

the
**CRUCIFORM
LIFE**

Sunday | February 25, 2018

CRUCIFORM IDENTITY

Second Sunday of Lent

"Who am I? This or the other?
Am I one person today and tomorrow another?
Am I both at once? A hypocrite before others,
and before myself a contemptible, woebegone weakling?
Or is something within me still like a beaten army
fleeing in disorder from victory already achieved?
Who am I? They mock me, these lonely questions of mine.
Whoever I am, Thou knowest, O God, I am thine!"

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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

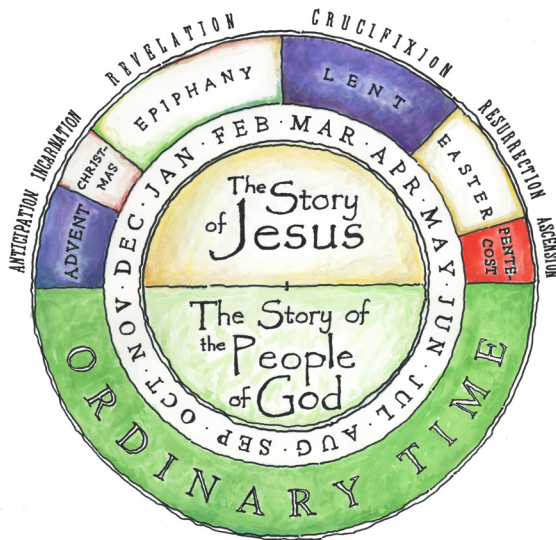
Welcome!
¡Bienvenido!
欢迎!
مرحباً

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

Sanctuary Decorations

During the season of Lent that began on Ash Wednesday, we continue to remember that followers of Jesus “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.

Our banners of royal purple ribbons were introduced during Advent to reflect 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. Now, in a season focused on remembering Jesus’ suffering on our behalf—and for repentance and self reflection of our own sins for which he died—we have added additional layers of gray and brown and gauze to represent Jesus’ rejection and submission to the pain of the world. Because we grieve together as one Body of Christ and not just as individuals, our banners also include strips of printed and painted cloth made together by men, women and children of our congregation (along with neighbors and visitors) as part of our Journey to the Cross meditation experience—a response with hands and hearts as well as minds to the sacrifice made by Jesus.



GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

"There Is a Fountain"
(Raymond Haan)

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Leader: Make our hearts clean, O God;
and renew a right spirit within us.

People: Amen.

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

† Call to Worship

From Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?

People: My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;

**People: Indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader: The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

**People: The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your
life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now
and forevermore.**

Prayer of Adoration

† Songs of Praise

"Come, Thou Almighty King" #5 in the Hymnal
"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"
(See music on following pages)

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

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, thou Almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on thy mighty sword; our prayer attend:
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success:
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be hence, evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore!

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

From Morten Lauridsen's "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,
 flood what is arid,
 heal what is hurt,
 flex what is rigid,
 fire what is frigid,
 correct what goes astray.**

Silent Confession

† Words of Comfort

From Psalm 103:11-13

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
 so great is his love for those who fear him;
 as far as the east is from the west,
 so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
 As a father has compassion on his children,
 so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

Everyone: Thanks be to God!

† 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."

THANKSGIVING

Our Offerings

Pray for the Richmond Center for Christian Study, connecting with college students and others in the Richmond area to help them come to know Jesus Christ and grow in Him.

Offertory

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"
(Fedak)

Sanctuary Choir

8:45 and 11:15 a.m.

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Offertory
10:00 a.m.

"Let Praises Rise"
(A'Leithia Sweeting)

Let praises rise from the inside, from the inside of me.
May you delight in the inside, in the inside of me.
Come fill my life from the inside, from the inside of me.
Set me on fire from the inside, from the inside of me.

'Cuz all I want is for you, for you to be glorified,
For you to be lifted high.
All I want is for you, for you to be glorified,
For you to be lifted high.

