



# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE REVOLUTION OF THE KING

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Sunday | March 19, 2017

## THE LOST ARE FOUND

Third Sunday of Lent

"You have loved us first, O God, alas!  
We speak of it in terms of history  
as if You have only loved us first but a single time,  
rather than that without ceasing  
You have loved us first many times  
and every day and our whole life through."

Søren Kierkegaard

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.*

## Lenten Sanctuary Decorations

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**As Lent 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 the suffering of Jesus 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 participants in our Journey to the Cross meditation service last year—a response with hands and hearts as well as minds to the sacrifice made by Jesus.

# GATHERING

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*God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.*

## Prelude

"Fugue in C Major"  
(Felix Mendelssohn)

Jeff Hummel

## Welcome and Announcements

## Preparation for Worship

Psalm 19:14

Leader: May the words of our mouths  
And the meditations of our hearts  
Be pleasing in your sight,  
O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.

**People: Amen.**

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

## † Call to Worship

From Psalm 115

Leader: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name be glory,

**People: For the sake of your steadfast love and mercy!**

Leader: The idols of the people are silver and gold, the work of human hands.  
They have mouths, but do not speak, eyes, but do not see.  
They have ears, but do not hear, feet, but do not walk.  
Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.

**People: But we trust in the Lord!  
He is our help and our shield!**

**Everyone: We will bless the Lord from this time forth  
and forevermore. Praise the Lord!**

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

## **Prayer of Adoration**

### **† Songs of Praise**

"Come, Thou Almighty King" #5 in the Hymnal

"Fights for Me"

(See music on following pages)

## COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

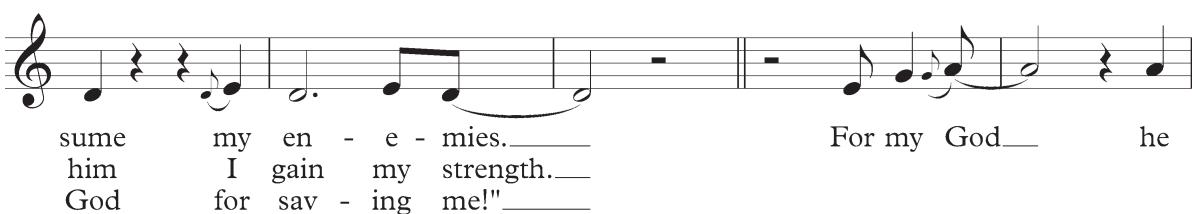
Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

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 sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore.

# FIGHTS FOR ME



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Musical notation for the first line of the song. The melody starts with a whole note followed by a half note. The lyrics "And I don't have" are followed by a measure of eighth notes. The lyrics "to move a mus - cle" are followed by another measure of eighth notes. The lyrics "I don't" end the line.

Musical notation for the second line of the song. The melody consists of eighth notes. The lyrics "wor-ry a-bout a thing." are followed by a measure of eighth notes. The lyrics "For\_ my\_ God," are followed by another measure of eighth notes. The lyrics "he fights" are followed by a measure of eighth notes. The lyrics "for me." end the line.

Musical notation for the third line of the song. The melody consists of eighth notes. The lyrics "For\_ my\_ God" are followed by a measure of eighth notes. The lyrics "he fights" are followed by a measure of eighth notes. The lyrics "for me." end the line.

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# **CONFESSING**

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*God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.*

## **Prayer of Confession**

Leader: We praise you, Holy God, for your steadfast love given to us in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Hold us by your grace, even as we have sinned against it and marred our relationship with you and our neighbor.  
We repent of our sins and long for you to restore us.

**People:** *In your great love come, cleanse, heal and help us,  
that we may live out our days  
To the praise of your grace  
and to the glory of your Holy Name.*  
**Amen.**

## **Silent Confession**

### **† Words of Comfort**

From 2 Corinthians 8:9

Leader: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though he was rich,  
yet for your sake he became poor,  
so that you through his poverty might become rich.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

### **† Greeting of Peace**

# THANKSGIVING

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## Our Offerings

Pray for Scott and JoAnn Armistead as they reach out with the gospel to internationals in the area and as Scott directs the ministry of the Christian Medical and Dental Association.

### Offertory

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

"I Am Not My Own"  
(Courtney)

Sanctuary Choir

I am not my own, I am not my own,  
Not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.  
I am not my own, I am not my own.  
I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.  
I am not my own.

I am not my own, I am not my own,  
Not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.  
I am not my own, I am not my own.  
His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free.  
I am not my own.

