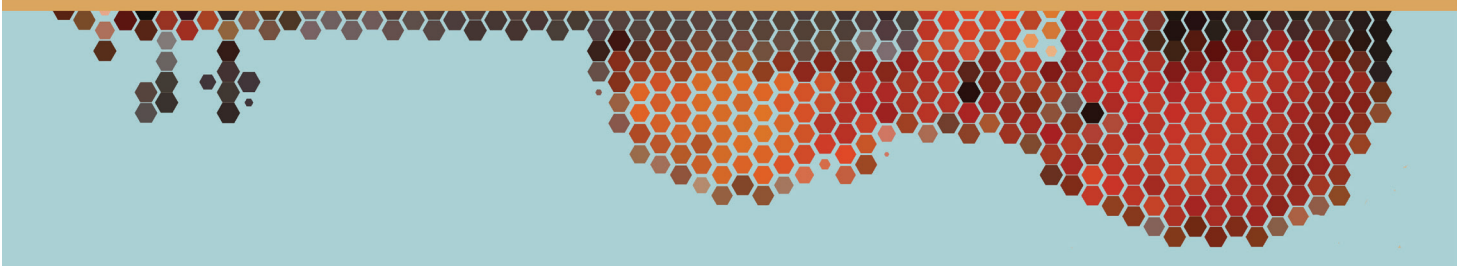




Pressing Deeper into our Worship Values



Dear Third Family,

About two years ago, the Third Worship Committee, made up of elders, worship staff, and contemporary and traditional worshippers, began a journey of crafting new worship values that should guide our church's worship practices. They wanted any changes they proposed to be girded up by deep biblical and theological values that shape our life together. They came up with these wonderful values that have shaped their proposal for our upcoming worship change.

FAITHFUL - Our worship should be a worthy offering to God made in grace-enabled gratitude.

- Gospel-Centered Worship – focusing relentlessly on Christ and his saving grace from start to finish; maintaining a consistent worship order that reflects the pattern of the gospel, i.e.: gathering/confession/assurance /proclamation/response/sending; preaching messages centered on Christ and the gospel
- Spirit-Led Worship – drawing inspiration from prayer and dependence on God's Spirit, maintaining technical excellence without stifling spontaneity and freedom in worship; ensuring that worship is informed and directed by Scripture in all parts
- Excellent Worship – cultivating musical and artistic excellence; working hard in preparation and practice; identifying and developing worship leaders with particular attention to their unique spiritual gifts and talents

INTEGRAL - Our worship should unite the body of Christ at Third by drawing on our different experiences and talents.

- United Worship – reflecting a strong concern for the unity of the body; seeking to build common themes and liturgies across services
- Intergenerational Worship – exploring ways to bring adults, children, teens, and different generations together, especially during Sunday worship
- Congregational Worship – involving all participants fully in worship through singable music, frequent testimonies, lay leadership, incorporation of children and youth, and similar elements

ROOTED - Our worship should draw on the full bounty of the Church's worship practices, across time and culture.

- Ancient/Future Worship – utilizing worship resources from the early church and our Reformed heritage; honoring the best of traditional and contemporary worship practices; incorporating new practices that are biblically informed
 - Global Worship – considering how to honor people of diverse cultural tastes as we offer our worship to God; balancing a clear sense of our identity and heritage with the knowledge that God's Church is much bigger than contemporary American evangelicals
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MISSIONAL - Our worship should offer a compelling alternative vision to the watching world.

- Missional Worship – keeping in mind the people and cultures around us who are not yet among us; explaining our liturgy to make it more understandable; preaching messages that take for granted the presence of non-Christians and frequently, yet winsomely, call for conversion
 - Welcoming Worship – fostering a spirit of hospitality in our gatherings
 - Compassionate Worship – keeping in view the world and its need in our worship; sending the members of the body out into mission; interceding for the needs of the world; embodying concerns for justice and mercy in the worship practices we use
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I am so moved by these worship values as I read them, and am so grateful for the group that worked so hard on them. I believe that the worship changes that the Worship Committee has proposed fulfill these values in great measure.

In June, I'll be preaching a four-week series called "The Shape of Worship," drawing from these values as we learn more about how our worship brings glory to our God and King. I am excited about how God is continuing to form us through our weekly gatherings as we press into these wonderful values.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Corey

A LIVING HOPE: *Further Reading*

I'm hoping you were as gripped by the book of 1 Peter as I have been in our Living Hope sermon series in April and May, and have seen how relevant it is for our time. If you are interested in continuing to explore 1 Peter, I would highly recommend the book *Everyday Church* by Tim Chester and Steve Timmis. It is an excellent reflection on the church's call to everyday mission and is rooted in the book of 1 Peter. I've used the book throughout this series and have found it to be excellent. - Corey



DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Please celebrate with Arielle Swarr, our Communications Director, who has received a scholarship to Stanford University for graduate study in documentary filmmaking and will start this September. We are seeking qualified candidates for this position to apply immediately. The position will begin in late July/early August. Please visit our website at www.thirdrva.org/communications for full details on the job description and how to apply.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

El Salvador: October 8-13, 2015 – Sign-ups underway! Led by Tom Barila. We will come alongside our mission partner, Sports Outreach Institute and its El Salvador indigenous leader, Humberto Alferez Marengo, centering around sports ministries, feeding programs, medical support, entrepreneurial training, vocational and public health training, and E.S.L. classes. Our team had a great experience last year and we hope you will consider joining us this year. Trip limited to 16 people, ages high school seniors and older. Take a look at what we did last year by visiting Third's El Salvador blogs: <http://www.thirdrva.org/el-salvador/>

"Experience Israel" Tour 2016: March 24 - April 3, 2016 – How would you like to spend Easter Sunday in the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem on March 27, 2016? Please make plans to join fellow sojourners and travel to Israel March 24 - April 3, 2016. Please contact Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org) for more information.

