

LO, HE COMES!

*An Advent Series
from the Book of Isaiah*

Sunday | December 4, 2016

THE BRANCH

Second Sunday in Advent

"The groans of Nature in this nether world,
Which Heaven has heard for ages, have an end,
Foretold by prophets, and by poets sung,
Whose fire was kindled at the prophet's lamp.
The time of rest, the promised Sabbath, comes!"

William Cowper

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.*

Advent is a word that means “coming” or “arrival.” Advent is a four-week period in which the church looks back to remember the fulfilled promises of Jesus’ first coming, and looks forward to his promise to come again. Just as John the Baptist told the Jewish people to prepare for the Lord’s coming, we gather to encourage each other to be ready for his coming again. The purple color of Advent is the color of royalty, reminding us of the coming King.

Sanctuary Decorations

The purple Advent banners and other decorations now adorning our Sanctuary are the first installment of a year-long effort to use colors and textures to enrich our space and experience of worship, but also to serve as visual clues that, as Christians, we “tell time differently” with a calendar shaped by the story of God’s works of salvation and renewal. Tied closely with our Advent sermon series imagery, banners made from ribbons remind us of the “broken beauty” of the Kingdom as Isaiah saw it and we see it now, too: the way we can rejoice in the signs of new creation while acknowledging that many signs of hope still seem fractured, dim, and obscured by the present world.

We’ll continue to use that motif (and construction technique) for the next several seasons, changing from Advent purple to Christmas white and gold before our services on Christmas Eve. At that time, we’ll also replace the dry, brown wreath and window decorations with the hopeful and familiar evergreen ones, including a “Chrismon” tree that represents the many names and symbols for Jesus. Those will stay through Epiphany in mid-January.

All this is the work of a multi-generational team of people ages 6 to 65, and if you’re interested in being part of that effort, or would just like more information, please contact Mark Sprinkle at marks@thirdrva.org.

GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

"Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying"
(Robert Hobby)

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation

From the Book of Common Prayer

Leader: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

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

† Call to Worship

From Isaiah 2 and 11

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
Advent means coming.

**People: We are preparing ourselves for the days
when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;**

Leader: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

**People: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
the leopard with the goat,**

Leader: The calf and the lion and the yearling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

Everyone: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Prayer of Adoration

† Songs of Praise

"Creator of the Stars of Night"
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

(See music on following pages)

CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT



1. Cre - a - tor of _____ the stars of night, _____ thy peo - ple's ev - er -
 2. When this old world _____ drew on toward night, _____ you came, but not in



last - ing light, _____ O _____ Christ, Re - deem - er of us all, _____
 splen - dor bright; _____ not _____ as a mon - arch, but the child



_____ we pray you hear us when _____ we call. _____
 _____ of Ma - ry, blame - less moth - er mild. _____



Come, oh _____ come, Come, oh _____ come,



Come, oh _____ come to us. _____

Words: Anonymous, 7th Century. Additional Lyrics: Alex Mejias.
 Music: Alex Mejias. © 2009 Alex Mejias Music.

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

Voice

1. Lo! How a Rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind;
 3. This Flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,

of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as saints of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Moth - er kind.
 dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark-ness ev 'ry - where.

It came, a flow - ret bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 True man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
 death he saves us and light - ens ev 'ry load.

Words: German carol, 16th C.; sts 1, 2 tr. Theodore Baker, 1894; alt.; st. 3. tr. Harriet Karuth Spaeth, 1875;
 Music: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1599; harm. Micaheal Praetorius, 1609

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Song of Confession

Everyone: **O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.**

Silent Confession

† Words of Comfort

From Isaiah 40:1-2

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Your sins are pardoned.
The penalty is paid.
You are forgiven and freed.

Everyone: **Thanks be to God!**

† Greeting of Peace

THANKSGIVING

We respond to God's word.

Our Offerings

Pray for Chris and Leah Gaertner using the arts to communicate the good news of Jesus to those who have never heard the good news of Jesus.

