

LO, HE COMES!

*An Advent Series
from the Book of Isaiah*

Sunday | November 27, 2016

THE MOUNTAIN

First Sunday in Advent

"All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.
For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations."

Psalm 22:27-28

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.*

Advent is a word that means “coming” or “arrival.” Advent is a four-week period in which the church looks back to remember the fulfilled promises of Jesus’ first coming, and looks forward to his promise to come again. Just as John the Baptist told the Jewish people to “prepare” for the Lord’s coming, we gather to encourage each other to be ready for his coming again. The purple color of Advent is the color of royalty, reminding us of the coming King.

GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation

From Book of Common Prayer

Leader: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

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

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

Call to Worship

From Isaiah 2

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
Advent means coming.

**People: We are preparing ourselves for the days
when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;**

Leader: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

Everyone: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Prayer of Adoration

† Songs of Praise	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	#133 in the Hymnal (v. 1,2,3,5)
	"Come Light Our Hearts"	
	(See music on following pages)	

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave. (refrain)

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
And drive away the shades of night,
And pierce the clouds and bring us light! (refrain)

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill all the world with heaven's peace. (refrain)

COME LIGHT OUR HEARTS



For you, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait,



for you, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait.



Tru - ly our hope is in you, tru - ly our hope is in you.



O Lord of life, our on - ly hope, your ra - diance
O Joy a - bove all oth - er loves, in you we



shines on all who look to you in the
find more than e - nough. We come as we



dark; Em - man - u - el, come, come light our hearts.
are; O heal and re - store, come light our hearts.

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CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

Everyone: **O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
 Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
 From depths of hell thy people save
 And give them victory o'er the grave.**

Silent Confession



Words of Comfort

From Isaiah 40:1-2

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
 Your sins are pardoned.
 The penalty is paid.

Everyone: **Thanks be to God!**

Song of Assurance

"Jesus Messiah"

Je-sus, Mes-si - ah; _____ Name a-bove all _____ names;
Bless-ed Re-deem - er; _____ Em-man - u - el. _____
The Res-cue for sin - ners, _____ the Ran-som from heav
- en, _____ Je-sus, Mes-si - ah, _____ Lord of all. _____

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Song of Assurance' with the title 'Jesus Messiah'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words split across lines. The second staff continues the melody, with a repeat sign at the beginning. The third staff also continues the melody, with another repeat sign. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics for each staff are: 'Je-sus, Mes-si - ah; _____ Name a-bove all _____ names;', 'Bless-ed Re-deem - er; _____ Em-man - u - el. _____', 'The Res-cue for sin - ners, _____ the Ran-som from heav', and '- en, _____ Je-sus, Mes-si - ah, _____ Lord of all. _____'.

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Celebration of Baptism 11:15 a.m. service

Eliot Davis

Song

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you.
And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace forever.



Greeting of Peace

THANKSGIVING

We respond to God's word.

Our Offerings

Pray for Set Free, a ministry which offers hope and healing through the Lord Jesus Christ to all individuals who struggle with sexual sin and its resultant brokenness, through support groups, couples counseling, and education to families, friends and churches dealing with these issues.

Offertory

8:45 and 10:00 a.m. services

"How Long"

(See music on page 11)

"How Long"



1. How long will you turn your face _____ a - way? How
 2. How long 'til your chil - dren find _____ their rest? How
 3. How long 'til your word will still _____ the storm? How
 4. How long? Sweet the_ dawn that ends _____ the race. How



long? Do you_ hear us_ when _____ we pray? On and
 long 'til you_ draw them to _____ your breast? We go
 long 'til you_ bare your might - y arm? How we
 long? Weak our_ hearts but_ strong _____ our legs. Look - ing



on, still we_ walk this pil - grim way. How long?
 on hold - ing_ to_ your prom - is - es. How long?
 groan 'til you snatch us_ from _____ the thorns! How long?
 on, great that cloud of_ wit - ness - es! How long?

Refrain



'Til you wipe a-way the tears from ev' - ry eye. 'Til we



see our home de - scend - ing from the sky. Do we



wait_ in_ vain?_ Je - sus, give us_ hope_ a - gain!

