

WELCOME:

The Call to Community and Mission

Sunday | September 10, 2017

THE HOUSEHOLD

"You cannot have God for your Father
unless you have the church for your Mother."

Cyprian of Carthage, Third Century



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

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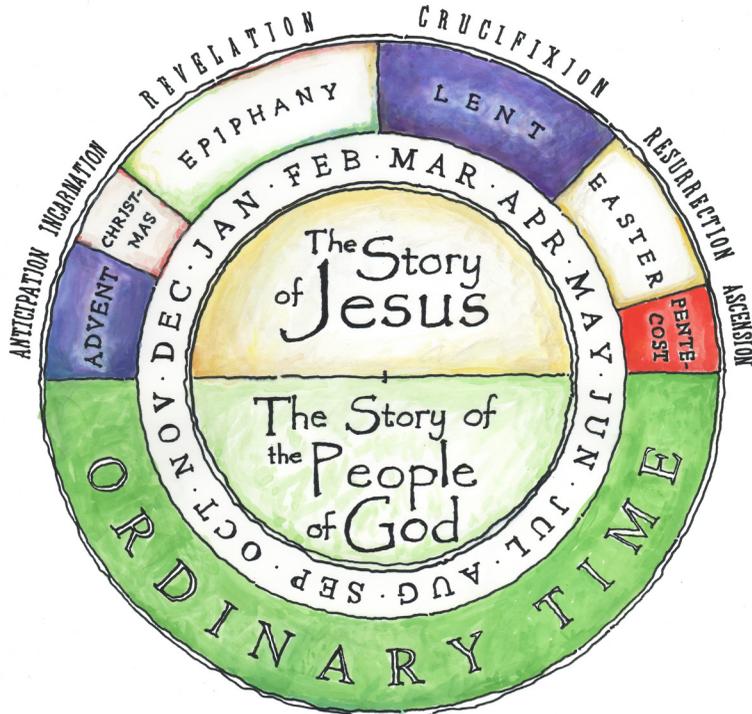
*We're glad you've chosen to worship at Third!
We look forward to meeting and getting to know you.*

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

"Toccata and Fugue in F Major"
(Dietrich Buxtehude)

Jeff Hummel

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

From Revelation 4:8

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

Everyone: Who was, and is, and is to come.

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

† Call to Worship

From Romans 11:33-36

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

**People: How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!**

Leader: Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?

People: Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?

Leader: For from him and through him and to him are all things.

People: To him be the glory forever and ever!

Prayer of Adoration

† Songs of Praise

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"
"I See the Lord"

#2 in the Hymnal

(See music on following page)

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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.

CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

**Everyone: Jesus Lord, in your mercy,
by your holy life that heals us,
by your holy death that saves us,
by your Holy Spirit with us,
come to cleanse these sinners that we are.
Set us free to obey you;
make us clear to stand before you;
then, for your mercy, we will praise you. Amen.**

Song of Confession

"Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)"

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy,
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.

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Silent Confession

Words of Comfort

From 1 Timothy 1:15 and 1 Peter 2:24

Leader: This is a trustworthy statement that deserves full acceptance,
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that we, free from sin, might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.

People: Thanks be to God!

Celebration of Baptism 11:15 a.m. service

Austen Phillips

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

Our Offerings

We thank you, Lord, for the Kingdom Knitters in our congregation that spend a full year knitting and crocheting items for those in need in Romania. We pray for Carolyn Rennie, our mission partner serving in Romania. We ask that the items made would provide warmth to many and that they would sense the love of God as they receive these items.

Offertory

"We Are Your Church, O Christ"
(Williams/Martin)

Sanctuary Choir

We are your church, O Christ; you are the sure foundation.
We are your church, O Christ, drawn to your wounded side.
We are your chosen bride.
We live in you alone and in your heart we find our home.
Grace is our miracle. We are your church, O Christ.

We are your church, O Christ, from ev'ry land and nation.
We are your church, O Christ. You are the truth and life,
God's perfect sacrifice.
We trust in you alone and in your heart we find our home.
Grace is our miracle. We are your church, O Christ.

