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CRUCIFORM
LIFE

Sunday | February 11, 2018

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Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

"It would be hard to exaggerate the magnitude of the changes that have taken place as a result of the cross, both in God and in us, especially God's dealings with us and in our relations with him. Truly, when Christ died and was raised from death, a new day dawned, a new age began."

John Stott



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

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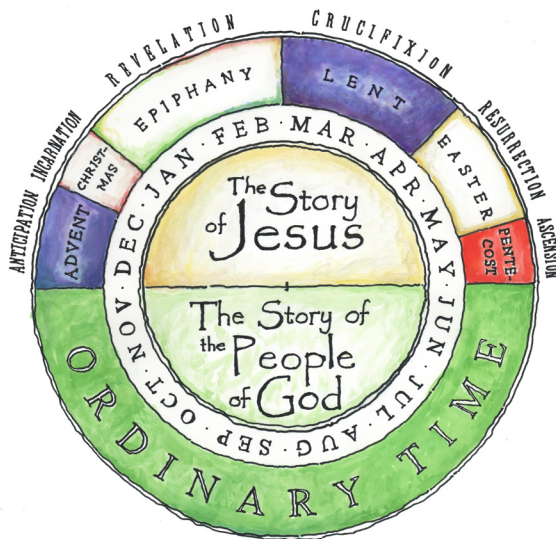
*We're glad you've chosen to worship at Third!
We look forward to meeting and getting to know you.*

Sanctuary Decorations

As followers of Jesus, we use the Christian calendar to help us “keep time” with the historic and ongoing rhythms of God's story in and for the world. After six weeks preparing for and celebrating the birth of Jesus, the season of Epiphany runs from January 6 until mid-February, focused on Jesus’ earthly life and mission to bring God’s kingdom to the whole world, reclaiming and renewing all things. Jesus’ life among the people of Israel reveals the complicated, beautiful nature of God, and in each aspect of Christ's identity and calling we also see glimpses of the life God wants to re-make in all of us.

So what’s with all the crazy colors? Our Sanctuary decorations reflect that theme of revelation as well, so added to the white of Christmas (and Easter) are touches of many other colors, each one standing for one aspect of the kingdom of God revealed in Jesus: yellow and gold for the gifts of the traveling wise men, signaling that Jesus came to claim people of every nation as his own; red and orange for the Holy Spirit that rested upon Christ to inaugurate his ministry; blue for the tassels of the rabbinical robe marking Jesus as our great teacher and High Priest; royal purple and pink for Jesus our King; green for new life and the role Jesus affirmed for ordinary people (the church) in the great mission of God; even black and brown to remind us that Jesus faced suffering and rejection even before his final days moving towards his betrayal and crucifixion in Jerusalem.

The many colors of Epiphany represent the whole, complex kingdom life Christ brings into the world, and in this season we ask God to open our eyes to see him more and more in the multicolored light of Jesus.



GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude "Variations on 'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'" Jeff Hummel
(Robert Hobby)

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship From Psalm 62:5

Leader: For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait;

People: Truly our hope is in you.

† **Call to Worship** From Psalm 146:1-5

Leader: Praise the Lord.

**People: Praise the Lord, O my soul.
I will praise the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes,
in human beings, who cannot save.
When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;
on that very day their plans come to nothing.

**People: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

Prayer of Adoration

† **Songs of Praise** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #130 in the Hymnal
"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"
(See music on following pages)

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

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.

COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and power.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of him.

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Song of Confession

"Psalm 32 – Blessed Are You"

Antiphon

**Blessed are you whose transgression is forgiven,
whom the Lord has now made clean.**

**Blessed are you in whom the Lord counts no sin,
where there is no deceit.**

Blessed are you.

Leader:

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
Day and night your hand was heavy upon me,
but you forgave all my wrongs.

Antiphon

Leader:

I confessed my transgressions to you, Lord,
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
You are a hiding place for me
surrounded by shouts of deliverance.

Antiphon

Leader:

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust him.
Be glad in the Lord; rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Antiphon

† Words of Comfort

From the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 7

Leader: What is true faith?

**Everyone: It is not only a certain knowledge
by which I accept as true
all that God has revealed to us in his Word,
but also a wholehearted trust
which the Holy Spirit creates in me through the gospel,
that, not only to others, but also to me
God has given the forgiveness of sins,
everlasting righteousness and salvation,
out of sheer grace
solely for the sake of Christ's saving work.**

Leader: Brothers and sisters,
because of the saving work of Jesus,
you are forgiven!

Everyone: Thanks be to God!

† Greeting of Peace

THANKSGIVING

Our Offerings

Pray for Mike Murchie and CrossOver Ministry as it seeks to promote wellness and provide quality and compassionate health care to the uninsured in the greater Richmond metropolitan area.

