-115 adult covenant partners of Third plus children and regular attenders. The Parishes are being formed geographically according to where people live, and every person at Third will be automatically incorporated into a Parish. (See diagram.)

The primary purpose of the Parish Area is to serve as a vehicle for connection and care. Each Parish Area will have a team of several deacons and shepherding elders who oversee the practical and spiritual care of all those within the Parish Area. The Parish Areas also serve as a way for visitors and regular attenders to quickly get connected with someone else in the church.

Each Parish Area will also have a collection of groups called "Parish Groups." Parish Groups can consist of about 15-20 adults plus children, generally the amount of people that can fit into a home. Parish Groups are completely voluntary mid-sized communities of people who are seeking to grow as disciples of Jesus together and reach out to and love their neighbors.



This diagram represents the relationship of the Parish Areas, Parish Groups, and the church, to the metro Richmond region. (Please note: Map is not accurate depiction of Parish Areas or Richmond.)

Why are we doing this?

We are doing this for two important reasons: community and mission. Regarding community, we want to make it easy for people to enter into relationships at Third, receive care and love in community, and grow as followers of Jesus with other believers. Regarding mission, we want to empower the people of Third to love their actual neighbors in all the many different neighborhoods all over Richmond where we live, so that the grace and goodness of Jesus can be more fully known.

What work is being done on Parishes behind the scenes right now?

Working Group 3 is still working diligently and prayerfully on the logistics and planning for Parishes. Our plan is to publicly launch the Parish model in January 2018, so currently we are working on finalizing the exact boundary lines of the Parish Areas, and organizing and equipping teams of deacons and shepherding elders for each Parish.

What about Parish Groups—I hear that some Parish Groups have already started. Is that true?

You're right! Some pilot groups are in place in certain areas to establish rhythms and give feedback on how things work for our launch in January. If you're interested in being a part of this process or want to see if there's a Parish Group in your neighborhood area, contact Beth Nichols (bethn@thirdrva.org).

What about my current small group? Are Parish Groups replacing existing small groups?

No. We are encouraging new people to join Parish Groups and will be seeking to start many more of them, but we know that different kinds of groups serve different purposes.

What can I do to be a part of this?

First, please pray! This is a big change and we need the Lord to build this—or else we labor in vain (Psalm 127). Pray that God would lead us to the right new pastoral leader, and that God would truly use this change to see people grow in Christ and come to know Christ.

Second, consider forming or being a part of a Parish Group. We will need many new leaders and people to get involved in these groups. Contact Beth Nichols (bethn@thirdrva.org) if you are interested.

NEWS & EVENTS

CAC and Third Celebration Picnic – Saturday, August 26, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for this picnic as a chance to meet and eat with our brothers and sisters from the Christian Arabic Church and celebrate the end of the backpack drive. We'll be at the Pump Road Fields at 2340 Pump Road. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, we'll provide drinks and the main dish (chicken). No cost but we ask that you RSVP: thirdrva.org/events

The Backpack Drive Starts Now!

The Christian Arabic Church uses backpacks as an outreach tool, giving them to new immigrant families in the area. Be a blessing to our community and donate a backpack! Bring your backpack to church by August 20 (and place in the stairwell by the playground), or join us for the celebration picnic on August. For all the details, pick up a form around the church, or visit thirdrva.org/events.

Jobs For Life – Fall 2017 Class Kicks Off September 11

The Jobs for Life Training Program is a 12-week, relationship-centered jobs training program. Each student is teamed with a "champion" who will walk through the class and the months following as they journey from unemployment to employment, or from underemployment to better employment. Our next class kicks off in September and there's a spot for everyone to help out. Visit thirdrva.org/jobsforlife for more info and to get involved. Contact Ginger James (gingerjames1@icloud.com; 647-5348).

Mosaic Pool Party – Sunday, August 13, 3:00 p.m.

Join us for the annual Mosaic Ministry Pool Party at the home of Jonathan and Milby West (6 Lower Tuckahoe Road W). We'll provide ice cream, snacks, and drinks, you bring yourselves and be ready to swim! Mosaic Ministry exists to support families with children who have special needs. More info and to RSVP: thirdrva.org/events

Bon Voyage College Send-Off Party! Sunday, August 13, 12:30 p.m.

