



Be a part of our new hymnal collection for the Sanctuary!

This August we will be replacing all the old hymnals in our sanctuary with brand new hymnals, and we are really excited about it! Why, you may ask, would anyone be so excited about hymnals? First of all we are excited because of the hymnal itself. Titled “*Lift Up Your Hearts*” and produced by Faith Alive Christian Resources, this hymnal is an incredible resource full not only of hundreds of hymns, but also much contemporary and global music from around the world. All 150 Psalms are represented in musical form, and the hymnal also includes many different creeds, confessions and liturgical calls and responses. In some ways there could not be a hymnal that more faithfully reflects what we seek to do each week in public worship — drawing together ancient, traditional and contemporary music and forms, bridging cultures, and incorporating the Psalms and Scripture as much as we can.

But the other huge reason why we are excited about this hymnal is that it will be a wonderful tool for us as we press into our vision to be a church that both gathers on Sundays and scatters into our Parishes and neighborhoods during the week. This hymnal will be a wonderful tool for families and Parish Groups to use for home worship, since it contains so much of the music we regularly use on Sundays and offers simple ways for you to lead groups of people in interactive and responsive worship right in your homes. By having these hymnals both in our sanctuary and in our homes, we bridge the two primary places we gather as a community, linking them together through a common worship tool.

So what can you do? As an investment in our community, we invite you to consider buying two hymnals: one for the sanctuary to be used in public worship, and one for your home or Parish Group to be used in home worship. In this way, we are investing in how we are formed in worship when we gather and when we scatter, when we sing with a majestic organ or full piece band, or when we sing around a coffee table with just our voices.

Our worship forms us – we hope and pray this hymnal helps form our community for all of life.



Lift Up Your Hearts

PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

MORE THAN
JUST A HYMNAL.

A JOURNEY THROUGH
THE STORY OF GOD.



FOR MORE INFO AND TO DONATE:

thirdrva.org/hymnals or 282-4645



RECEPTION FOR TOM BARILA

We're inviting you to a celebration reception for Tom, Elizabeth and their children, Tommy and Catherine, in the Fellowship Hall after the 11:15 a.m. service on June 24. Please make plans to come! We'll have delicious goodies, several tributes, and some fun surprises as well.

We also invite and urge you to write a note of thanks to Tom. We will include these notes in a book of appreciation we will present to him at the reception. Please send notes (and photos, if you wish) to Val Kling (7310 Normandy Drive, 23229) before June 23, or bring them to the reception on June 24.

If you'd like to offer a monetary gift to the Barila family to honor Tom's years of ministry, we ask that you write a check directly to him (checks written directly to Tom will avoid any tax liability for him and therefore will benefit him most fully). You may either mail the check to his home address (511 Ridge Top Road, 23229) or include it with your message of appreciation sent to Val, who will collect those gifts and pass them along to Tom with the book of appreciation.

If you'd like to help with preparation for the celebration, then please contact Annhorner Truitt (annhornertruitt@gmail.com or 822-1888).

We hope you will plan to join us for this celebration as we humbly thank God for Tom's ministry among us!

Yours in Christ,

Jimey Ames, Clerk for the Session of Third Church

Jimey Ames, Mike Armstrong, Allene Brown, Andrew Fuller, Jeff Hassler, Rick Hutton, Fritz Kling, Heidi Little, Jennifer Parham, Stephen Piepgrass, Ed Satterfield, David Skove, Steve Tyler, Corey Widmer, and Scott Ziegler

Have you ever heard the saying, "I'm third"? It refers to the principle that Jesus is first in my life, others are second, and I am third. It's a popularized way of talking about living out what Jesus said were the two greatest commandments.

For over twenty years, Tom Barila has oriented his life around the concept "I'm third." His devotion to Jesus and knowing him more, along with his humble willingness to serve others in practical and spiritual matters, are just a few of the ways Tom models putting God first, others second, and himself third.

For many Third folks who first felt welcomed and ushered into community by Tom, the saying "I'm Third" also illustrates the way he represented our church to everyone who came through the door. Tom's friendly grin and encouraging presence, whether in the church halls, behind the scenes, on the courts and links and fields, or in our Sunday school classrooms, have blessed adults and kids alike for decades. So as he prepares to leave Third, let's celebrate him!

COMMUNITY & DISCIPLESHIP

CHECKING IN WITH PARISH GROUPS

What's the Latest with Parish Groups?

We launched our Parish Group this past February and currently have 17 Parish Groups that are meeting regularly in homes around the metro Richmond area. These groups are a mix of all ages, and together they gather for meals together, study God's Word, share grace stories, and reach out to get to know their neighbors. They are trusting God to help them become a community that loves God, loves one another, and loves their neighbors.

Have you thought about being a part of a Parish Group?