Offertory

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

"Abana (Lord's Prayer)"
(Constantine/Scheer)

Sanctuary Choir

Abana in heaven, hallowed be your holy name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done in all the earth as in heaven.

Your kingdom come, your will be done in all the earth as in heaven.

And give to us, give us this day our daily bread, O Lord, we pray.

Forgive our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And save us in time of trial. Deliver us from evil.

Yours is the kingdom, yours the power, yours is the glory now and ever.

Abana in heaven. Amen.

Offertory

10:00 a.m. service

Greg Scheer



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 1:18-2:5

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." ²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

¹ And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.

² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Message:
The Cruciform Life
+ Corey Widmer +

Notes:

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Song of Response

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Father God, you have revealed your power and wisdom through the foolishness of the cross.
Lead us to take up our own cross this week,
that we may lay down our lives for you and our neighbors.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord Jesus, crucified and risen King of the world,
rule over us in justice and mercy;
bring an end to violence and hatred on earth,
and establish your kingdom of peace.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Spirit of compassion and strength,
heal our broken hearts, bodies, and relationships.
Renew us in your presence,
and make us instruments of your life and love.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:

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

Mary Ann Hancock, Estelle Short, Rick DeJarnette, Sean Sanderson, Katie Bishop, Dru Fitch, Margaret Leith, Larry Dupree, Nick Jeffer, 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:

Nan Clarke (father, 1/31), Peggy Larmore and Scott Copeland (father and grandfather, 1/31), Cindy Vogel (mother, 12/30), Martha Rupel (sister, 12/30), Jane Fields (sister, 12/21), Andy Burgess (wife Brenda, 12/19), Sue Kimball (brother, 12/16), Frank Wilson and Lynley Steadman (brother, uncle, 12/1)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom in metropolitan Richmond: for healthy economic development which enhances the metropolitan community, employs the unemployed and contributes to the common good.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† Song of Commission

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

#634 in the Hymnal

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty – hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

† Commission

From Matthew 16:24-25

Leader: Then Jesus said to his disciples:
"Whoever wants to be my disciple
must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

**People: For whoever wants to save their life will lose it,
but whoever loses their life for Jesus will find it.**

† Benediction

Postlude
11:15 a.m. service

"Fanfare"
(Gordon Young)

Jeff Hummel

SERVICE NOTES

Today's flowers are given in honor of our mission partner Mike Murchie and CrossOver Ministry as it seeks to promote wellness and provide quality and compassionate health care to the uninsured in the greater Richmond metropolitan area.

NEWS & EVENTS

Ash Wednesday: Dinner and Service – Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday is a day that marks the first day of Lent, a time of reflection and penitence leading up to Easter Sunday. We'll first eat together in the Fellowship Hall at 5:45 p.m. and then come together for a service of repentance and worship in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to the service; seats are limited for dinner (\$7/adults, \$5/children). RSVP for dinner: thirdrva.org/events.

Jobs for Life: Kicking Off February 19!

Jobs for Life is a 12-week, relationship-centered jobs training program. Each student is teamed with a Champion who will walk with them through the class and the months following as they journey from unemployment or under-employment to better employment. We're currently recruiting mentors (Champions), meal sponsors, and business leaders to be a part. Student applications are open as well! Thirdrva.org/jobsforlife.

Now Accepting Nominations for Officers for 2019

Each year, we solicit nominations for officers (Elders, Deacons, and Trustees) from our covenant partners. If you would like to nominate someone, please pick up a nomination form found in the pews or at thirdrva.org/leadership-and-staff, and return it by March 4. We consider this one of the most important tasks a covenant partner can participate in, and we look forward to receiving your nominations!

Family Ministry: Pizza and Movie Night – Saturday, Feb. 17, 5:00 p.m.

Bring your family to have some pizza and then watch the movie "Finding Dory." Bring a snack to share and something to sit on: a beach chair, blanket or make a "car" out of a cardboard box or laundry basket (like a drive-in movie!) – prize to the best design! RSVP (\$3/adults, \$2/kids): thirdrva.org/events.

Donate to Families Arriving to the States From Egypt!

New families from Egypt are beginning to arrive again! They are in need of all the basic necessities to set up their apartments: beds and linens, couches, chairs, kitchen tables, dishes, etc. Also, do you have an old pickup truck you'd be willing to donate to help with collecting goods? If you are able to help with any of these, please contact the church office at 282-4645.

Women's Ministry: Valentine Brunch, Tuesday, February 13, 9:00 a.m.