Join us at Megan Foster's house, 7 Dunway Drive, Richmond 23238
All college students are invited to gather for food, fun, encouragement and prayer before heading to school or starting your job. An RSVP would be helpful to Megan (mefoster@vt.edu) or Wesley Owens (owenswp@gmail.com).

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

All of our adult Sunday morning discipleship classes (except for the one, see below) are on break until our fall kick off on September 10.

Be on the lookout in the upcoming weeks for info on new classes and opportunities that we'll be offering this fall. If you've never been a part of a Sunday morning discipleship class, it's a great time to start!

The Liturgy class will continue through September 3. Questions? Contact Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org).

The Meaning of the Liturgy - 10:00 a.m., Room 101

We will explore the history behind each element of our worship services and equip the class with a deeper understanding of why we worship the way we do at Third Church. We hope you'll join us as we dive into the global history of baptism, communion, confession, and more. This class, unlike the other classes, will run through September 3. Hosted by the Good News Fellowship class. All are welcome!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SUNDAY MORNING

Summer 2017

Learn more about our family ministry on the website (www.thirdrva.org/family-ministry-sunday-morning). Questions? Contact Kathy White (kathyw@thirdrva.org) for infants - kindergarten and Tracie Meadows (traciem@thirdrva.org) for 1st - 6th grade.

8:45 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services – Childcare available for all children ages kindergarten and younger. First grade and above attend worship with their parents.

STUDENT MINISTRY

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, August 6

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

12:30 p.m. Praying for Our Nation – Room 101

Monday, August 7

6:00 p.m. Christian Counseling and Training Center Graduation – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 8

7:00 p.m. Worship committee meeting – Parlor

Wednesday, August 9

7:00 p.m. Women's summer study – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 10

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

Friday, August 11

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

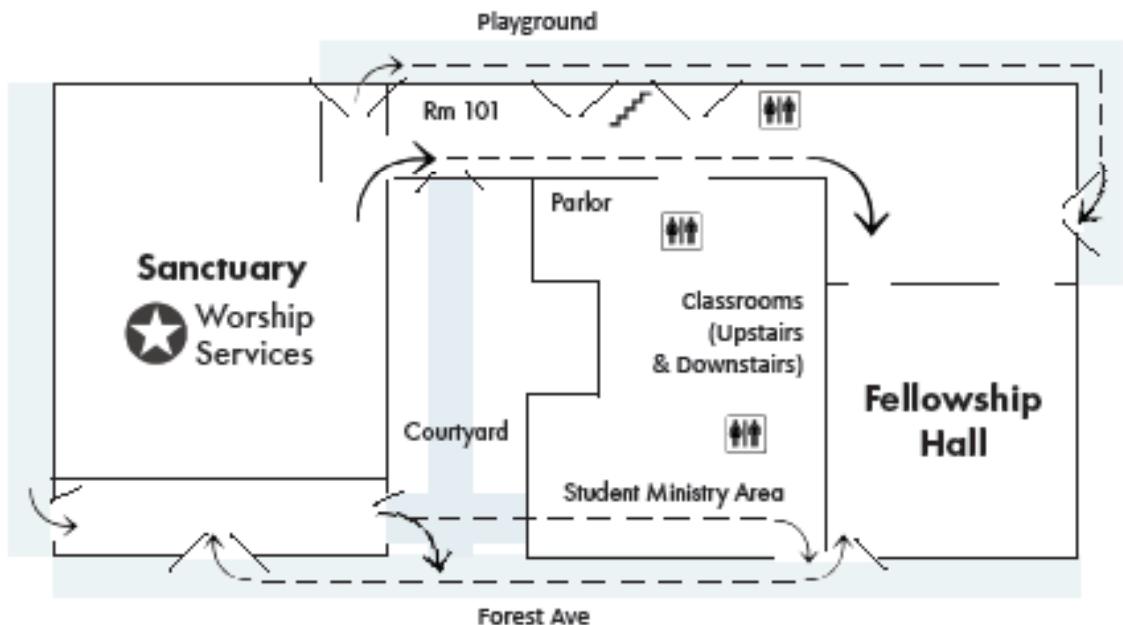
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

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 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
- **Join us for our next Welcome Coffee:** August 27, 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor

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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