Maybe you have been thinking about visiting a Parish Group near you. Or, maybe you have been once or twice. We would love to see every covenant partner engaged with a community of believers near them. The great thing about Parish Groups is that they are always open. If you have not been able to attend, you can visit or become a part of a group at any time.

Should you visit a Parish Group this Summer?

Yes! Most of our Parish Groups will be meeting on a more relaxed schedule and are planning cook-outs and other ways to be together this summer. Some of their plans will involve getting to know their neighbors. Even if you cannot attend every meeting this summer, you can drop in and check out a group at any time. Visit our Parish page (www.thirdrva.org/parish-life) to find a parish group near you and get in touch with the leaders.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES

WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?

10:00 A.M. | SUNDAYS IN JUNE | LOCATION TBD

A Parenting Class with Janet Carter, Parent Coach

Janet is a former member of Third who launched a parenting ministry, with the bulk of her work around parent coaching! She is a sought-after speaker and we're delighted to bring her to Third for this free class. The class includes the following topics:

Week One: Respect and Responsibility, Part I. The Seasons of Parenting and how misplaced responsibility can slowly exhaust parents and actually inhibit respect and maturity in their kids.

Week Two: Respect and Responsibility, Part II. When to hold tight and when to let go.

Week Three: Too much telling! We will look at the surprising power of words and the irony that the less said the better.

Week Four: Excuses, Excuses, Excuses. When the reasons for a behavior become an excuse for a behavior, you are likely going to find yourself stuck with that behavior!

We're asking you to register, if possible, even if you can't attend each week. Read more about the class and register at: thirdrva.org/registrations.*

PROVERBS

10:00 A.M. | ROOM 101

The Good News Fellowship will explore the Book of Proverbs beginning June 17. Dave Beckmann will take the lead on teaching, and will be joined by guest teachers throughout the summer. Join us!

LOVING GOD WITH OUR MINDS

10:00 A.M. | JUNE 10 – JULY 29 | ROOM 213

Led by CJ Alderson

**For parents who are taking the "Who's in Charge Here?" Parenting Class in June and have kids ages 1-5th grade, childcare is available, but you must pre-register in advance.*



SUNDAY MORNING: CHILDREN AND STUDENTS

Our normal Sunday School rhythm changes a bit as we move into the summer! Please note our schedule changes:

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for 1st Graders through Senior in High School: **does not meet in the summer** starting in June!

During all services, childcare will be available for children Kindergarten and younger.

Here are some other changes to consider this summer:

Little Lions and Monkeys will be in room 223

Little Eagles and Kinder will be in room 204

WELCOME TO OUR NEW COVENANT PARTNERS

Welcome to the Third family, newcomers class of April 2018!



**DAVE & MARYLOU
BECKMANN**

◆ CITY SOUTH



LINDA FOSTER

◆ CITY NORTH



PHILIP INNES

◆ GROVE



STEPHEN JEWELL

◆ GROVE



DONNA & BOB WELLS

◆ LAUDERDALE

The next Newcomers Class is scheduled to begin September 16 and then will meet throughout the weekend of September 21-22.

thirdrva.org/newcomers

MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES

MOSAIC SCHOLARSHIP

The Mosaic Ministry has funds available to help parishioners with scholarships to summer camps and classes for kids with special needs, or to conferences, workshops, and continuing education classes involving issues around disabilities.

Some examples of how the money could be used are:

- *A professional workshop for a therapist or special education teacher from church who might otherwise not be able to attend due to limited finances from their organization or school*
- *A training workshop or conference on autism, ADHD, dyslexia, or education advocacy for a parent of a special needs child*
- *Easter Seals summer camp, JCC specialty camp, or adaptive lessons for a child with a disability*

The money is available for: 1) professionals, 2) parents or caregivers, and 3) children with disabilities. Anyone wishing to request funds should contact Kathy White, Associate Director of Family Ministries, requests made in writing to the Mosaic Special Needs Ministry Team, care of Kathy White at kathyw@thirdrva.org. Please include, if possible, a brochure or flyer describing the event, program, or camp, and a short statement on why you believe this will be of benefit.

Preference will be given to members of Mosaic and Third Church. However, if money remains available, we will consider requests from friends connected with the church (such as extended family).

Deadline for applications has been extended to June 17th. Apply today!

MEET SHILOH

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Shiloh is a ministry of Third Church that provides support for those grieving the loss of their unborn baby or longing for a child yet to be conceived. If you or someone you know is searching for this comfort, or if you have experienced God's comfort in a similar situation and want to share it with others, please contact Kathy White (kathyw@thirdrva.org), Holly Roper (hollydroper@gmail.com), or Nancy Payne (npayne1946@gmail.com). We want to walk this journey with you.



DESSERT AUCTION RECAP

Thanks to everyone who helped make the 2018 Student Ministry Dessert Auction a success! With your help we raised \$3460—our most yet! Thanks to all who donated their time, talent, treats, and money to this event. We are thankful for your support as we prepare for our trip to Mexico to build a house for a family.