Offertory

"A Prayer for Advent"

Sanctuary Choir

8:45 and 11:15 a.m. services

(Martin)

Veni, veni, Emmanuel. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Veni, veni, Emmanuel. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Deliver us from doubt and fear; grant us joy and peace.
Restore our hope, redeem our hearts; let our sorrows cease.
Let all our bitterness and hate surrender to your loving way.
O veni, veni, come, Emmanuel.

Veni, veni, Emmanuel. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Veni, veni, Emmanuel. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Our longing hearts are waiting, Lord, waiting in the night.
Let all the clouds of sin and shame give way to truth and light.
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease. Fill all the world with joy and peace.
O veni, veni, come, Emmanuel.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
Come, O come, Emmanuel.

Offertory

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

10:00 a.m. service

† 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.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

- ¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
- ² The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—
- ³ and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
- ⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
- ⁵ Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.
- ⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.
- ⁷ The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
- ⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
- ¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will
rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Message:

The Branch

+ Corey Widmer +

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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

Leader: "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.

People: Amen!

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, we await your second Advent,
When you shall establish your Kingdom and put all things right.
We cry, Maranatha!

People: Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.

Leader: We pray the prayer which Christ has placed upon our lips—

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.

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 Songs

"Justice Will Roll Down"

Oh my love, you have grown so cold
To the world outside, to the house next door.
She who has been loved much, has so much to give.
Mercy is the fragrance of the broken.

Chorus

Justice will roll down; oh, justice will roll down
From high upon those mountains
With a mighty river sound.
It will roll down, it will roll down.

Oh my child, I will be your light
In your secret pain, in the dark of night.
No enemy, no conqueror will steal your life from me.
I am your salvation and your victory.

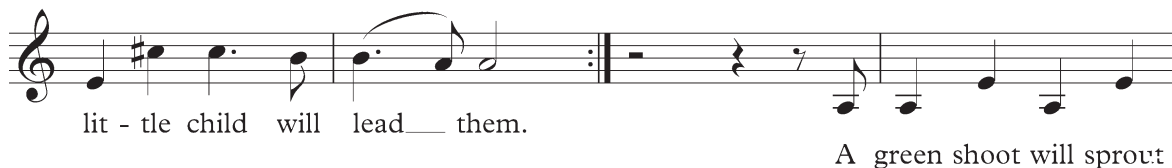
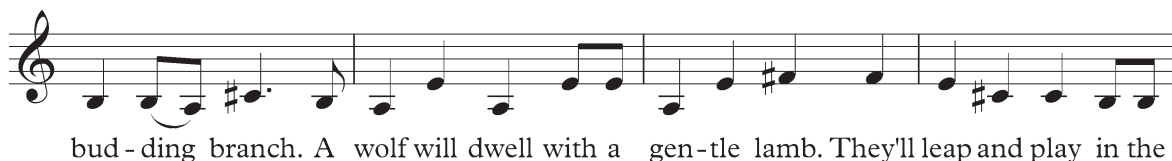
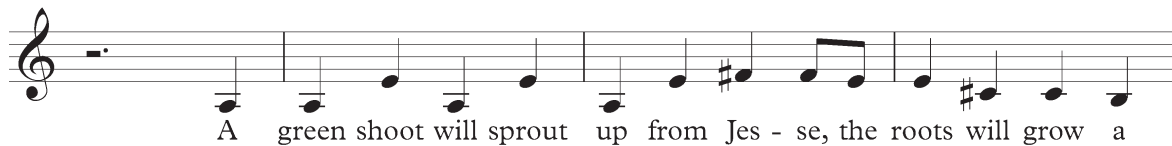
Chorus

Soon, oh soon, when the trumpet sounds
Every knee will bend, every heart will pound.
I have made a new world where the servant is the King,
Oppression will be over and the slave set free.

Chorus

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"Isaiah 11"





"Come back, chil - dren, come back, hur - ry" sing-ing o - ver you, sing-ing



o - ver me.

The good, good King will lead__ them. The



good, good King will lead__ them. The spir-it of the Lord will rest up - on him, the



good, good King will lead__ them. The good, good King will lead__ us. The



good, good King will lead__ us. The li - on and the lamb lie



down to - geth - er; the good, good King will lead__ us.

