

AMONG AMERICAN GODS

A SERIES ON THE
TEN COMMANDMENTS

Sunday | May 6, 2018

THE TERRIFYING & BECKONING GOD

EASTERTIDE

"If there is a God, you are, in a sense, alone with Him... What will all that chatter and hearsay count when the anaesthetic fog we call the real world fades away and the divine presence in which you have always stood becomes palpable, immediate and unavoidable?"

C.S. Lewis



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

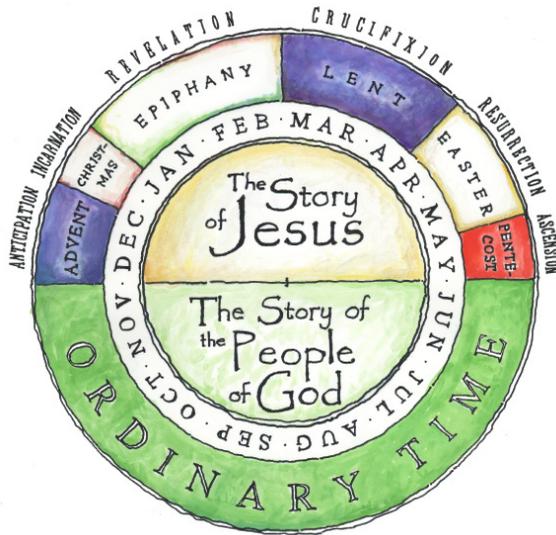
Welcome!
¡Bienvenido!
欢迎!
مرحباً

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

Sanctuary Decorations

As followers of Jesus, we “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.

After six weeks of somber purple to mark the Lenten season of repentance and remembrance of Jesus’ suffering, on Easter morning the Sanctuary was transformed into a place of celebration and joy. The colors of white and gold remind us that Jesus is King, and that his resurrection has overcome death and washed us clean of our sins. Even the lilies of the field join us as we lift up our hands and voices in praise of the One who is renewing all things by his power and love.



GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

Ron Klipp

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

From Psalm 124:8

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

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

† Call to Worship

From Psalm 66:1-2, 4

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.

**People: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises
to your name.**

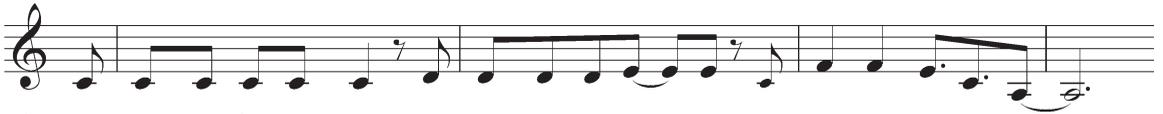
Prayer of Adoration

† Songs of Praise

"Open Up the Heavens"
"Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone)"
(See music on following page.)

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

OPEN UP THE HEAVENS



1. We've wait-ed for this day, we've gath-ered in your name, call-ing out to you.
2. Your pres-ence in this place, your glo - ry on our face, we're look-ing to the sky.



Your glo - ry like a fire, a - wak - en - ing de - sire, will burn our hearts with truth.
De - scend - ing like a cloud, you're stand - ing with us now. Lord, un - veil our eyes.



You're the rea-son we're here. — You're the rea-son we're sing - ing. —

Chorus



O - pen up the heav - ens. We want to see you. O - pen up the flood - gates,



a might - y riv - er, flow - ing from your heart, fill - ing ev' - ry part of our praise.

Bridge



— Show us, show us your glo - ry, show us,



show us your pow - er. Show us, show us your glo - ry, Lord.

PSALM 62 (MY SOUL FINDS REST IN GOD ALONE)



1. My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal - va - tion; a—
 2. Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone, a - mid the world's temp - ta - tions; when
 3. I'll_ set my gaze on God a-lone and trust in him com - plete-ly; with



for-tress strong a - gainst my foes and_ I will not be shak - en; though
 e - vil seeks to take a hold I'll_ cling to my sal - va - tion; though
 ev' - ry day pour out my soul and_ he will prove his mer - cy; though



lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies like ar - rows pierce me, I'll_
 rich - es come and rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on_ them; the_
 life is but a fleet - ing breath, a_ sigh too brief to meas - ure; my_



fix my heart on right-ous-ness; I'll_ look to him who hears me. O__
 fields of hope in which I sow are_ har-vest-ed in heav - en.
 King has crushed the curse of death and I am his for - ev - er!