Fill my life till all they see is you, Lord. Glorify your name.
Fill my heart till all they see is you, Lord. Glorify your name.
Fill my life till all they see is you, Lord. Glorify your name.
Fill my heart till all they see is you, Lord. Glorify your name.

† **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 3:21-4:7

²¹ So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, ²³ and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

¹ This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. ² Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. ³ I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. ⁴ My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵ Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.

⁶ Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, “Do not go beyond what is written.” Then you will not be puffed up in being a follower of one of us over against the other. ⁷ For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Message:
Cruciform Identity
+ Corey Widmer +

Notes:

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Song of Response

"Lord, I Need You"
(Matt Maher)

Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowing here, I find my rest.
Without you, I fall apart.
You're the One that guides my heart.

(refrain) Lord, I need you; oh, I need you.
Every hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need you.

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where you are.
Where you are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me. *(refrain)*

So teach my song to rise to you
When temptation comes my way.
When I cannot stand, I'll fall on you.
Jesus, you're my hope and stay. *(refrain)*

(Pastoral Prayer)

Lord, we need you; oh, we need you.
Every hour we need you.
Our one defense, our righteousness,
Oh God, how we need you.

Prayer Needs

For Health

Betty Cox, Randy Tabb, Mary Ann Hancock, Estelle Short, Rick DeJarnette, 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 enhancement of our common life in Jesus' name through the Holy Spirit, and for the resurrection of metropolitan Richmond as a modern metropolitan city of hope for the world.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† Song of Commission

"Before the Throne of God Above"



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea; a great High
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me of my guilt with - in, up - ward I
3. Be - hold him there! the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less, right - eous - ness; the great un -



Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
look, and see him there who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
change - a - ble "I Am," the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -



grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his heart; I know that while in heav'n he
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free; for God, the Just, is sat - is -
self, I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by his blood; my life is hid with Christ on



stands no tongue can bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
fied to look on him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

† **Commission**

From Galatians 2:20

Leader: I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live,
but Christ lives in me.

**People: The life I now live in the body,
I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me.**

† **Benediction**

Postlude
11:15 a.m. service

"Trumpet Tune in C Major"
(David Johnson)

Jeff Hummel

NEWS & EVENTS

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!

New Sunday School Term Starts March 4!

Starting March 4 we're kicking off a new slate of Sunday morning discipleship classes for adults. The classes will take place around the church building (and even one in our office building), all at 10:00 a.m. See page 19 to check out the list of classes, or visit: thirdrva.org/Sunday-discipleship.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, March 11, 12:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Please mark your calendar for our next congregational meeting on Sunday, March 11, following the 11:15 a.m. service. We'll vote on approving changes in terms of call for Corey Widmer, Ed Satterfield, and Rick Hutton.

Young Adult Happy Hour – Friday, March 9, 6:30 p.m., 4711 Wythe Ave.

Young professionals and young adults (from the 23-35 age range): join us for this time to get together and enjoy each other's company. No agenda, and no RSVP needed – just come on out and feel free to bring some friends and something to drink. We hope you can be a part of this-- and if you can't make it this, but are interested in events in the future, please be in touch: timl@thirdrva.org.

How to Be a Tech-Wise Family: An Evening with Andy Crouch – Friday, March 2, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join us for this seminar on how each of us and our families can steward the use of technology in our lives in life-giving ways. Andy Crouch, author of *The Tech-Wise Family*, will lead our conversation. We'll close out the evening with some Q and A time with Andy. Family-friendly, but not family-only! Come one, come all. Childcare available only with a reservation to: kathyw@thirdrva.org.

NEWS & EVENTS

The Soul of Shame: A Lecture with Dr. Curt Thompson – Saturday, March 17, 8:30 a.m. – Noon

We are excited to partner with other area churches and organizations to bring Dr. Curt Thompson to Richmond to discuss his powerful book, *The Soul of Shame*. This seminar will take place at West End Presbyterian Church, and will explore how shame affects every aspect of our life and work but God has personally done something about our shame. He is telling a different story for your life. Come and learn from Dr. Thompson on this important topic.