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Editor's Note

Email submissions
(<300 words/half a page)
with suggested photos
for the May newsletter to
Vickie O'Dell
(vodell@comcast.net)
before the 2nd Friday
of the month.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL – KIDS

A change of pace for the summer...fun, fun, fun!!!

June 14 - July 26, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
(the month of August there will be childcare
for kids Kindergarten and younger in Room 223,
but no Sunday School).



2 year olds: – Young 4s (Little Lambs and Little Lions)
will combine for the summer in the Little Lambs room – Room 103.

4 year olds through 6th Grade:

- Meet in the basement
- Video Curriculum: Johnny Rogers Summer Slam II, on the Fruit of the Spirit
- Large group/small group format (by age group for discussion)

Childcare during the 8:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. services:

- Infants – Room 104
- Toddler 1 – Room 109
- Toddler 2 – Room 105
- 2s, 3s and young 4s (Little Lambs and Little Lions) – Room 103
- 4s-Kindergarten – go to 8:45 service with parents and during Noisy Offering, they will be led to room 223 for play, snack and story time. 11:15 service – take your child directly to room 223 for play, snack and story time.
- 1st-6th – attend worship with parents

We will be asking for 4 parent volunteers each week. Sign up when you receive the  link.
Contact Kathy White (kathyw@thirdrva.org) or Tracie Meadows (traciem@thirdrva.org) with questions.

SPORTS SKILLS CAMP

July 13-17, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Registration is open! Bring your children, grandchildren or your neighbor! It's a perfect match: we're blending the fun and excitement of great sports training with the great news of God's plan for our lives! We do both in a safe and relationally-oriented environment. Our sports camp is led by skilled college athletes who are affiliated with Sports Outreach Institute. More: <http://www.thirdrva.org/sports-skills-camp/>

Third is providing 25 scholarships participants through CrossOver Health Care Ministry! We are very excited to offer scholarships to foster a healthy life style and to provide "shalom" to our friends at CrossOver.

In this picture: Tom Barila, Kathy White, and Andrea H.
(CrossOver Health Care Ministry)



MOSAIC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



APPLY NOW!

The Mosaic Scholarship Fund exists to help parishioners with scholarships to summer camps for kids with special needs, or to conferences, workshops, and continuing education classes involving issues around disabilities. The money is available for: 1) professionals, 2) parents or caregivers, and 3) children with 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 child with special needs
- Easter Seals summer camp, JCC specialty camp, or Unique Kids soccer camp for a child with a disability

Decision-Making Principles

1. Preference will be given to those active in Mosaic activities, then to church members and regular attenders, lastly to those outside the church.
2. Total amount that can be granted for a request is \$1000. Requests can be repeated in subsequent years.
3. Since funds are limited and there is value in personal investment, grants will be given at a percentage not to exceed 75% of the total cost of the request.

A subcommittee of the Mosaic Leadership Team will make decisions on requests.

Procedure for Application

Request for funds should be made in writing to Kathy White, Associate Director of Family Ministries and should include, if possible, a brochure or flyer describing the event, program, or camp, along with published costs for the program for which support is requested. Requests should be submitted by June 30. Contact Kathy White with any questions: kathyw@thirdrva.org.

ADULT SUMMER CLASSES

Our Sunday morning adult class offerings for the Summer

begin June 14 at 10 a.m. -

Come join us!

Our adults have a number of choices for great learning opportunities and fellowship:

1. 1, 2, and 3 John. We will be learning about the three epistle letters attributed to John the apostle. 1 John focuses on three issues: the zeal of the believers, standing firm against false teachers, and reassuring the Christians that they have eternal life. John wrote to churches full of people who had struggled with discouragement—whether due to their own sinful failures or the presence of false teachers in their midst. The aging apostle hoped to ignite the zeal of these believers so that they might follow the Lord more closely and stand firm against those who meant to sow discord among the churches. In doing so, they would solidify their relationship with God and gain confidence in His work in their lives. Led by Rev. Nan Clarke and Boyd Clarke. Hosted by Good News. Room 101.
2. Sermon Chat. Join us for lively discussions as we chat about the biblical text used in the sermon, the preacher's main themes, and areas for personal application. An ideal and comfortable environment for those who want to go deeper with the Bible text, ask questions, and meet new folks. Our Elders will be leading the series. Tom Barila will be the weekly host. Room 217.
3. Sticky Faith! If you are interested in the faith development of children and students of Third, and how YOU can foster it, please make plans to attend "Sticky Faith: Not Just For Parents" this summer. Keeping in line with Third's Faith Milestones, this is a powerful opportunity to learn how we can help our young members with the most important part of their development! The class will be facilitated by members of the Student Ministry Committee of Third. Room: Student Ministry Area.
4. College-Age. We'll be meeting for brunch at 11:30 to discuss the sermons and the happenings of everyday life. Hosted by Tim Latham; Location TBA.
5. Food, Fellowship, and Coffee. Join us outside (Fellowship Hall, if raining) for conversations and snacks. On the Third Sunday of every month, join us for a special treat!