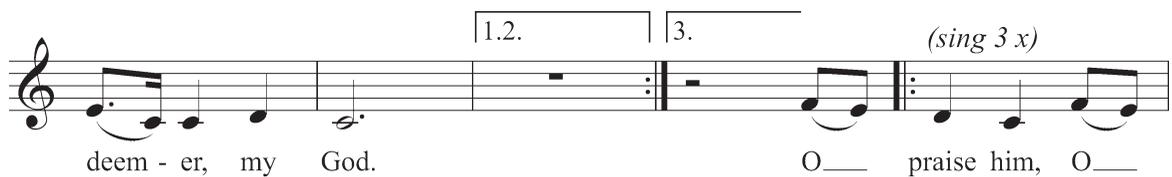
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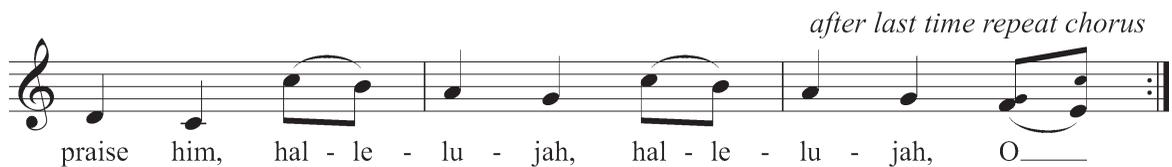
praise him, hal - le - lu - jah, my De - light and my Re -



ward. Ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing; my Re -



deem - er, my God. O___ praise him, O___



praise him, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, O___

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CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

† Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offense against you.

People: You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.

People: Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance

From Psalm 32:1-2

Everyone: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

† 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 Needle's Eye Ministries and founder Buddy Childress, who seek to build connections between business professionals and matters of faith, and to encourage men and women to impact our community with Christ's values, ethics and love.

Offertory

"Show Me Your Face, Lord"

Worship Team

Show me your face, Lord,
Show me your face.
Then gird up my legs that I might stand in this holy place.
Show me your face, Lord,
Your power and grace.
I could make it to the end if I can just see your face.

Moses stood on the mountain,
Waiting for you to pass by.
You put your hand over his face
So in your presence he wouldn't die.
All of Israel saw the glory
And it shines down through the age.
Now you've called me to boldly seek your face.

David knew there was something more
Than the ark of your presence.
And in a manger a baby was born
Among kings and peasants.
All of Israel saw the glory
And it shines down through the age.
And now you call us to boldly seek your face.

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† 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

Exodus 19:1-9

¹ On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. ² After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. ³ Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴ ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.” ⁷ So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the Lord had commanded him to speak. ⁸ The people all responded together, “We will do everything the Lord has said.” So Moses brought their answer back to the Lord. ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, “I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, so that the people will hear me speaking with you and will always put their trust in you.” Then Moses told the Lord what the people had said.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Everyone: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy and merciful God, our Father,
you have made us in your image and for yourself.
You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy.
God, our Father,

People: Hear the praise of grateful hearts.

Leader: You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you.
You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home.
God, our Father,

People: Hear the praise of grateful hearts.

Leader: You have sent your Son to bring us home to you.
By his Incarnation—

People: You have found us.

Leader: By his Death—

People: You have forgiven us.

Leader: By his Resurrection—

People: You have freed us.

Leader: God, our Father,

People: Hear the praise of grateful hearts.

Leader: In union with Jesus Christ of Nazareth, our Great High Priest, and with all who worship you, both in heaven and on earth, we offer you our praise, saying:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest;
blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

From 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

"The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Leader: Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ, reconciled to you and to each other by his blood. By your Holy Spirit make us—

**People: One with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in mission to all the world,**

Leader: Until Christ shall come in final victory
and we feast together at his heavenly banquet.
We cry, Maranatha!

People: Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It is one of the most important things we do when we gather together, because the bread and juice are concrete signs of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. When we come forward to receive them, we believe that Jesus is actually present through the Holy Spirit, extending his grace and forgiveness to us.

We welcome anyone to the table who is willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion, we invite you to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer of Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Lead me into the light and life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more blind and sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete acceptance. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

– Adapted from prayers written by Rev. Scot Sherman, Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

Communion Song

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

"I Surrender All"
(DeVenter, Weeden/arr. Raney)

Sanctuary Choir

All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give.
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to thee.
Fill me with your love and power; let your blessings fall on me.
I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

Communion Song
10:00 a.m. service

"I Lift My Eyes Up"



I lift my eyes up to the moun-tains. Where does my help come from?___



My help comes from you, mak-er of heav - en, cre - a - tor of the_



earth. Oh, how I need you, Lord. You are my on - ly hope.