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Prayer Needs

For Health

Corrine Boyd, Loma Shafer, Missy Deregibus, Jack Schilthuis, Katie Payne, Allen Lawrence, Jerry Ramsey, Betty Cox, Charles Ellison, Dru Fitch, Mark Koontz, Margaret Leith, Dabney Harvey, Lou Hanscom, Carol Holt

For Comfort

Deaths – Joseph Hall (wife, Perrin Thompson Hall, 11/25), Elizabeth Barila (mother, 11/7), Jane Mims (mother, 10/31), Percy Strickland (father, 10/24), Patrick L. Wallace (father, 10/16), Dania Luby (father, 10/8), Wade Perkins, Sally Tate, Emily Schindler (father, grandfather, 9/25)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for the families of metropolitan Richmond: for single-parent families, adoptive families, foster families and for households that are communities of friends; for elderly persons living in their own homes, in retirement communities and in nursing institutions.

For Our Nation and the World – Myanmar

Myanmar (formerly Burma) has been called a “hermit kingdom,” because its repressive ruling junta worked for decades to avoid international scrutiny of its rampant human rights violations, hoarding of riches, and widespread economic failures. In 2010, a democracy was installed, bringing a season of halting economic and political opening.

- Buddhism claims 80% of the population. Christians comprise 9%, with the majority of believers coming from limited ethnic minority groups. Pray for perseverance for the church, which is growing in the face of great suffering and repression.
- Myanmar’s curse is division and conflict among its 142 ethnic groups, which has caused centuries of strife. The world’s most longstanding civil war is happening today between the government and the Karen people. Pray for cessation of violence and the peace of Christ to permeate the hearts of the Myanmar people.
- Discrimination by Buddhists against Muslims is systemic, particularly in the border state of Rakhine. There, Muslim citizens are displaced into inhumane migrant camps, and denied the rights and services that others receive. Pray for religious freedom to become a valued foundation and practice in this fledgling democracy.

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**

"Christ Is Coming!"

#271 in the Hymnal

Christ is coming! Let creation bid her groans and travail cease;
Let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase;
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!
Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!

We can now but tell the story of your bitter cross and pain;
We shall yet behold your glory in your coming back to reign;
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the strain.
Let each heart repeat the strain.

With that "blessed hope" before us, let no harp remain unstrung;
Let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!

† **Commission**

From Romans 12:9-12; 11:36

Leader: Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

**Everyone: For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be the glory forever and ever! Amen.**

† **Benediction**

Postlude

11:15 a.m. service

"Joyous Dialogue"
(Alice Jordan)

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 celebration of Mike and Ellen Armstrong's 30th wedding anniversary.

Today's liturgists: Beth Nichols, Tim Latham

The Gift of the Kingdom

2016 Stewardship Season

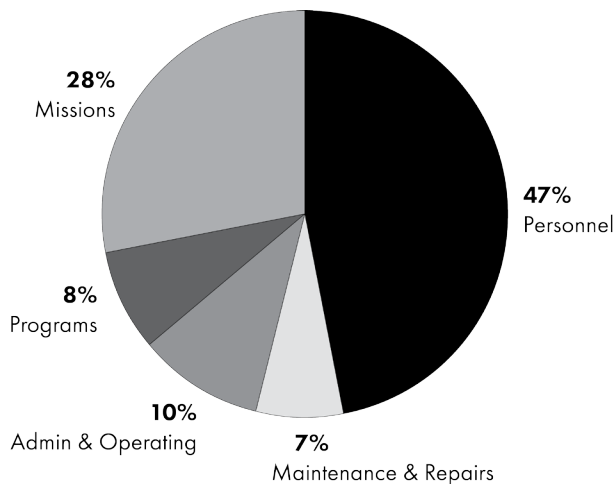
"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the Kingdom." Luke 12:32

We believe the local church is one of God's great vessels of hope for the world. Through the local church, the gospel is proclaimed, community is formed, individuals grow, and the Kingdom is embodied.

To that end, every year we look at what it will cost us in the coming year to live as the particular local church God has called us to be. The staff and elders have carefully projected our budget for the coming year, and now in this season we come together to express our commitment of faith in pledging our financial resources to God through the work of this local church. Our pledges help us determine the accuracy of the budget and ensure our financial commitments to our 75+ mission partners.