Offertory
11:15 a.m. service

"Psalm 121 (A Psalm for Help)"
(Sorenson)

Sanctuary Choir

I lift my eyes unto the hills, the hills from where my help is come.
My help, it cometh from the Lord who made heaven, heaven and earth.
I lift my eyes unto the hills, the hills from where my help is come.
My help, it cometh from the Lord who made heaven, heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, neither will he sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy shade.
The sun shall not smite thee by day; the moon shall not smite thee by night.
The Lord shall protect thee from ev'ry evil, he shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord shall protect thee from ev'ry evil, he shall preserve thy soul forever.

I lift my eyes unto the hills, the hills from where my help is come.
My help, it cometh from the Lord who made heaven, heaven and earth.

PROCLAIMING

God speaks to us through his word.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

² In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

³ Many peoples will come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵ Come, descendants of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Message:

+ Richard Haney +

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RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

Song of Response

"Great Are You, Lord"

Verse

Verse musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: "You give life. You are love. You bring light to the dark - ness. You give hope. You re - store ev - 'ry heart that is bro - ken. And great are you, Lord."

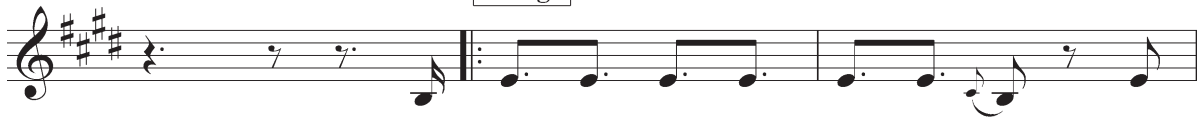
You give life. You are love. You bring
light to the dark - ness. You give hope. You re -
store ev - 'ry heart that is bro - ken. —
— And great are you, Lord.

Chorus

Chorus musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: "It's your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise. It's your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to you on - ly. Fine"

It's your breath in our lungs, so we
pour out our praise, we pour out our praise. It's your
breath in our lungs, so we
pour out our praise to you on - ly. *Fine*

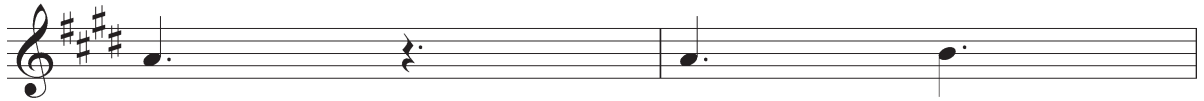
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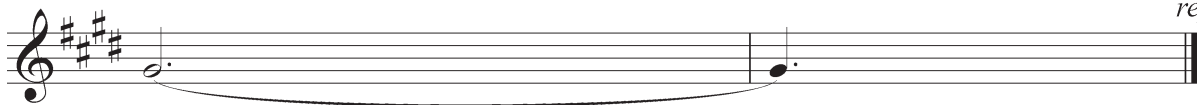
And all the earth will shout your praise. Our



hearts will cry, these bones will sing,___



"Great are you,



Lord!"

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Prayers of the People

Leader: Father God, in this season of Advent give us a deep longing to see that day when the nations will gather around your throne, and lead us to reach out to the nations among us even now.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord Jesus, bring your peace to our world, nation and city. Make us instruments of your peace and compassion to our neighbors and to our world.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy Spirit, as we move into the holiday season, bring comfort to all who grieve, solace to all who struggle, and peace to all who despair.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:

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.

Prayer Needs

For Health

Corrine Boyd, Loma Shafer, Missy Deregibus, Jack Schilthuis, Katie Payne, Allen Lawrence, Jerry Ramsey, Betty Cox, Charles Ellison, Dru Fitch, Mark Koontz, Margaret Leith, Dabney Harvey, Lou Hanscom, Carol Holt

For Comfort

Deaths – Elizabeth Barila (mother, 11/7), Jane Mims (mother, 10/31), Percy Strickland (father, 10/24), Patrick L. Wallace (father, 10/16), Dania Luby (father, 10/8), Wade Perkins, Sally Tate, Emily Schindler (father, grandfather, 9/25), Jeff Rebman (sister, 8/30), Lillian Hazelton (father, 7/21), Amy and Sarah Helweg (husband and father, 7/20)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for persons in financial need in metropolitan Richmond: for the inclusion of all, regardless of race, age or jurisdiction of residence, in the economic health of metropolitan Richmond; for effective, affordable, regional public transportation.