— You're my on - ly pray'r. So I will wait for you



to come and res - cue me. Come and give me life.

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Communion Song

"I See the Lord"



I see the Lord. seat - ed on the throne ex -



al - ted, and the train of his robe fills the tem - ple with



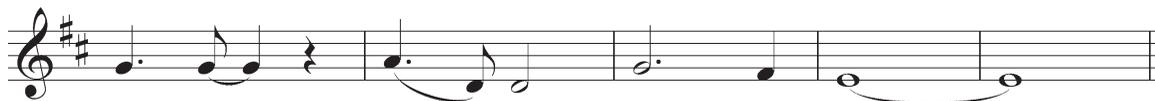
glo - ry; and the whole earth is filled, and the



whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled with his



glo - ry. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.

Prayer Needs

For Health

Baby Cameron Mims Crocker, Lauren Earley, Lee Sauvain, Stephanie Brooks, Tom Morgan, Betty Cox, Rick DeJarnette, Dru Fitch, Larry Dupree, 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:

BJ Saunders (husband Barry, 5/1), Janis Sumpter (4/24), Lauren Hill (grandmother, 4/2), Parker Garrett (father, 4/2), Kevin Donham (father, 3/28), Willson Brockenbrough (father, 3/11), Ken Hurst (father, 3/3), David Skove (father, 2/25)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for the churches and religious institutions of metropolitan Richmond: for all pastors, ministers, missionaries and servants of Christ.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† **Song of Commission**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

#634 in the Hymnal

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty – hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

† Commission and Benediction

From Hebrews 12

Leader: We have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

People: Our God is a consuming fire.

Leader: We have come to God, the Judge of all, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.

People: Our God is a consuming fire.

Leader: Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.

People: Our God is a consuming fire.

† Postlude

Ron Klipp

SERVICE NOTES

Today we celebrate the birth of Cameron Mims Crocker, son of Katherine and Mark Crocker. Cameron was born on April 29, 2018.

Today's flowers are given in honor of our mission partner Needle's Eye Ministries and founder Buddy Childress, who seek to build connections between business professionals and matters of faith, and encourage men and women to impact our community with Christ's values, ethics and love.

Today! Student Ministry Dessert Auction – All morning in the Fellowship Hall

Eat sweets and help us raise money for our student mission trip to Mexico! Treats will be set up for bidding all morning in the Fellowship Hall. Stop by and take home a delicious baked good for a great cause.

May is National Foster Care Month!

Did you know that there are 5000 children in foster care in Virginia? Or that Henrico County has 92 foster children and just 45 foster families? This month, Forgotten No More, Third's ministry that responds to God's call to care for orphans, foster kids, and their families, is organizing a few different activities for us to learn more about foster care. Meet them on the playground this morning or check out thirdrva.org/forgotten-no-more to learn more.

Family Ministry's Pizza and a Movie: "Wonder" – Sat., May 19, 5:00 p.m.

Mosaic Ministry is sponsoring a showing of the movie "Wonder," the inspiring story of the Pullman family, whose youngest child, Auggie, is born with facial differences. After the movie, a panel of students will answer questions from the audience about disabilities. This showing is designed for children and their parents without disabilities to better understand those with disabilities. RSVP at thirdrva.org/events.

Serve in Short-Term Mission Opportunity! Standing Rock Indian Reservation, July 29 – August 5

Third Church is planning to return to the Standing Rock Indian Reservation this summer. We'll be supporting our mission partners Native Young Life and Saint Luke's Episcopal by assisting with a three-day Young Life camp for middle and high school students. Get more info on what we'll be doing, costs, and travel arrangements at: thirdrva.org/events.

Needle's Eye Events with Justin Earley – May 8 and May 15

Come out to one of two Needle's Eye Ministry events this month and hear our covenant partner Justin Earley speak on the crisis of busyness. Justin will share about how gospel-shaped habits give us new rhythms and peace and can help us overcome anxieties. Learn more and sign up: needleseye.org/our-events.

The Makers Series Returns This Month! Theme: Vocation – Friday, May 11, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join us for the next installment of the Makers Series, an evening focused on the messiness of pursuing a life in the arts. Our presenters include a poet (Allison Seay), a painter (Jim Mott), and a trumpeter (Garret Holland), who are following very different paths in their creative callings, and who will share their insights into pursuing a vocation in the arts. Doors open and refreshments at 6:30 p.m., conversation begins at 7:00 p.m.