For my salvation all things work together,  
In eternal life He gives me hope.  
By the power of His Holy Spirit, I will live for Him.

I am not my own, I am not my own.  
I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.  
I belong to Him, I belong to Him,  
In life, in death, my only comfort,  
I belong to Him, I will live for Him.

Forever and ever, forever and ever, forevermore.

### Offertory

**10:00 a.m.**

Interview with the Armistead Family

## 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

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*God speaks to us through his word.*

## **Prayer of Illumination**

### **Scripture Reading**

Luke 19:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

<sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

<sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

# **Message:** The Lost Are Found + Percy Strickland +

## Notes:

# RESPONDING

*We respond to God's word.*

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Refrain**

You hear us call, you hear us call, Ab - ba, Fath - er.

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy;

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.

## **Prayer Needs**

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### **For Health**

Linda Ludlow, Julie Walden, Kaye Phillips, Katherine Crocker, Amy Boyd, Loma Shafer, Jack Schilthuis, Jerry Ramsey, Betty Cox, Charles Ellison, Dru Fitch, Mark Koontz, Margaret Leith, Dabney Harvey, Lou Hanscom, Carol Holt

### **For Comfort**

Deaths – Betsy McCray (father, 3/13), Betsy Lohr (mother, 3/8), Etta Lawrence (husband Allen, 3/8), Malachi Mills (father, 2/27), Parker Hale (mother, 2/21), Jim and Jane Fields (grandson, 2/17), Kyle Tobias (2/5), Listwella Donaldson (brother, 1/27), Elizabeth Cole (sister, 1/16), Gloria Price (brother, 12/31), Mary Caudill (grandson, 12/2016), Lynn Hardwicke (husband, Warren, 12/18), Jonathan Shouse (mother, 12/17)

### **For Metro Richmond**

We pray for health care in metropolitan Richmond: for emergency response personnel and all emergency room staff; for hospitals, nursing homes and hospice programs; and for persons diagnosed with terminal illness.

**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](mailto:cdoakley1@gmail.com)/937-6564) to learn more.

# SENDING

*God sends us into the world as his witnesses.*

## † Song of Commission

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

1. There's a wide - ness in\_\_\_\_ God's\_ mer - cy  
2. There's no place\_ where earth - en\_\_\_\_ sor - rows  
3. For the love\_ of God\_\_\_\_ is\_\_\_\_ broad - er

like the wide - ness of\_\_\_\_ the\_\_\_\_ sea.  
are more felt than up\_\_\_\_ in\_\_\_\_ Heav'n.  
than the meas - ure of\_\_\_\_ our\_\_\_\_ mind.

There's a kind - ness in\_\_\_\_ his\_\_\_\_ jus - tice,  
There's no place\_ where earth - ly\_\_\_\_ fail - ings  
And the heart\_ of the\_\_\_\_ E - ter - nal

which is more than li - ber - ty.  
have for - give - ness free - ly\_\_\_\_ given.  
is most won - der - ful - ly\_\_\_\_ kind.

There's a wel - come for\_\_\_\_ the\_\_\_\_ sin - ner  
There is plen - ti - ful\_\_\_\_ re - demp - tion  
If our love\_\_\_\_ were but\_\_\_\_ more\_\_\_\_ faith - ful



There is mer - cy with\_\_\_\_ the\_\_\_\_ Sav - ior,  
There is joy\_\_\_\_ for all\_\_\_\_ the\_\_\_\_ mem - bers  
and our lives\_\_\_\_ would be\_\_\_\_ thanks - giv - ing

there is heal - ing in\_\_\_\_ his\_\_\_\_ blood.  
in the sor - rows of\_\_\_\_ the\_\_\_\_ Head.  
for the good - ness of\_\_\_\_ the\_\_\_\_ Lord.

*ending*

for the good - ness of\_\_\_\_ the\_\_\_\_ Lord.

## **† Commission**

From Jude 24-25

Leader: To him who is able to keep you from falling  
and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with  
great joy—

**People:** **To the only God our Savior be glory,  
majesty, power, and authority,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
before all ages, now and forevermore!**

## **† Benediction**

### **Postlude**

"All Glory Be to God on High"  
(Michael Burkhardt)

Jeff Hummel

11:15 a.m. service

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**

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**Today's flowers are given** in memory of Carl S. Long and in honor of the marriage of Audra Long and Graham Bodie, who were married in the Sanctuary on March 18, 2017.