For Our Nation and the World – Azerbaijan

A former Soviet republic, this Central Asian country is majority Muslim and remains politically and economically unstable. Tensions remain with its neighbor Armenia since the 1990 war between the countries.

- Pray for the Azeri church, which is growing with a network of underground house churches. Pray for their ministry in villages and among unreached people groups which have not heard the gospel.
- Lift up believers and churches which suffer persecution and unfair treatment by the government, including surveillance and intimidation.
- About 40% of the Azerbaijani population lives in poverty, with few job opportunities. Pray that believers will minister with sensitivity as a witness to Jesus' compassion for the poor.

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/937-6564) to learn more.

SENDING

God sends us into the world as his witnesses.

† **Song of Commission**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

#135 in the Hymnal

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

† Commission

From Micah 6:8

Leader: He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you?

Everyone: To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

† Benediction

Postlude

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

Today we celebrate the baptism of Eliot Fitch Davis, son of Emily and Mark Davis. Relatives present today are grandparents Pam and Richard Haney and Ted and Cathy Davis and big brother Harrison. Elder representing the Session by holding the font is Jon Hottinger. Prayer sponsor is Betsy Pollard.

Today we celebrate the birth of Caleb Douglas Kinard, son of Holly and Doug Kinard. Caleb was born on November 21, 2016.

Today's flowers are given in honor of our mission partner Set Free, a ministry which offers hope and healing through the Lord Jesus Christ to all individuals who struggle with sexual sin and its resultant brokenness, through support groups, couples counseling, and education to families, friends and churches dealing with these issues.

Today's liturgists: Nan Clarke, Tracie Meadows

The Gift of the Kingdom

2016 Stewardship Season

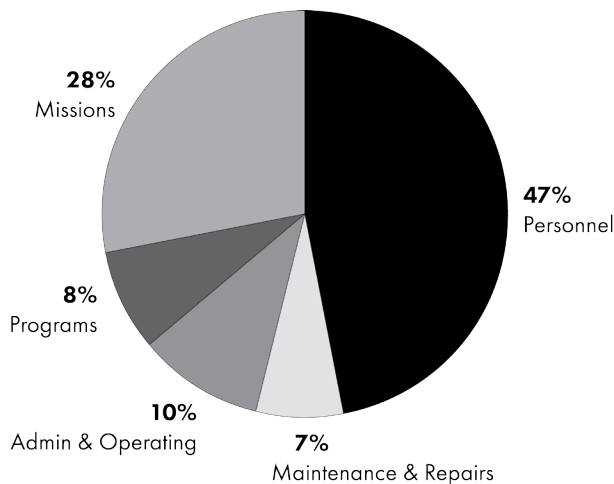
"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the Kingdom." Luke 12:32

We believe the local church is one of God's great vessels of hope for the world. Through the local church, the gospel is proclaimed, community is formed, individuals grow, and the Kingdom is embodied.

To that end, every year we look at what it will cost us in the coming year to live as the particular local church God has called us to be. The staff and elders have carefully projected our budget for the coming year, and now in this season we come together to express our commitment of faith in pledging our financial resources to God through the work of this local church. Our pledges help us determine the accuracy of the budget and ensure our financial commitments to our 75+ mission partners.

If you would still like to make a commitment to Third for the new year, we welcome you to use the cards in the pews and drop them in the offering plate or return them to the church office. As we make our commitments, we pray for the Spirit and power of God to use our gifts to bring a harvest for his Kingdom. "Since you excel in so many ways — in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm and your love from us — I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7 (NLT).

2017 Projected Budget: \$3,291,024



ADVENT SEASON AT THIRD CHURCH

Today! Family Advent Celebration: 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

During the Sunday School hour, parents can bring their children between the ages of 3 years old through 4th grade to the Fellowship Hall for a special kickoff to the Advent season. We'll have crafts, worship, and a teaching about the promise of Jesus.

The Original Christmas Story: An Advent Class

Sundays, December 4, 11, 18, 10:00 a.m., Room 217

Join us for this special three-week class that will tell the Advent story in an interactive way, as if it were written for a play production. Follow this cast of characters through the Old Testament prophecies and through the story of Jesus' birth.