Managing Media Class – Wednesdays in March, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Multipurpose Room at 500 Forest

Parents are hungry for how to help their children, and themselves as well, disconnect from technology enough to re-connect as a family. In this class, parents will discuss how we model tech behavior ourselves, set boundaries, and use truth and grace together to build stronger relationships within our family instead of division. We will touch on difficult subjects such as addiction and cyber-bullying. This class will be taught by Mark and Susan Holt. Register: thirdrva.org/events.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University – Sundays, 10 a.m., starts March 4

We all need a plan for our money and God wants us to have financial peace. This class will teach you to create a budget, pay off debt, spend and save wisely, and give generously-- no matter where you are with your money. Join us on March 4 for an informational meeting, with the first class beginning the following week. Registration is required (by March 5): thirdrva.org/events. Questions? Contact Tom Barila: tomb@thirdrva.org.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Last week of February Term! The Art of Neighboring, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Our February Term—a specialized class we all attend together on Sunday mornings in February—is concluding this week. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. for our final class as we explore "Neighboring and the Great Commission."

Next week, join us for the kick-off of our new Sunday school classes!

This new series of classes will run from March 7 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 on, or try out a few! For descriptions of all our classes, visit: thirdrva.org/Sunday-discipleship.

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

Financial Stewardship and Generosity

Led by Keith and Connie Byers
March 4 – May 27, Room 215
Pre-registration required!
Thirdrva.org/events

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

Led by Ginger James
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

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).

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 25

8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Sunday school teacher meeting – Room 101

Monday, February 26

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

Tuesday, February 27

9:00 a.m. Kingdom Knitters – Parlor
9:30 a.m. "All Things New: A Study on 2 Corinthians" – Room 213
6:20 p.m. Session dinner – Kitchen, 500 Forest Avenue
7:00 p.m. Session meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

Wednesday, February 28

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

Thursday, March 1

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, March 2

1:00 p.m. Day by Dayers – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue
7:00 p.m. How to Be a Tech-Wise Family: An Evening with Andy Crouch – Fellowship Hall

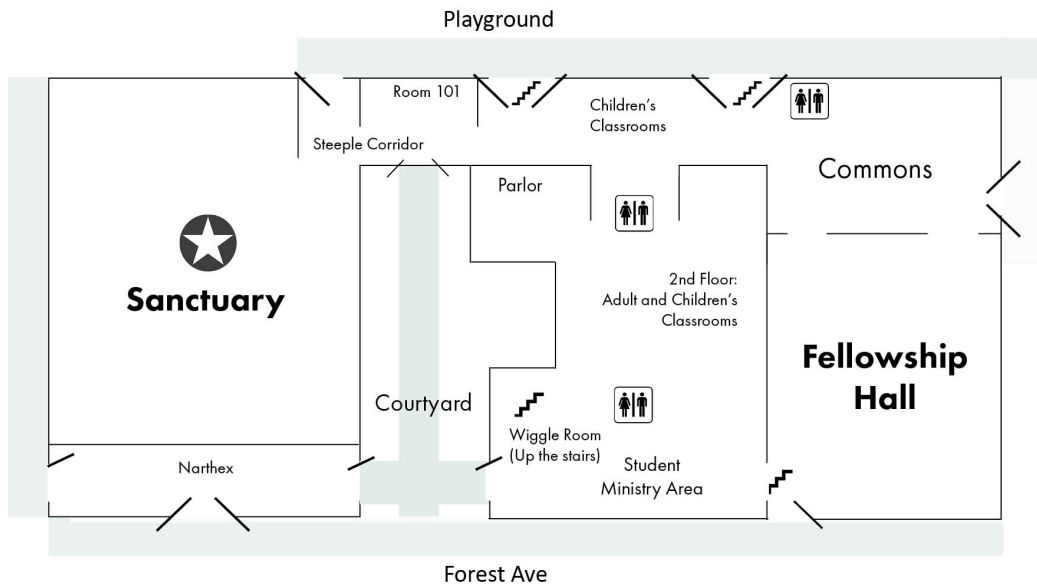
JOIN US NEXT WEEK

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

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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