Registration Now Open for Family Adventure Week! June 25-28, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for four days of fun, fellowship, and learning more about Jesus! Families will eat together in the Fellowship Hall and then rotate as a family unit throughout the building for Bible Drama, Crafts, and Recreation. We will also be collecting an offering each evening to support our Student Ministry summer mission trip to Mexico. Much more info available at: thirdrva.org/events. Sign up online!

Young Adult Happy Hour – Friday, May 11, 7:00 p.m.

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 out for some fun conversations with fun people. There will be some appetizers/desserts/snack foods and feel free to BYOB. 4711 Wythe Avenue. Questions? Contact Tim Latham: timl@thirdrva.org.

Night to Remember – Sunday, May 20, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join us as we celebrate our high school seniors and Student Ministry volunteers with this very special dinner. On this night we remember God's faithfulness to our students and pray for them as they prepare to graduate high school. All are welcome to join us for dinner. RSVP at thirdrva.org/events by May 11.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Join us for one of our Sunday school classes!

This season of classes runs from March 4 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 to, or try out a few! For descriptions of all our classes, visit: thirdrva.org/Sunday-discipleship.

Acts: The Sequel

Led by Andrew Fuller, Grant
Holbrook, Jennifer Parham
March 4 – May 27, Room 213

Soul Repair: Rebuilding Your Spiritual Life

Led by Mary Damon
March 4 – May 27, 500 Forest Ave.,
Multipurpose Room

A Study of Galatians

Led by David Carroll and David Skove
March 4 – May 27, Room 101

*For any questions about our Sunday school classes, contact Derek Mondeau:
derekm@thirdrva.org.*

STUDENT MINISTRY

Sunday morning student ministry

Join us today 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

Listed below is our regular schedule with Sunday school classes during the 10:00 a.m. hour, and childcare for Kindergarten and younger at the 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. For more information on these offerings, please visit: thirdrva.org/family-ministry-sunday-morning.

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, May 6

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

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Student Ministry Dessert Auction – Fellowship Hall

12:30 p.m. Praying for Our Nation – Room 101

Monday, May 7

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

Tuesday, May 8

9:00 a.m. Janet Kay's monthly study – Room 217

9:30 a.m. "All Things New: A Study on 2 Corinthians" – Room 213

10:00 a.m. Memorial service for Barry Saunders in the Sanctuary with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Sara's Circle of Friends – Parlor

12:00 p.m. Helping Hands circle – Room 217

Wednesday, May 9

9:30 a.m. Community Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Freedom Road: A Recovery Community – Conference Room, 500 Forest Ave.

6:45 p.m. Club56 – Basement

Thursday, May 10

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal – Choir room

7:00 p.m. Worship Team rehearsal – Sanctuary

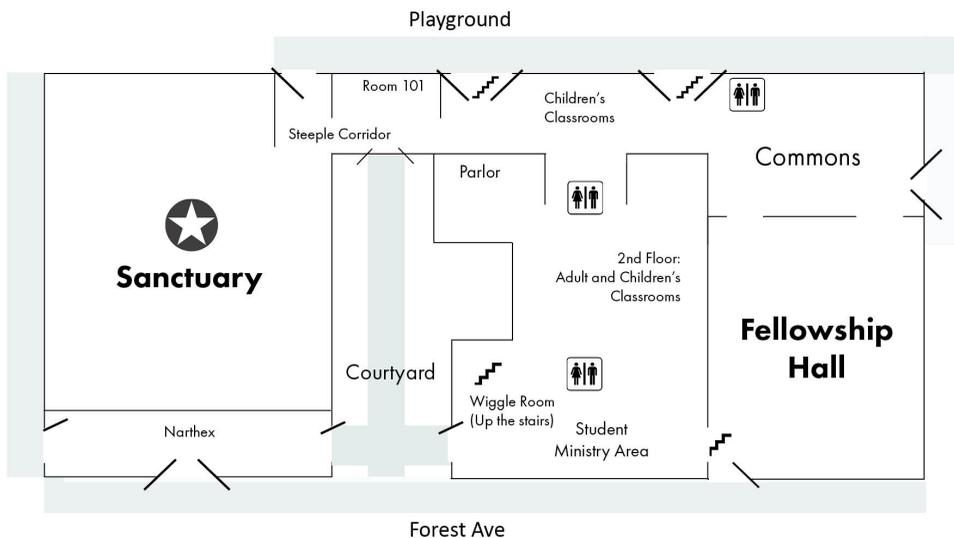
JOIN US NEXT WEEK

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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