

WELCOME:

The Call to Community and Mission

Sunday | October 8, 2017

THE SHEEP

"What I need most of all is the grace to really accept God as he gives himself to me in every situation. He came unto his own and his own received him not. Good Shepherd, you have a wild and crazy sheep in love with thorns and brambles. But please don't get tired of looking for me! I know you won't. For you have found me. All I have to do is stay found."

Thomas Merton



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

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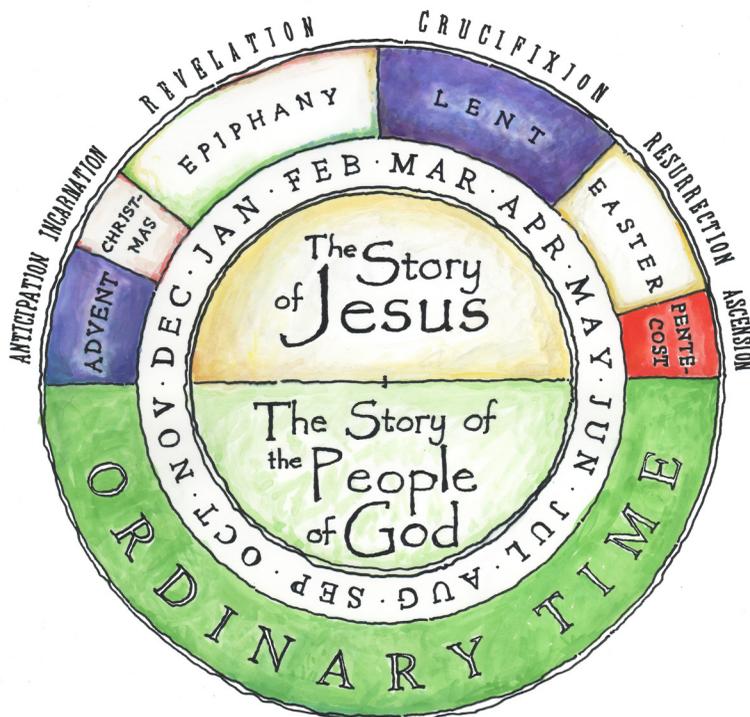
*We're glad you've chosen to worship at Third!
We look forward to meeting and getting to know you.*

Sanctuary Decorations

Ordinary Time 2017

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.

We have spent the half year from Advent to Pentecost walking through the whole story of Jesus. Trinity Sunday begins the six-month period of Ordinary Time when we remember the story of God’s people as told throughout the Old and New Testaments. In Ordinary Time we are reminded that we are part of a great community of believers throughout time and history that has been called together to bear witness to God’s promises and presence in the world, finally fulfilled in Jesus and his kingdom. The color of this season is green, representing the way God is at work sustaining even the small, ordinary rhythms we experience year by year in his creation, and the way God is calling and empowering his Church to join in the work of renewing all things.



GATHERING

God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.

Prelude

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"
(Dale Wood)

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

From Matthew 11:28

Leader: Jesus said, "Come to me,
all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest."

People: Amen.

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

† Call to Worship

From Ephesians 1

Leader: To the Father who has given us every spiritual blessing in Christ,

People: We give praise and honor and glory.

Leader: To the Son through whom we have redemption,
forgiveness, and the riches of God's grace,

People: We give praise and honor and glory.

Leader: To the Spirit that seals us in his promise,
the guarantee of our inheritance until we possess it,

People: We give praise and honor and glory.

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

Prayer of Adoration

† Songs of Praise

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"

(See music on following pages)

COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and power.
I will arise and go to Jesus;
He will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Come, ye weary, heavy-laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of him.
I will arise and go to Jesus;
He will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.

OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL)

Verses

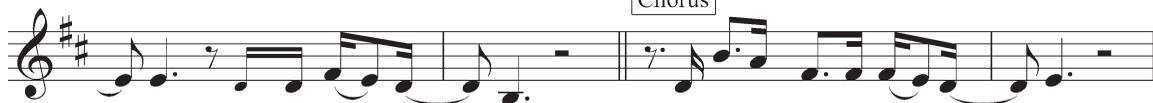


1. You call me out up-on the wa-ters, the great un - known where feet may
2. Your grace a-bounds in deep-est wa-ters, your sov'-reign_ hand will be my



_ fail. And there I find you in the mys - tery; in o - ceans
_ guide. Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, you've nev - er_

Chorus



_ deep, my faith will_ stand. And I will call up-on_ your_ name
_ failed and you won't start_ now.



and keep my eyes a-bove the_ waves. When o - ceans rise, my soul will rest in your em-



- brace, for I am yours and you are_ mine.

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sing 3x then repeat chorus



Spir-it, lead me where my trust is with-out bor - ders; let me walk



— up-on the wa - ters wher - ev-er you would call me. Take me deep-er than my feet



— could ev - er wan - der and my faith—



— will be made strong - er in the pres - ence of my Sav - ior.

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

**Everyone: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort and Peace

From Lamentations 3:21-23

Leader: But this I call to mind, and therefore have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

People: They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!

Celebration of Baptism

Calvin Lee Boyce

11:15 a.m. service

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.

Leader: Through Christ you have peace with God and peace with one another; offer to one another a sign of peace!

† 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 Sarah Hale and Urban Hope as they seek to strengthen the inner city of Richmond through encouraging financial stability, assisting people in home ownership and affordable rental property.

Parish Story

Offertory

"Coming Home"
(Kirkpatrick/Martin)

Sanctuary Choir
Sue Kimball, solo

I've wandered far away from God; now I am coming, I'm coming home.
The paths of sin too long I've trod; Lord, I am coming, I'm coming home.
Lord, I am coming, I'm coming home.

I've wasted many precious years, but now I'm coming, I'm coming home.
I now repent with bitter tears; Lord, I am coming, I'm coming home.
Lord, I am coming, I'm coming home.

Coming home, coming home, Lord, nevermore to roam.
Open wide your arms, your arms of love,
Lord, I am coming home.

My soul is sick, my heart is sore; now I am coming, I'm coming home.
My strength renew, my hope restore; now I am coming, I'm coming home.
Lord, I am coming home.

Coming home, coming home, Lord, nevermore to roam.
Open wide your arms, your arms of love,
Lord, I am coming home.

† 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 Readings

Luke 15:1-7

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

John 10:14-16

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

† **Song of Response** "Softly and Tenderly" #441 in the Hymnal

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

(Refrain) *Come home, come home,
Ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!*

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
Mercies for you and for me? (Repeat refrain)

O for the wonderful love he has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me. (Repeat refrain)

Prayers of the People

Leader: Our Father, you are in control and we surrender ourselves to your sovereign care. Keep us united as one body in our devotion to you, in our relationships with one another, and in our mission to the world around us.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Our Savior, Jesus, you love us and we love you. Thank you for the cross and for the hope of the empty grave. Richmond needs the grace that you offer – in its government, in its neighborhoods, and in its households. Help us to be courageous ambassadors for you in our city. Come again quickly, Jesus.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Comforter, come among the brokenhearted this week. Be in Puerto Rico, in Las Vegas, in Venezuela, in North Korea, and among all people and nations. The world needs the comfort and joy you provide with the good news of the gospel. Thank you for being with us now, Lord. Stay near to us.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

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.

Prayer Needs

For Health

Jack Schilthuis, John Robertson, Brad Bishop, Cheryl Richardson, Mike Flynn, Evi Burgin, Jonathan Shouse, Greyson Tate, Emily Oostdyk, Carole Macomber, Julie Walden, Kaye Phillips, Amy Boyd, Jerry Ramsey, Charles Ellison, Lou Hanscom

For Comfort

Deaths –Amy Whitaker (mother, 10/1), Mike Lohr (father, 8/20), Robert Luck (grandfather), Zach James (father, 7/28), Anne Elam (husband Ray, 7/25), Carol Holt (7/19), Allene Brown (father, 7/15), Mack Cornett (mother, 7/16), John White (father, 7/12), Willson Brockenbrough (mother, 7/12)

For Metro Richmond

We pray for public, non-profit and religious social service work and ministries in metropolitan Richmond: for all in need of social services, all social service departments and caseworkers; for a partnership between the church and other institutions serving the needy.

