

Welcome, visitors!

We're glad you've chosen to worship at Third! Be sure to write your contact information (phone and/or email) on the pads that will be passed this morning so that we can get in touch with you to let you know more about life at Third. After the service, you will find information on Third in the Commons area under the display TVs. We look forward to meeting and getting to know you.

If you're not reading *The Loop*, you're not in the loop.

Pick up The Loop for this week's announcements and calendar. You'll find it at exits around the building. You can also read The Loop online at www.ThirdRVA.org.

Morning Prayer

Health Needs

Ed McKeon, Carol Holt, Merle James, Kathie Cox, Celeste Reynolds, Lynn Pendleton, Gretchen Gravely, Betty and Joe Cox, Pam Rambo, Mary Howard, Jared Armistead, Joe Keller

Deaths

Marriott Jackson (husband, Sam, 4/12), Robin Davia (mother, 4/2), Tim Pearson (mother, 3/20), Gaynelle DePass (3/15), Cliff and Julia Sleeman (daughter-in-law, 3/5)

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. The service is streamed into Room 124 so you can hear the sermon while you nurse or play with your baby/toddler. Room 124 is located in the connecting hall across from the Toddler Room 105 leading to the Student Ministry area.

Are you going to be away any Sunday this month? You can now view our worship services (9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary) online at www.thirdrva.org/watch-live. Or, find the link on the Welcome/This Sunday page. You can view the services through UStream (our vendor) on any device: smartphone, tablet, laptop/desktop.

May 24, 2015
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall
Pentecost Sunday

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"It is in the cellar of affliction that the good old wine of the kingdom is stored."
Charles Spurgeon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On Pentecost Sunday, we remember when our Lord Jesus Christ ascended to the right hand of the Father and sent the Holy Spirit to be his living presence among his people of every nation under heaven. With all the saints both past and present, we cry ¡Ven, Espíritu Santo!

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: ¡Ven, Espíritu Santo! ¡Llena nuestros corazones y enciende en ellos el fuego de tu amor!

All: **Come, Holy Spirit! Fill our hearts and kindle in them the fire of your love!**

OPENING PRAYER

SONGS OF PRAISE

CONFESSION

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when the Spirit comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment."
John 16:7-8

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 5:1-2,5

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

GREETING OF PEACE

INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

Pray for Dieter and Mary Boy as they minister to leaders and young professionals in Berlin, sponsoring "Salons." They use hospitality, friendship and lively discussion in order to make disciples of Christ in Berlin and beyond.

OFFERTORY

VBS VIDEO

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 4:12-19, ESV

(scripture parallel)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Hope in Suffering"

Corey Widmer

SONG OF COMMISSION

BENEDICTION

Today's Bible Reading

1 Peter 4:12-19, ESV

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" ¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Today's Service Leaders: Kim Taulbee, Tim Latham, David and Sandy Arroyo

Today we celebrate the birth of Libby Scott Brown, daughter of Scottie and David Brown. Libby was born on May 19, 2015.

Today at the 9:00 a.m. service we celebrate the baptism of Peyton Jane and Liam James Meadows, daughter and son of Tracie and Mark Meadows. Grandparents present are Sherry Campana and Dave and Janice Meadows. Elder representing the Session by holding the font is Kathy White. Prayer sponsors are Beth and Mark Sprinkle.