If you would still like to make a commitment to Third for the new year, we welcome you to use the cards in the pews and drop them in the offering plate or return them to the church office. As we make our commitments, we pray for the Spirit and power of God to use our gifts to bring a harvest for his Kingdom. "Since you excel in so many ways — in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm and your love from us — I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7 (NLT).

2017 Projected Budget: \$3,291,024



ADVENT SEASON AT THIRD CHURCH

The Original Christmas Story: An Advent Class

Sundays, December 4, 11, 18, 10:00 a.m., Room 217

Join us for this special three-week class that will tell the Advent story in an interactive way, as if it were written for a play production. Follow this cast of characters through the Old Testament prophecies and through the story of Jesus' birth.

Lessons and Carols: Sunday, December 4, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Traditionally, a Lessons and Carols service is a unique opportunity to hear and sing songs that the larger culture mostly ignores. Join us for this special interactive service of worshiping and reading scripture together. It is a great opportunity to begin the Advent season reflecting on scripture and praying for God's coming Son.

Women's Christmas Dinner: Tues., December 6, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Women of Third are invited to bring a potluck dish to join in our Christmas celebration. In addition to sharing a meal together, we'll worship together and hear stories of service shared by three women. Registration is free, but we ask that you 1) bring a dish to share, and 2) bring a small gift to donate to the Stocking Stuffer Initiative. Let us know if you plan to attend: thirdva.org/events.

A Celebration of Carols—Dinner and Concert: Wednesday, December 14

Dinner: 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall | Music: 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

We'll begin the evening with a Christmas meal together in the Fellowship Hall. Then, in the Sanctuary, our children's choir, Sanctuary Choir, and orchestra will present "A Celebration of Carols," music for the entire family, perfect for the Advent season. RSVP required for dinner: thirdva.org/events.

Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24

Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!

4:00 p.m. – Family-friendly service in the Fellowship Hall

6:30 and 8:30 p.m. – Candlelight services in the Sanctuary

11:00 p.m. – Candlelight and Communion service in the Sanctuary

*Childcare available for infants and toddlers during the 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. services.

Christmas Morning: Sunday, December 25

Join us for one service on Christmas morning at 11:15 a.m. in our Sanctuary to celebrate the newborn King! Dress casually. *Childcare available for infants and toddlers.

NEWS & EVENTS

Purchase Poinsettias for the Sanctuary!

Enhance worship at Third during Advent and then enjoy the seasonal beauty at home. Order a red poinsettia for \$12.00 each in memory or honor of a loved one. Contact Rebecca Hatton by December 9 to place your order (rebeccah@thirdrva.org or 282-4645 ext. 101). Your plant can be claimed after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service concludes.

Welcome Coffee – Sunday, December 18, 9:45 a.m., Parlor

If you're new to Third, come to this monthly gathering to meet a few people and learn about Third's vision, what we believe and how to get involved. Questions? Contact Beth Nichols: bethn@thirdrva.org.

Experience Israel Tour: April 24 – May 4, 2017

Join us for this unique opportunity to visit the Holy Land and walk where Jesus walked. We will tour Israel, Galilee, the Dead Sea and the city of Jerusalem. This is our fourth trip as a congregation with Tom Barila as our leader and guided by a biblically knowledgeable tour guide. For more info and sign-ups, visit: thirdrva.org/events.

Serve Families of CrossOver Ministry This Christmas

CrossOver's social worker has identified 40 families that are in the greatest need. She'll match them with a person or group (i.e., family, small group, etc.) to assist with their needs. In past years, the assistance offered has ranged from Christmas presents for kids to emergency rent assistance for a few months. People interested can email Abby Dini at adini@crossoverministry.org.

Come by the Children's Library for Books on Advent!

The Children's Library is the place to stop at Third today and every Sunday. Look at the many Christmas books and videos on display and on the red cart and find something special to check out to help your family celebrate this special time of Advent.