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

"O Come to the Altar"

Verses



1. Are you hurt - ing and bro - ken with-in, _____ o - ver-welmed
2. Leave be - hind _____ your re - grets and mis - takes. _____ Come to - day; _____



_____ by the weight of your sin? _____ Je - sus is call - ing. Have you come
_____ there's no rea - son to wait. _____ Je - sus is call - ing. Bring your sor -



_____ to the end _____ of your - self, _____ do you thirst
rows and trade them _____ for joy; _____ from the ash -



_____ for a drink from the well? _____ Je - sus is call - ing.
- es a new _____ life is born. _____ Je - sus is call - ing.

Chorus



O come to the al - tar; the Fa - ther's arms are o - pen wide. _____ For - give - ness



was bought with the pre-cious blood of Je-sus Christ. —

Bridge



Oh, what a Sav - ior, is-n't he won - der - ful? Sing al-le - lu - ia,



Christ is ris - en. — Bow down be - fore him, for he is Lord of

Last Verse



all; sing al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en. — 3. Bear your cross



as you wait — for the crown; — tell the world



of the treas - ure you've found. —

† **Commission**

From 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation: the old has gone, the new is come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.

Everyone: And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

† **Benediction**

Postlude
11:15 a.m. service

"A Festal Fanfare"
(J. S. Bach)

Jeff Hummel

SERVICE NOTES

Today we celebrate the baptism of Calvin Lee Boyce, son of Angela and Phillip Boyce. Relatives present today are grandparents Nicole and Steve Boyce, Nathan and Riguey King, Elke Bergin, George King and Beatriz Polanco. Aunts and uncles present are Chrissy and Zack Boyce and Bronwyn and Paden King. Elder representing the Session by holding the font is Steve Boyce. Prayer sponsors are Allison and Paul White.

Today we celebrate the birth of Abigail Jane Brooks, daughter of Stephanie and Noel Brooks. Abigail was born on September 28, 2017.

Today's flowers are given in honor of our mission partner Sarah Hale and Urban Hope as they seek to strengthen the inner city of Richmond through encouraging financial stability, assisting people in home ownership and affordable rental property.

PARISH LIFE

Community and Mission Where You Live

At Third, we desire for everyone to be known, cared for, and encouraged to mature as disciples of Christ. In order to do this, we are piloting a parish model here at Third, a refreshed vision for how we do church together. The parish model combines two important elements: 1) connection and care through our lay leaders and 2) community, discipleship, and mission within our neighborhoods.

God is inviting us to participate in his grand plan to renew all things. We hope you join us in this exciting time as we seek to build community together, love our neighbors, and grow as disciples in Christ.

HOW IT'S ORGANIZED

Parish life will have two primary components:

1. Parish Areas: First, we've designated twelve neighborhood communities within our larger church family. These smaller communities, called parish areas, will insure that each person in our church comes to be known more intentionally and intimately. The parish areas will help Third to feel smaller, even as we continue to gather weekly as a large body of believers. Our elders and deacons will be organized across these parish areas, meaning that the tangible care and shepherding they provide will be locally focused on the geographic region they too reside in.

2. Parish Groups: Within the parish areas, several open parish groups will meet regularly and offer anyone in the parish area the option of belonging, growing and serving neighbors in a specific neighborhood.

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

- **Be involved in parish groups:** When we officially launch in January 2018, we hope to have parish groups available in every area. Want to be involved? Let us know: thirdrva.org/registrations.
- **Be a parish group leader:** We are looking for folks who are excited about shaping this model and are interested in a leadership role in their area. If this is you, please come to one of our parish group leader trainings, happening on October 25 and October 28. Register at: thirdrva.org/registrations.