MEN'S STUFF!

- ~ Annual Sam Jackson Charity Golf Outing on Monday, June 22.
Sign up online or email Bob Tatti at rjtat24@aol.com for more information.
- ~ July 4 Fireworks with the Richmond Squirrels game.
Sign up with Sue Hendrickson in the church office.

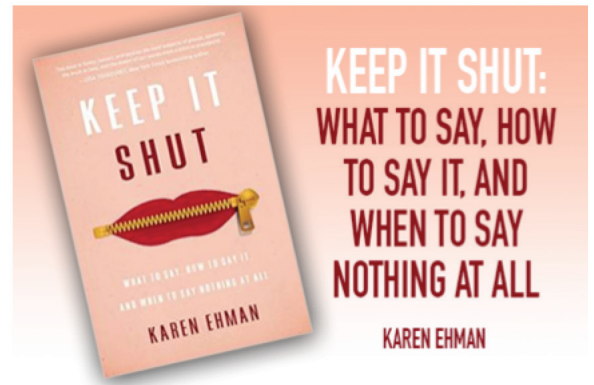
WOMEN'S MINISTRY: *Connecting with God, One Another, the Community*

Summer Study 2015

Wednesday Evenings, July 8 - August 12 from 7-9 p.m.

This 6-week study explores what the Bible says about the many ways we are to use our words and the times when we are to remain silent. Karen Ehman addresses using our speech to interact with friends, co-workers, family, and strangers as well as in the many places we use our words: in private, in public, online, and in prayer. Even the words we say silently to ourselves. She will address unsolicited opinion slinging, speaking the truth in love, not saying words just to please people, and dealing with our verbal anger.

Register on Third's Website at www.thirdrva.org/registrations



Many Thanks

Ann Kooiman would like to thank the many women's groups, officers of the church and church staff for their prayers during her recent illness. Thank you all so much.

LIFE-CHANGING SMALL GROUPS

How God is Growing My Heart for Others

Small groups force us to engage in the messiness of our own lives and the lives of others. My preference used to be to spend time on my own or with people who have similar interests. From traveling in the Navy, I have been in small groups over the last ten years in four different cities. Through these groups, God did his work. He grew in me a genuine interest in other people. This may not sound like much, but I had always been one to have just a few friends who enjoyed the same typically outdoor activities as I did.



About two years ago, God made it abundantly clear to me that he needed me to serve in a role for which there was no sign up list—to spend time with people at Third after church. Because of this, on Sunday mornings you may find me after the 9 a.m. service, “roaming with God” in the hallways. My wife, Kim, and I will often invite people to our house for lunch. People think this is natural for me, but it is not my natural state—it is evidence of how God has been changing me to reach out and to take time to know people.

I don't have a great plan, but the results of two years of roaming the halls and sharing meals with folks at Third have been amazing. It is amazing how God can work in our hearts and lives as we follow Him into relationships and groups that He calls us to.

– Parker Garrett

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THE MAKERS SERIES: *Collaborate*

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Friday, June 19th

THE MAKERS SERIES

CREATIVITY
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Art is often considered a solitary calling, and artists as talented individuals working and expressing their particular vision of the good, the true and the beautiful. But many of our most cherished and familiar art forms are intensely social and cooperative; they are not and cannot come to be without several, if not many, creators working together. The Makers Series returns on Friday evening, June 19, as we explore the theme of collaboration in architecture, theater and music. Our guests will be Third's own Andrew Moore, Principal and Director of the Urban Architecture Studio at Glavé & Holmes; RESOUND, the close-harmony Gospel trio of Joseph Clarke, Mariah Hargrove, and Jessica Fox; and London-based playwright, actor and director Richard Everett. We'll hear about (and see) the very different ways collaboration plays out in their art, and ask them to help us think about the role of Christians as co-creators in the world, equipped and guided by the Spirit to reveal signs of the new creation today.

More details on the weekend's events and the Makers themselves can be found at <http://www.thirdrva.org/news-events/the-makers-series-collaborate>

More about the Makers Series:

Each Makers Series is a casual coffee-house-style event that brings together three "makers"—a writer, a musician or musical group, and a visual artist—to present their work and engage in conversation with one another and the audience about what it means to be created (and create, ourselves) in the image of the Creator God. Each maker takes 20 minutes to share his or her path into and through the world of art and to introduce us to his or her creative work. Then we take a short break for coffee and other refreshments before coming back together for questions and answers with the audience. All ages are welcome.