Jobs for Life Fall Class Graduation – Wednesday, December 7, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

If you are interested in learning more about Jobs for Life, or want to see the program in action, we invite you to come to our graduation this Wednesday evening for our Fall class. This is a special evening honoring not only the work that the students and volunteers have put into Jobs for Life, but also the relationships that have been built through the program. All are invited. A reception will follow the ceremony.

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, or pick up a copy of the **Fall 2016 Brochure for Community, Discipleship and Mission.** Questions? Contact Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org).

**Can We Talk:
How Does an Ancient Book
Guide Modern Life?**

Fellowship Hall

A Study of Hebrews

Room 101

**The Original Christmas Story:
An Advent Class**

Room 217

Marriage Fellowship

Room 215

Sermon Chat

Fellowship Hall

**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

Orphans and the Gospel

Room 207

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 or pick up a copy of the **Fall 2016 Brochure for Community, Discipleship and Mission** 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

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, December 4

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

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

7:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols service – Sanctuary

Monday, December 5

5:45 p.m. Jobs for Life – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 6

9:30 a.m. Women's Group, Priscilla Shirer's "Breathe" – Room 213

11:45 a.m. Helping Hands – Room 217

6:00 p.m. Women's Christmas dinner – Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Muslim World missionary care and prayer groups – at Laurie Chalifoux' home,
10801 Whitaker Woods Road, 23238, 740-1199

Wednesday, December 7

6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Jobs for Life graduation – Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Club56 Christmas party – Basement

Thursday, December 8

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

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

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

Friday, December 9

12:00 p.m. Day by Dayers – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

5:00 p.m. Christian Arabic Church wedding rehearsal – Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. That Great Dance Ball – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 10

4:00 p.m. Christian Arabic Church wedding – Sanctuary

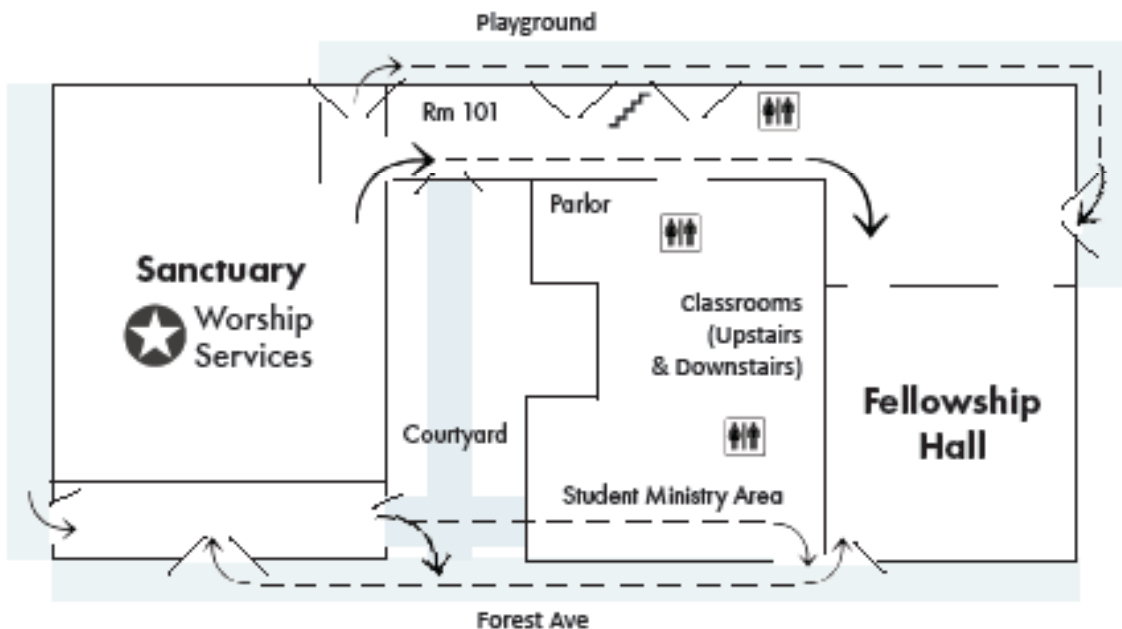
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

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
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Sunday, December 18, 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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