For more background and FAQ on the parish model, visit: thirdrva.org/strategic-planning.

NEWS & EVENTS

Meet with our architects – Tabling sessions today

This year, Working Group 4 (part of the Strategic Planning team) employed BCWH and Waldon Studio to help produce our campus master plan. They will be with us this morning after the 10:00 and 11:15 a.m. services in the Parlor to discuss what they've learned about our facilities and space needs, and hear from you all. These small group tabling sessions are our opportunities to share what works well, what doesn't, and your hopes for the future. For all the info and details, please visit: thirdrva.org/strategic-planning.

Fall Women's Conference – Saturday, November 4, 9:00 – 2:00 p.m., University of Richmond Jepson Center

Looking to meet other women at Third? Join us for the Women's Fall Conference! This year's speaker will be Laurie Polich Short, author of *Finding Faith in the Dark*. We'll hear from Laurie on how broadening our vision reveals our bigger purpose and draws us closer to God. Early bird registration (\$30) closes October 15. Learn more and sign up today: thirdrva.org/events.

CARITAS: Volunteers Needed: October 28 – November 4

Join us as we host families without a home each night for the week of October 28 - November 4. We will serve a meal each night where we will have the opportunity to connect with them and share Christ's love. We need volunteers to help with serving and preparing meals, doing laundry, spending the night, and helping with set-up and break-down. Learn more and sign up to help at: thirdrva.org/events.

Young Professionals Bonfire – Friday, Oct. 13, 7:00 p.m., 2340 Pump Road

Let's get together and enjoy each other's company and the autumn weather. We're currently beginning to shape our young professional community (the 23-35 age range) at Third, as it's a community that continues to grow and grow. So whether you're single or married, have kids or no kids, come out. Questions? Contact Tim Latham (timl@thirdrva.org).

NEWS & EVENTS

2nd Grade Bible Dinner and Presentation – Sunday, October 22, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Third's second grade students and their families are invited to attend the annual 2nd Grade Bible Presentation and Dinner. We'll celebrate our students with dinner and a special program and then give each one a personalized Adventure Bible. Our hope and prayer is that these emerging readers learn to dive deep into God's word! RSVP to Tracie (traciem@thirdrva.org) by October 17.

New Afghani Family – Your Help is Needed!

An Afghani family with 8 school-aged children who recently arrived in America has reached out for help with tutoring on Wednesday evenings. What a gift/game changer this could be for those children! Can you help? Contact Andi Redmond: andir@thirdrva.org.

Quarterly Men's Dinner – Tuesday, October 17, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join the men of Third for this great meal, fellowship, and an engaging message. This time, we'll be enjoying Abe Lincoln's famous baked spaghetti and hear an inspiring and encouraging message from Mike Dennehy about rethinking our families, our church family, and what "missionality" means. RSVP: thirdrva.org/events. Questions? Contact Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org).

Third's Big Bike Ride: Saturday, October 21, Noon, Deep Run Park

Join us again for our annual church-wide bike ride at Deep Run Park. Meet at Shelter #1, bring a bag lunch (we'll bring dessert) and we'll head off on rides and walks after lunch. Any questions or to RSVP for the fun, contact Grant Holbrook (holbrookgh@gmail.com).

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Join us for our Sunday morning discipleship classes for adults during the 10:00 a.m. hour.

We're offering many new short-term topical classes this season, and we hope you join us— especially if you've never been to a discipleship class before. For full class descriptions, visit: thirdrva.org/sunday-discipleship.

Questions? Contact Tom Barila (tomb@thirdrva.org).