We are your church, O Christ. You are the Cornerstone.
We are your church, O Christ. You are the Living Word;
We trust in you alone.
Lord, you are faithful, our wondrous Savior.
Your name is holy and worthy of our praise.

We are your church, O Christ, one holy congregation.
We are your church, O Christ, united in our praise!
We are one in your embrace.
We live in you alone and in your heart we find our home.
Grace is our miracle. We are your church, O Christ!

† 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

Ephesians 2:18-22

¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

† **Song of Response**

"We Are God's People"

#700 in the Hymnal

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

We are the body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Father, thank you for adopting us into your family as your sons and daughters through the grace of our brother Jesus. Empower us by your Spirit to live as this new family, loving one another as you have loved us.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord Jesus, grant wisdom to those who lead the nations, that your Kingdom would peacefully increase as we anticipate the day when the whole earth is filled with the knowledge of your love.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Spirit of compassion, look in kindness on all those who suffer in body, mind and spirit, especially in the wake of recent hurricanes; strengthen the weary, provide for the poor, and heal the afflicted.
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

Mike Flynn, Evi Burgin, Jonathan Shouse, Greyson Tate, Emily Oostdyk, Carol Macomber, Listwella Donaldson, Julie Walden, Kaye Phillips, Amy Boyd, Jack Schilthuis, Jerry Ramsey, Charles Ellison, Lou Hanscom

For Comfort

Deaths –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 schools and educational institutions of metropolitan Richmond: for all public schools; for students, teachers and support personnel, including cafeteria workers, building and grounds staff, and school bus drivers; for all private and religious schools, pre-schools and daycare centers and for children in home schools.

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

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. All ——— praise to the Fa - ther and all praise to his Son,



and they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

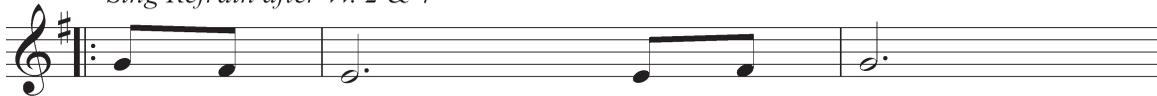


And we pray that our u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
And all praise to the Spir - it who ——— makes ——— us ——— one.



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

Sing Refrain after vv. 2 & 4



By our love, by our love,



yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

† **Commission**

From Ephesians 3:20-21

Leader: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

People: To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

† **Benediction**

Postlude
11:15 a.m. service

"Italian Hymn"
(Albert Travis)

Jeff Hummel

SERVICE NOTES

Today we celebrate the baptism of Austen Jay Phillips, son of Suzanna and Jason Phillips. Relatives present today are grandparents Eleanor and Said Saadi and Charles and Kathy Phillips. Elder representing the Session by holding the font is Rick Hendrickson. Prayer sponsors are Mike and Missy Murchie.

Today we celebrate the birth of Rebekah Hill Story, daughter of Katherine and Nate Story. Rebekah was born on August 30, 2017.

Today's flowers are given in honor of the Kingdom Knitters in our congregation that spend a full year knitting and crocheting items for those in need in Romania. We pray for Carolyn Rennie, our mission partner serving in Romania. We ask that the items made would provide warmth to many and that they would sense the love of God as they receive these items.

TODAY IS FALL KICKOFF AT THIRD!

Sunday discipleship classes for adults, students, and children kick off during the 10:00 a.m. worship hour.

AN UPDATE ON OUR ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

This year, we're trying something different! We're organizing our Sunday morning classes around consistent "terms" so that anyone who wants to join a class knows when they can join and how long they can be a part of it. To take it a step further, we want to make sure we're offering classes that span our Up/In/Out rhythms. In other words, we want options for learning how to deepen your relationship with God, deepen your relationships with others, and deepen your care and service to the rest of the world.

So if you've never joined us for a class, there has never been a better time. Have questions? Contact Tom Barila: tomb@thirdrva.org.

For full class descriptions, visit: thirdrva.org/sunday-discipleship.

Doing God's Justice in a Hurting World

We will learn about the biblical foundations of justice, and what it means to "do" justice. We'll also hear from a local mission partner each week about how we can each become more involved in doing justice in Richmond.