Come join us in the Fellowship Hall to have brunch and then help put together Valentine boxes to send to our college students. Bring along some treats to include in the boxes! If you know of a student you would like to receive a package, please send the student's address to Sterling Lloyd at sterlingl@thirdrva.org.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

2018 February Term: The Art of Neighboring, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Each winter, we take a month to get on the same page as a church. We combine our adult Sunday discipleship classes and study an issue together that has bearing on how we live our lives as Christ-followers--no matter what age or stage of life we find ourselves in. This year, we'll be looking at a very timely topic: The Art of Neighboring. We'll be exploring together this call to love our neighbors and how it will be lived out in our neighborhoods through the parish model, and we'll share how we're already seeing the fruit of this work today.

Each week will feature different speakers, panels, and engaging elements. Plus plenty of coffee and snacks! We look forward to this time together each year, so we hope to see you all there.

February 11: Neighboring – The Heart of Parish Life (Teacher: Derek Mondeau)

February 18: Neighboring – The Stories of Parish Life (Teacher: Panel of speakers, discussions)

February 25: Neighboring – The Commission of Parish Life (Teachers: Andrew Fuller, Richard Haney, and LJ Jaworski)

Questions? Contact Tom Barila (tomb@thindrva.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@thindrva.org) or Andrea (andreaw@thindrva.org).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SUNDAY MORNING

DURING THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE: Sunday School is available for all children and students. See below for room locations for all Sunday School classes:

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, February 11

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

Monday, February 12

9:00 a.m. CBS Teachers meeting – Choir Room
10:00 a.m. Circle meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue
7:00 p.m. Mission Committee meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

Tuesday, February 13

9:00 a.m. Monthly study – Room 217
9:00 a.m. Kingdom Knitters – Parlor
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 – Room 217
7:00 p.m. Trustees meeting – Upstairs Conference Room, 500 Forest Avenue
7:00 p.m. Music rehearsal for Ash Wednesday service – Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 14

9:30 a.m. Community Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
5:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday dinner – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service – Sanctuary

Thursday, February 15

6:00 p.m. Healing prayer group – Student ministry area
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Worship Team rehearsal – Sanctuary

Friday, February 16

8:30 a.m. Europe Prayer and Care meeting at Carolyn Oakley's home, 2710 Old Point Drive, 23233, 937-6564
1:00 p.m. Day by Dayers meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

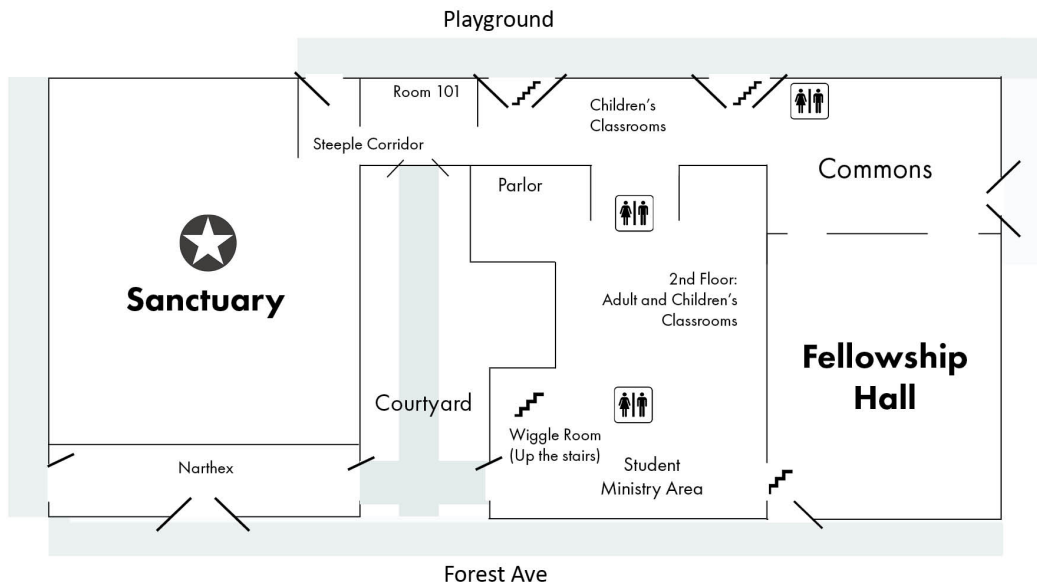
JOIN US NEXT WEEK

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
- **Join us for our next Welcome Coffee:** Sunday, February 18, 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. The place to start 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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A Covenant Order
of Evangelical Presbyterians

You are invited to celebrate the

***Ordination and Installation
service for
"LJ" Laurie Jaworski
as Assistant Pastor for Mission***

Saturday, February 17, 2018

1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.