## **NEWS & EVENTS**

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### **Traditional Sexuality, Radical Community: A Forum with Wes Hill – Saturday, April 1**

Join us for this half-day forum with writer, speaker and Professor of Biblical Studies, Wes Hill, as we explore why the historic Christian sexual ethic still holds in our current context through the support of radical community. The forum will take place in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. till noon, and is free to all! Much more info at: [thirdrva.org/events](http://thirdrva.org/events).

### **Mosaic Ministry: Brunch for Families of “Spirited Kids” – Sunday, March 26, 11:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

Calling all "Spirited Kids" and those who love them! Some of our children may be struggling in school, some of us concerned about social issues. Maybe there's a diagnosed condition — or maybe not. Here's your opportunity to share ideas about how our church can serve you and our community better. Join us for brunch and casual conversation. RSVP at [thirdrva.org/events](http://thirdrva.org/events).

### **Women’s Ministry Morning of Service – Saturday, March 25, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Join the women of Third as we participate in service activities throughout the city. We'll meet for coffee and a group devotional at the church, then break into smaller service groups on and off-site. There are a wide variety of options that will appeal to all. More info and to sign up: [thirdrva.org/events](http://thirdrva.org/events). Questions? Contact Kate Mendez ([kate.g.mendez@gmail.com](mailto:kate.g.mendez@gmail.com)).

### **Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteer Info Meeting – Sunday, March 26 after all services**

Find out which curriculum we have chosen for our summer VBS program and how you can volunteer to be a part of this fantastic ministry! Each year we host 250 children and share the good news of Jesus Christ with them, but we can't do that without our amazing volunteers!

### **Passover Seder with the Christian Arabic Church – Sunday, April 2, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary**

The Christian Arabic Church has invited their Third friends to attend a special Passover Seder that will be held in both English and Arabic on April 2. Messianic rabbi Paul Klassen will lead our time together. Join us!

## **NEWS & EVENTS**

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### **Officer Nominations for 2018**

This month is the time for you to make nominations for Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. Please prayerfully consider those that you think God would have lead us in 2018 and beyond, and submit those nominations to the Nominating Committee by April 2. Nomination forms can be found in the pew racks in the Sanctuary and at [thirdrva.org/leadership-and-staff](http://thirdrva.org/leadership-and-staff).

### **Third Emergency Medical Response Team – Recruiting Volunteers Now!**

The Trustees are in the early stages of forming a medical response team of Third members with appropriate medical experience for possible in-house medical emergencies during Sunday services. Please contact Pam Douglas ([pamela.douglas15@icloud.com](mailto:pamela.douglas15@icloud.com)) or Bobbie Crowell ([bobbie@nomedsforme.com](mailto:bobbie@nomedsforme.com)) for more info or to help out.

### **Parent and Child Communion Class – Sun., April 2, 10:00 a.m., Choir Room**

Is your child ready to take communion? Pastor Corey Widmer will talk to parents and their children about the meaning of communion and how to know when your child is ready. This class is for parents and their children to attend together. Please let us know you are coming so we can prepare materials! RSVP: [traciem@thirdrva.org](mailto:traciem@thirdrva.org).

### **Great Escape 2017: Middle School Summer Trip – July 24-29**

The Great Escape Johnstown is a week packed full of fellowship and fun at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown for students who have completed 7th or 8th grade. Registration deadline, April 1. Cost \$525. [www.thirdrva.org/events](http://www.thirdrva.org/events).

### **Parent-to-Parent Coffee and Conversation – Thurs., April 6, 7 p.m., Room 132**

At the conclusion of both the 5-week Real Sex class and our Student Ministry series on sex and sexuality, this is an opportunity for parents to gather, to speak candidly and to share their struggles and strategies as they raise their children. Please let us know if you're coming by emailing Tracie ([traciem@thirdrva.org](mailto:traciem@thirdrva.org)).

### **Women's Coffee and Conversation – Tues., March 21, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Parlor**

Drop by and meet some new women at Third over coffee. Casual. Childcare available by emailing Kathy White: [kathyw@thirdrva.org](mailto:kathyw@thirdrva.org).

## **SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES**

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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](http://thirdrva.org/classes-and-fellowship).  
Questions? Contact Tom Barila ([tomb@thirdrva.org](mailto:tomb@thirdrva.org)).

### **New!**

#### **Loving Our Neighbor**

A 4-week class

Room change for March 19:

Student ministry area

#### **A Study of Hebrews**

Room 101

#### **Where is God in the Business and Busyness of Life?**

Room 217

#### **Marriage Fellowship**

Room 215

### **Sermon Chat**

Does not meet today, March 19.

#### **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

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SUNDAY MORNING**

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### **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](http://thirdrva.org/family-ministry-sunday-morning) 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](mailto:kathyw@thirdrva.org)) or Tracie Meadows ([traciem@thirdrva.org](mailto:traciem@thirdrva.org)).