*Fellowship Hall
Sept. 10 - Nov. 27*

The Meaning of the Cross

This three-week series will focus on the significance of Jesus' death, which Paul calls "the very power of God." We will explore the unique resources of the cross for facing the world around us.

*Room 213
Sept. 10, 17, 24*

Financial Stewardship & Generosity: Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

We all need a plan for our money and God wants us to have financial peace.

This class will teach you to create a budget, pay off debt, spend and save wisely, and give generously! Try us out on September 10; our class starts next week.

*Sign up: thirdrva.org/events
Room 215
Sept. 10-Nov. 27*

Reflections on the Reformation

Our History, Our Hope, Our Heartbreak

Five hundred years ago Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on a church door in Wittenberg, an act usually associated with the beginning of the Reformation. Come to find out about Protestantism, and what it still means for us today.

Room 213

Oct. 1-Nov. 27

A Study of Galatians

We'll look at how this key book of the Bible helps our understanding of God, the meaning of grace, and how God's grace passes from God through us.

Room 101

Continuous

Unlocking Your Family Pattern: Finding Freedom from a Hurtful Past

We are a diverse community seeking God's healing and wholeness for the brokenness in our lives and families through safe, authentic Christian relationships.

500 Forest Avenue, Room 109

Sept. 10-Nov. 27

Think for a Change: Wisdom from the Proverbs

We'll study the Proverbs each week in a topical way, and consider how the most important thing about you is what you think about God.

Room 217

Sept. 10-Nov. 27

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: During 10:00 a.m. worship hour

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

NEWS & EVENTS

Welcome to Kickoff Sunday!

Today we're starting all our adult Sunday discipleship classes, as well as our kids' and student ministry Sunday school classes. Find out more on pages 17-18 and join us at 10:00 a.m. We'll also be offering coffee and refreshments in the courtyard (weather permitting!) after the 8:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. Drink some coffee, meet some new folks, and enjoy the morning!

Today! Haiti Recap Luncheon - 12:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

You were probably going to go out for lunch anyway—why not join us for this (free!) lunch in the Fellowship Hall today?! Come to this trip recap meeting luncheon to hear stories, watch footage, and see photos of how God worked on this year's Haiti trip! We'll provide a traditional Haitian lunch and different team members will share about the trip.

The Church Abroad and the Church in Our Backyard: A Conference with Tharwat Wahba – Fri. and Sat., Sept. 15 and 16, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

This conference, taught by a professor of Missiology from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, will look at how the church abroad in the Middle East, particularly in Egypt, affects our church here in Richmond and the United States. It is also the perfect opportunity to learn more about what our CAC friends and their families have experienced—persecution, Muslim extremism, a refugee crisis, prejudice, and much more.

Tutors Needed!

The new school year is here and the Homework Tutoring program for Arabic-speaking students will begin on September 20. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. I am in need of at least 20 new tutors this year to help with the influx of families that have recently arrived here. Can you help?! To sign up or get more information contact Andi Redmond at andir@thirdrva.org.

Beta Groups — Forming for the fall!

Beta groups at Third are six-week small groups that are designed especially for those who are new to our church, new to small groups, or interested in getting more involved and meeting people at Third. Beta Groups are forming now for the October/November time frame. Learn more and sign up at thirdrva.org/events, or contact Beth Nichols (bethn@thirdrva.org).

NEWS & EVENTS

Sunday Morning Hospitality – Sign up to serve!

We need people to help with hospitality on Sunday mornings – greeting, ushering, and preparing coffee and snacks. It's a great (and easy) way to get involved, meet some new people, and welcome people to Third. If you are interested, contact Robert Luck at luckfamilyrva@gmail.com and let him know which service hour you are available.

Welcome, College Students!

We are so glad you were with us today, and would love to meet you. Please fill out the friendship pad with your contact information, then look for Phillip, our college intern, who will be in the narthex (behind the Sanctuary) after the services! We'd love to connect with you.