Doing God's Justice in a Hurting World

Fellowship Hall

Sept. 10 - Nov. 27

Think for a Change: Wisdom from the Proverbs

Room 217

Sept. 10-Nov. 27

A Study of Galatians

Room 101

Continuous

Reflections on the Reformation

Our History, Our Heartbreak, Our Hope

Room 213

Oct. 1-Nov. 27

Unlocking Your Family Pattern: Finding Freedom from a Hurtful Past

500 Forest Avenue, Room 109

Sept. 10-Nov. 27

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SUNDAY MORNING

DURING THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE: Sunday School is available for all children and students. See below for room locations for all Sunday School classes:

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).

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, October 8

8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary
After the 10:00 and 11:15 a.m. worship services – Tabling Session – Parlor
12:15 p.m. Care and Cards – Room 207

Monday, October 9

5:45 p.m. Jobs for Life – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Missions Committee meeting – 2nd Floor Conference Room, 500 Forest Avenue
7:00 p.m. Trustees meeting – Room 101

Tuesday, October 10

9:00 a.m. Monthly study – Room 217
9:30 a.m. "Nehemiah: A Heart That Can Break" study – Room 213
10:00 a.m. Sara's Circle of Friends – Room 101
12:00 p.m. Helping Hands – Room 217
6:00 p.m. Session meeting – 2nd Floor Conference Room, 500 Forest Avenue
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting – Parlor
7:00 p.m. Officer Training – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

Wednesday, October 11

8:30 a.m. Community Bible Study – Various rooms, 600 Forest Avenue
6:00 p.m. Freedom Road: A Recovery Community – 2nd Floor Conference Room,
500 Forest Avenue
6:30 p.m. Christianity Explored – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue
6:45 p.m. Homework Tutoring – Fellowship Hall
6:45 p.m. English as a Second Language for Adults – Room 101
6:45 p.m. Club56 – Basement

Thursday, October 12

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Worship team rehearsal – Sanctuary

Friday, October 13

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

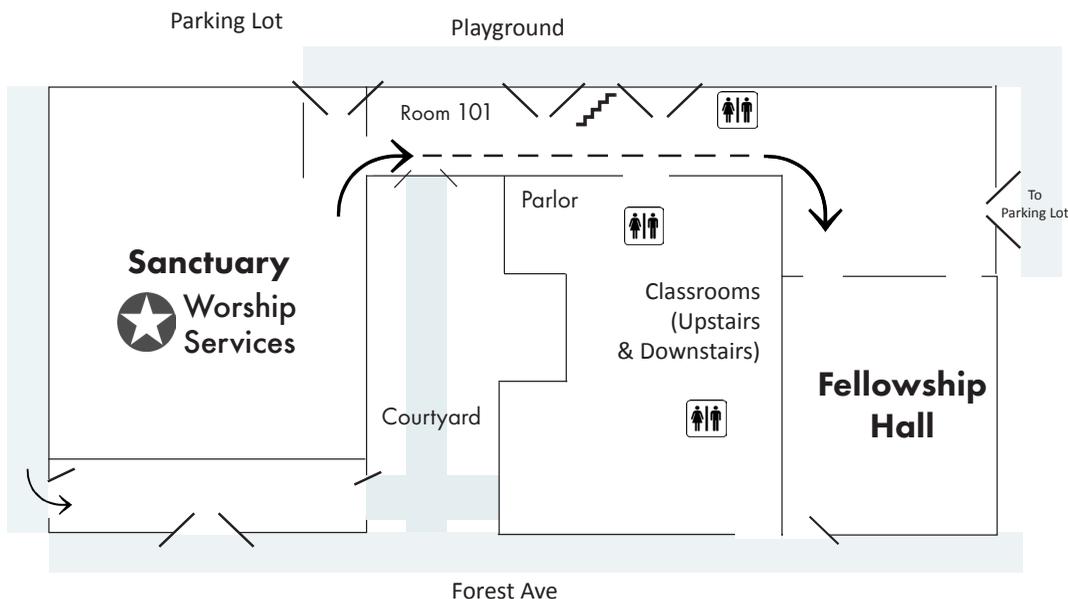
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

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 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
- **Join us for our next Welcome Coffee:** The place to start to learn more about Third. Sunday, Oct. 15, 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor.

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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