There are still many ways you can help support the trip:

- *Pray for the team (pictured below) and pray for the family for whom we're building a home*
- *Give online and in the description type "Mexico Mission Trip"*
- *Bring your money to Adventure Week, June 25–28.*

Questions or want to help fundraise? Contact Andrea andreaw@thirdrva.org



CLUB 56 RETREAT RECAP

38 students and 6 volunteers gathered on April 27 and 28 for our annual Club 56 retreat. Our fifth and sixth graders had a great time playing games, getting to know each other, spending time in God's word and hearing from a special guest speaker, Heidi Little. Heidi spoke about integrity and encouraged the students to remember that integrity is about "doing right and being whole." Please pray for our students, that God would continue to move in their hearts and that they would strive to be men and women of integrity!

And save the date for our next Club 56 gathering, our annual kick-off dinner on Wednesday, September 12!

VOLUNTEER WITH FAMILY MINISTRY!

Children and students need models and mentors. In Jesus' day, it was common for the men and women of the community to pour into the lives of the younger ones. We believe that parents are the primary spiritual nurturers of their children, but it's important for our students to see that faith is more than just their parent's or guardian's belief system. They need other adults to reinforce the faith they are learning at home. They need to see that the whole community is committed to their faith formation and helping them to live into the promises made at their baptism. Say yes to getting involved! We promise you'll be changed as much as you help change others.

For questions regarding 1st through 6th grade or Family Adventure Week, contact Tracie Meadows at traciem@thirdrva.org.

EVENTS



COLLEGE MINISTRY SUMMER PLANS

COLLEGE SERMON CHATS

EVERY SUNDAY MAY 27 – AUGUST 5 AT 12:30 P.M.
SHORE DOG CAFE, 435 RIDGE RD.
NO REGISTRATION

Every week, college students will be getting together following the last worship service to hang out and talk about the Sermon we just heard. Catch up with old friends and make some new ones; all are welcome. Bring some money for lunch and your thinking caps!

Questions? Contact Phillip at phillipy@thirdrva.org.

DIFFICULT QUESTIONS NIGHT

THURSDAY, JUNE 21 AT 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION TBD!
NO REGISTRATION, NO COST

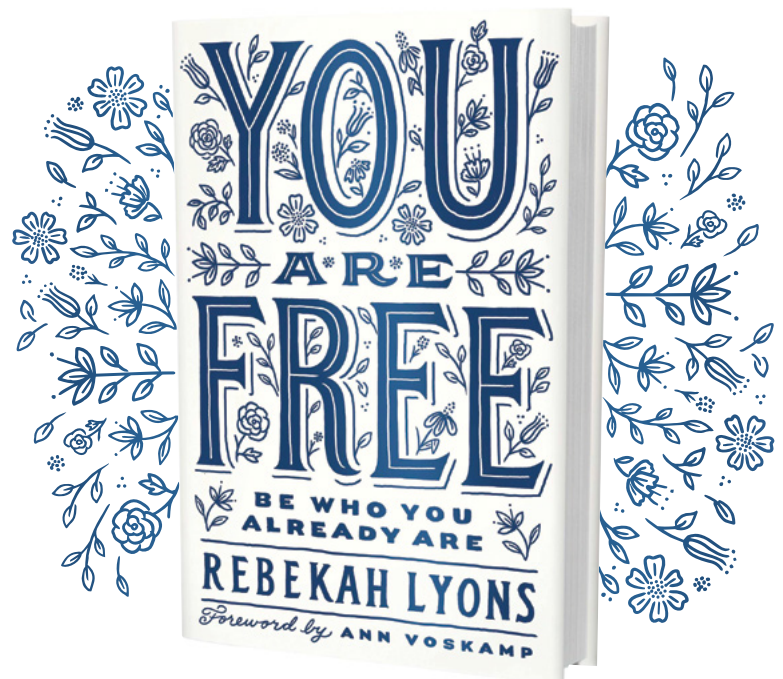
Join us for a night of open conversation on a subject that has challenged many of us; gender and sexuality. We've all had questions, and this will be a great opportunity to start a conversation you may not have felt able to in the past. Come talk about how God can speak to the social questions we all face in our world, as well as how God can speak to your own sexuality. A trip to Gelati Celesti to follow!

WOMEN'S SUMMER STUDY

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, JULY 11 – AUGUST 15
7:00–8:45 P.M., FELLOWSHIP HALL
COST: \$20, INCLUDES STUDY GUIDE

In this video-guided study, Rebekah Lyons will help us reject the lie that what others think of us determines our worth. Jesus whispers, *I gave my life to set you free. I gave you purpose. I called you to live in freedom in that purpose.* This study will help you overcome the exhaustion of trying to meet the expectations of others and rest in the joy God's freedom brings.

Christ doesn't say you can be or may be or will be free. *He says you are free.* RSVP at thirdrva.org/events.





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

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