Refresh: A Bible Study for Young Women - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Starting Sept. 20

Refresh is a group of wonderful women, including those who are single, married, kids, no kids; all with a desire to know Jesus more deeply. This season, we'll be studying Nothing to Prove by Jennie Allen. There's no homework, so drop in anytime. More info: thirdrva.org/wednesdays-at-third or contact Erin Holbrook (echolbrook@gmail.com).

Christianity Explored: Engage the Christian Faith – Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., 500 Forest Ave.

Christianity Explored is an 8-week course designed for those who are engaging with the basics of the Christian faith and have questions they want to work through in community. Join us for coffee and dessert as we look together at the Gospel of Mark and the basic truths of who Christ is. More info: thirdrva.org/events or contact Charles Teixeira (charlest@thirdrva.org).

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. See page 18 for the classrooms for each age group.

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).

SUNDAY ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Today is the fall kickoff for all of 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 more information on the classes, see pages 17 and 18, or visit our website: thirdrva.org/sunday-discipleship.

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

THIS WEEK AT THIRD

Sunday, September 10

8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Newcomers class – Choir Room
12:15 p.m. Haiti trip report luncheon – Fellowship Hall
12:15 p.m. Care and Cards meeting – Room 207

Monday, September 11

10:00 a.m. Circle meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue
5:45 p.m. Jobs for Life – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Missions Committee meeting – Upstairs Conference Room, 500 Forest Avenue
7:00 p.m. Trustees meeting – Room 101

Tuesday, September 12

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
7:00 p.m. Officer Training – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting – Parlor

Wednesday, September 13

8:30 a.m. Community Bible Study – Various rooms, 600 Forest Avenue

Thursday, September 14

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

Friday, September 15

8:30 a.m. Europe Prayer and Care meeting at Carolyn Oakley's home, 2710 Old Point Drive, 23233, 937-6564
12:00 p.m. Day by Dayers meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue
5:00 p.m. Helweg/Gardiner wedding rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Guest mission speaker – Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Healing prayer rooms – Student ministry area
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Newcomers Class – Room 213/215

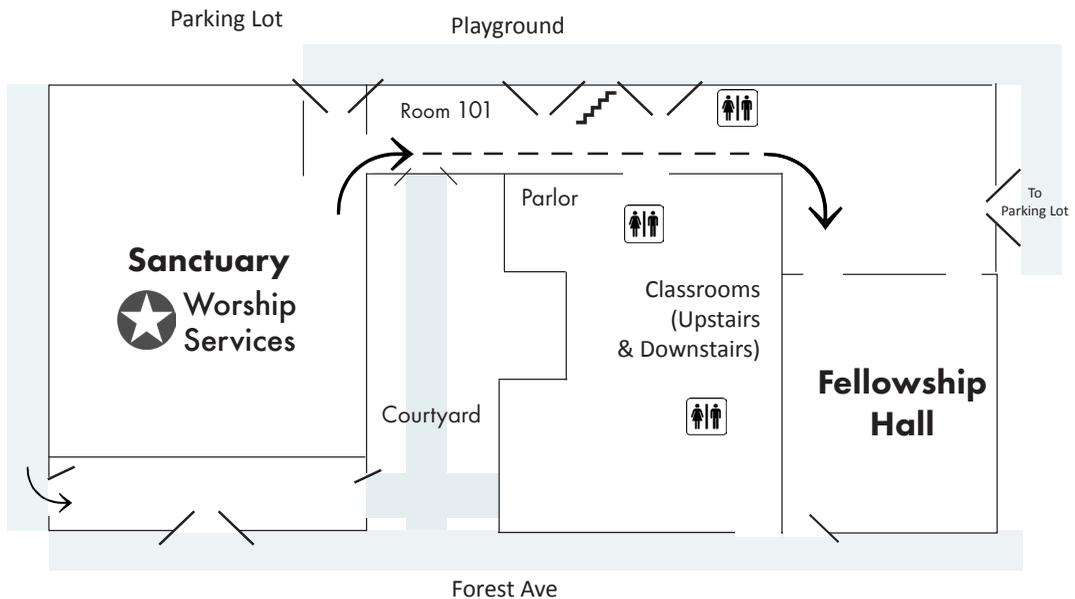
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

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

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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