Lessons and Carols: Sunday, December 4, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Traditionally, a Lessons and Carols service is a unique opportunity to hear and sing songs that the larger culture mostly ignores. Join us for this special interactive service of worshiping and reading scripture together. It is a great opportunity to begin the Advent season reflecting on scripture and praying for God's coming Son.

Women's Christmas Dinner: Tues., December 6, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Women of Third are invited to bring a potluck dish to join in our Christmas celebration. In addition to sharing a meal together, we'll worship together and hear stories of service shared by three women. Registration is free, but we ask that you 1) bring a dish to share, and 2) bring a small gift to donate to the Stocking Stuffer Initiative. Let us know if you plan to attend: thirdrva.org/events.

A Celebration of Carols—Dinner and Concert: Wednesday, December 14

Dinner: 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall | Music: 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

We'll begin the evening with a Christmas meal together in the Fellowship Hall. Then, in the Sanctuary, our children's choir, Sanctuary Choir, and orchestra will present "A Celebration of Carols," music for the entire family, perfect for the Advent season. RSVP required for dinner: thirdrva.org/events.

Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24

Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!

4:00 p.m. – Family-friendly service in the Fellowship Hall

6:30 and 8:30 p.m. – Candlelight services in the Sanctuary

11:00 p.m. – Candlelight and Communion service in the Sanctuary

Christmas Morning: Sunday, December 25

Join us for one service on Christmas morning at 11:15 a.m. in our Sanctuary to celebrate the newborn King!

NEWS & EVENTS

Today! College Sunday School Class: 10:00 a.m., Room 215

Join other college students home for Thanksgiving for a time to gather and reconnect. Questions? Contact Tim Latham: timl@thirdrva.org.

Purchase Poinsettias for the Sanctuary!

Enhance worship at Third during Advent and then enjoy the seasonal beauty at home. Order a red poinsettia for \$12.00 each in memory or honor of a loved one. Contact Rebecca Hatton by December 9 to place your order (rebeccah@thirdrva.org or 282-4645 ext. 101). Your plant can be claimed after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service concludes.

STEP Christmas Store – Seeking Donations!

Each year, STEP collects donations of new, unwrapped children's gifts with the original purchase price intact. STEP will then resell these items at half price or less to parents of children living in Gilpin Court and surrounding areas. Please drop off items at the collection box by the nursery by December 1, or contact Bekah Yowell at bekahyowell@steprichmond.org.

Experience Israel Tour: April 24 – May 4, 2017

Join us for this unique opportunity to visit the Holy Land and walk where Jesus walked. We will tour Israel, Galilee, the Dead Sea and the city of Jerusalem. This is our fourth trip as a congregation with Tom Barila as our leader and guided by a biblically knowledgeable tour guide. For more info and sign-ups, visit: thirdrva.org/events.

Shiloh Dessert and Fellowship – Tuesday, November 29, 7:00 p.m.

Shiloh is a ministry that provides support and community for women who have experienced infertility or miscarriage. Shiloh Ministry has quarterly gatherings to give support and care. We'll meet at Rick and Caroline Hutton's home: 9602 January Court, 23238. Questions? Contact Kathy White: kathyw@thirdrva.org.

Serve Families of CrossOver Ministry This Christmas

CrossOver's social worker has identified 40 families that are in the greatest need. She'll match them with a person or group (i.e., family, small group, etc.) to assist with their needs. In past years, the assistance offered has ranged from Christmas presents for kids to emergency rent assistance for a few months. People interested can email Abby Dini at adini@crossoverministry.org.

Housing Needed for World Horizons Missionaries!

The Keating family, serving in missions in Turkey with World Horizons, was expelled from Turkey in October. They will be in Richmond starting December 1 for five weeks and are in need of housing for a family of six (children aged 12, 10, 8 and 6) as they regroup. If you can help, contact Jennie Gill: gillj@reachthenations.org or 804-225-5517.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Come and join us for fellowship this morning! Weather permitting, we'll have Blanchard's coffee and snacks in the courtyard outside the Sanctuary between services, from 9:45 - 11:30 a.m. In case of bad or chilly weather, we'll set up coffee and snacks in the Commons by the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

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, or pick up a copy of the **Fall 2016 Brochure for Community, Discipleship and Mission.** Questions? Contact Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org).