## **STUDENT MINISTRY**

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**Student Ministry Fundraiser:** Eat at Pie Five (at Willow Lawn) on Sundays from now through June, mention you're with Third, and they'll donate 10% of proceeds to our high school summer mission trip!

### **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](mailto:rickh@thirdrva.org)) or Andrea ([andrew@thirdrva.org](mailto:andrew@thirdrva.org)).

## **THIS WEEK AT THIRD**

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### **Sunday, March 19**

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

9:30 a.m. Welcome Coffee – Parlor

10:00 a.m. Baptism class for first-time parents – Choir Room

12:30 p.m. Nominations Committee mtg. – Upstairs Conference Room, 500 Forest Ave.

### **Monday, March 20**

5:30 p.m. Endowment dinner and meeting – Kitchen/Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Ave.

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

7:00 p.m. Kingdom Knitters – Parlor

7:00 p.m. Muslim World missionary care and prayer – meets at Laurie Chalifoux' home,  
10801 Whitaker Woods Rd., Richmond, 23238, 543-0361

### **Tuesday, March 21**

9:30 a.m. Women's Group, "Ruth" – Room 213

9:30 a.m. Women's Coffee and Conversation – Parlor

6:30 p.m. Nan Clarke's dinner study group – Kitchen, 500 Forest Ave.

### **Wednesday, March 22**

5:30 p.m. Recovering Community – Kitchen, 500 Forest Ave.

6:30 p.m. Real Sex: God's Design for Sexuality in an Age of Confusion – Multipurpose  
Room, 500 Forest Ave.

6:45 p.m. ESL/Arabic Tutoring – Various classrooms

6:45 p.m. Club 56 meeting – Basement

6:45 p.m. Children's Choir – Choir Room

### **Thursday, March 23**

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 Ave.

### **Friday, March 24**

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

### **Saturday, March 25**

8:00 a.m. Women's spring day of service event – On and off-site

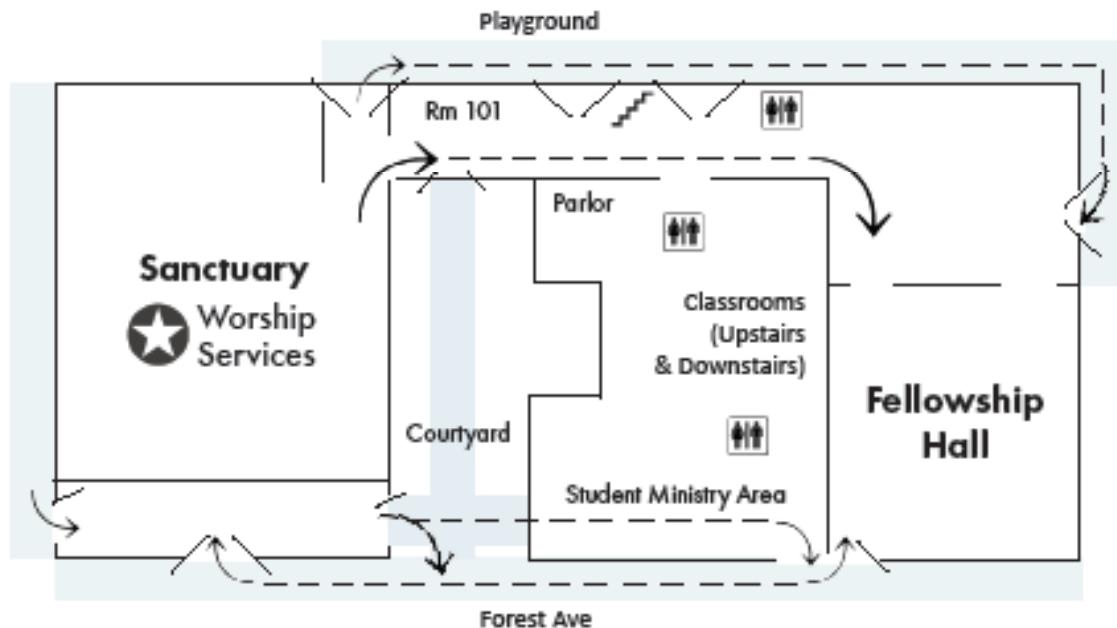
## LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

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](http://thirdrva.org/signup)
- **Pick up Third Press:** Our monthly newsletter can be found around the church.
- **Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram:** @thirdrva
- **Today! Join us for our Welcome Coffee:** 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor. Start here 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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