**Can We Talk:
How Does an Ancient Book
Guide Modern Life?**

Fellowship Hall

A Study of Hebrews

Room 101

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

Room 217

Marriage Fellowship

Room 215

Sermon Chat

Fellowship Hall

**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

Orphans and the Gospel

Room 207

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SUNDAY MORNING

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 or pick up a copy of the **Fall 2016 Brochure for Community, Discipleship and Mission** 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) or Tracie Meadows (traciem@thirdrva.org).

STUDENT MINISTRY

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) or Andrea (andreaw@thirdrva.org).

THIS WEEK AT THIRD

Sunday, November 27

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

10:00 a.m. Advent Celebration – Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 28

5:45 p.m. Jobs for Life – Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Asia Missionary Prayer and Care group – meets at Judy and David Skove's home,
10809 N. Bank Rd, 23238, 741-5441

Tuesday, November 29

9:30 a.m. Women's Group, Priscilla Shirer's "Breathe" – Room 213

Wednesday, November 30

6:30 p.m. Refresh group – Parlor

6:45 p.m. Alleluia choir rehearsal – Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Children's Choir – Room 201

6:30 p.m. Club 56 weekly meeting – Basement

7:45 p.m. Brass rehearsal – Sanctuary

Thursday, December 1

7:00 p.m. Strategic Planning Working Group #4 Open Meeting

Conversation about our property and the Tuckahoe area – Room 101

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 Avenue

Friday, December 2

10:00 a.m. Mommy and Me play groups – Rooms 102, 103, 109, playground

12:00 p.m. Day by Dayers – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

6:00 p.m. Healing prayer rooms – Student ministry area

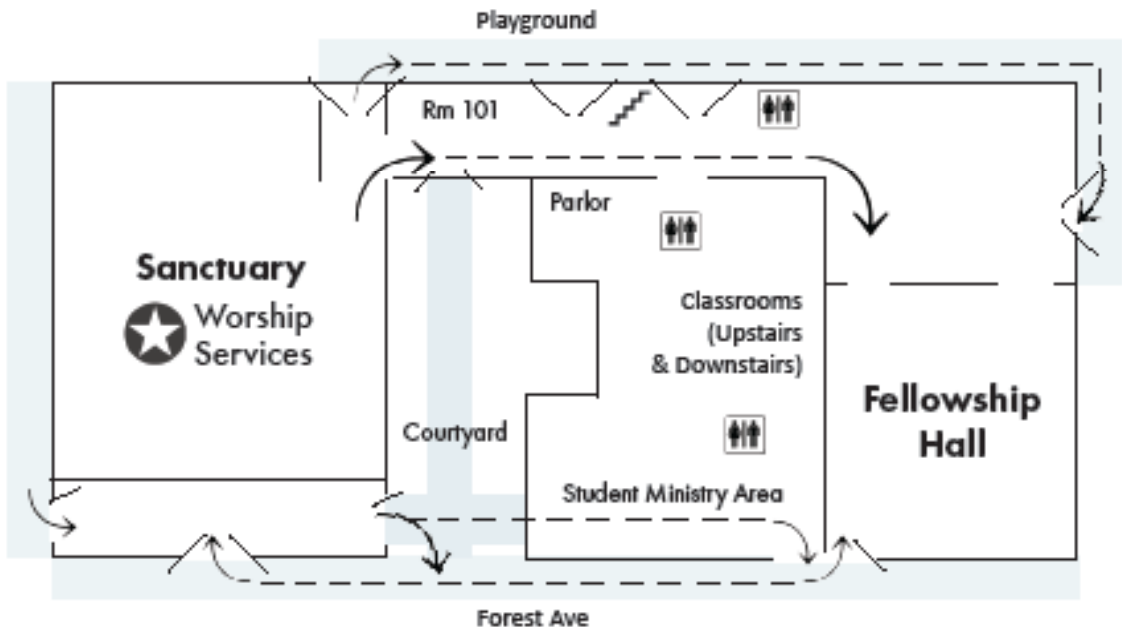
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

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
- **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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