

WELCOME:

The Call to Community and Mission

Sunday | September 24, 2017

THE SALT AND THE LIGHT

“What the soul is in a body,
the Christians are in the world.”

Epistle to Diognetus, late 2nd century



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

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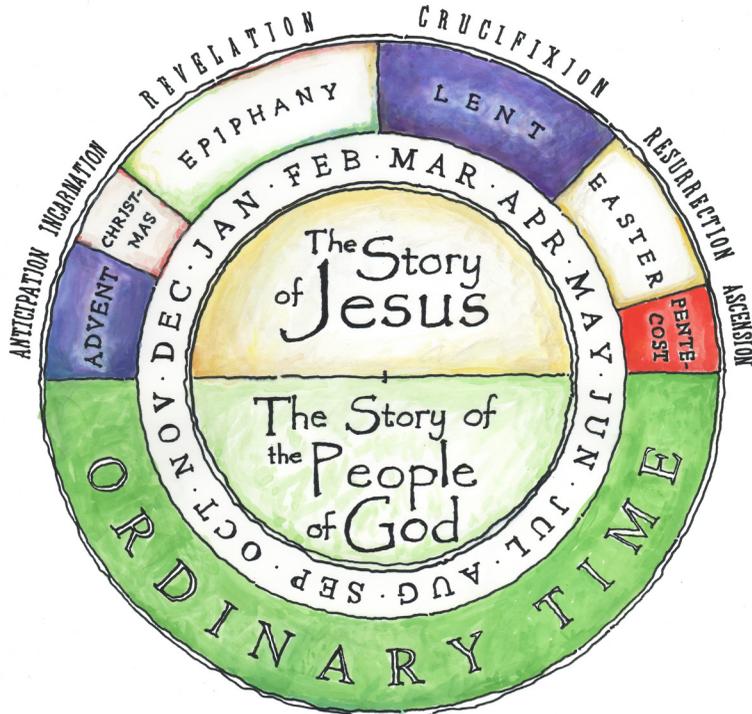
*We're glad you've chosen to worship at Third!
We look forward to meeting and getting to know you.*

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

"Medley of Praise to the Almighty"

Churchestra
(Kirkland)

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

From Psalm 46:10

Leader: Be still and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.

Everyone: Amen.

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

† **Call to Worship**

From Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

Leader: He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—
he remains faithful forever.

**People: He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.**

Leader: The Lord sets prisoners free,
the Lord gives sight to the blind;

**People: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,
the Lord loves the righteous.**

Leader: The Lord watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

**People: The Lord reigns forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

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

Prayer of Adoration

† Songs of Praise

"All Creatures of Our God and King" #356 in the Hymnal
"Justice Will Roll Down"

(See music on following pages)

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest us both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All ye who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
Sing his praises, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

JUSTICE WILL ROLL DOWN

Words and music by Sandra McCracken

Oh my love, you have grown so cold
To the world outside, to the house next door.
She who has been loved much has so much to give.
Mercy is the fragrance of the broken.

Chorus

*Justice will roll down, oh justice will roll down
From high upon those mountains
With a mighty river sound.
It will roll down, it will roll down.*

Oh my child, I will be your light
In your secret pain, in the dark of night.
No enemy, no conqueror will steal your life from me.
I am your salvation and your victory. (*chorus*)

Soon, oh soon, when the trumpet sounds,
Every knee will bend, every heart will pound.
I have made a new world where the servant is the King,
Oppression will be over and the slave set free. (*chorus*)

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CONFESSING

God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.

Prayer of Confession

Written by International Justice Mission

Leader: Merciful Father,
We have gathered today in your name, and with great freedom.
Yet we acknowledge that not all people are free. We confess our tendency to live comfortably with injustice; we confess our use of liberty for personal gain and self preservation; we confess our ignorance and apathy towards those who are vulnerable and abused.
Forgive us, Lord Jesus, and transform us into people who share your heart for justice. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort and Peace

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

People: Only Christ!

Leader: And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; the new life has begun!
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

† 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.

† Greeting of Peace

Through Christ you have peace with God and peace with one another; offer to one another a sign 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 Shelter of Love, a home in Cambodia for disadvantaged and displaced children that seeks to train them to love and serve Jesus Christ to impact their country for him.

Offertory

Video – Kumar's Story
Produced by International Justice Mission

PROCLAIMING

God speaks to us through his word.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING

We respond to God's word.

† **Song of Response**

"All the Poor and Powerless"

All the poor and powerless
And all the lost and lonely,
All the thieves will come confess
And know that you are holy,
And know that you are holy.

*And all will sing out, "Hallelujah,"
And we will cry out, "Hallelujah."*

All the hearts who are content
And all who feel unworthy,
All who weep with nothin' left
Will know that you are holy.

*Shout it!
And proclaim it from the mountains.
Go on and tell it to the masses,
That he is God.*

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Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord Jesus, we hear your call to be salt and light. Help us to heed your call!
Empower us by your Spirit that you might rebuild, restore, and renew the broken places of the earth.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, let your tender love and care surround all victims of trafficking. Come to the aid of the broken, set free the captive, and deliver all who are oppressed from their perpetrators' hands. Bless our partners like International Justice Mission who labor on the front lines of this work.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy Spirit, as we move out this week into the varied neighborhoods, industries and institutions of metro Richmond, empower us to be people of salt and light wherever we are, casting light, preserving hope, and fostering love.
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

John Robertson, Brad Bishop, Cheryl Richardson, Mike Flynn, Evi Burgin, Jonathan Shouse, Greyson Tate, Emily Oostdyk, Carole 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 healthy relationships between parents, teachers and students; for cooperation between superintendents and administrators of public and private schools throughout this metropolitan city.

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

"Your Kingdom Knows No End"

VERSE



1. Your king - dom,
2. You're right - eous

un - shak - a - ble.
and gra - cious..

Your pow - er, —
Your peace o -



un - stop - pa - ble. —
- ver - takes us. —

Your love is — so
Your joy is — con -



beau - ti - ful. —
ta - gious. —

Your king - dom knows no end.

CHORUS



(Oh) ——— Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high -



est! Oh ——— glo - ry to God, glo - ry to



God in the high - est! Your



king - dom knows no end, hal - le - lu - jah!

BRIDGE



Yours is the king - dom, yours is the pow -

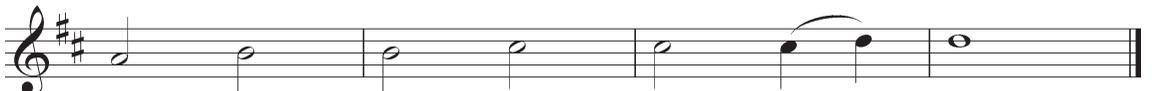


er, yours is the glo - ry, for - ev - er and

repeat as desired



ev - - er! **ENDING** Your king - dom



knows no end, hal - le - lu - jah!

† **Commission**

From Galatians 6:9

Leader: Let us not become weary in doing good,

People: For at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

† **Benediction**

Postlude
11:15 a.m. service

"The Church's One Foundation"

Churchestra
(Kirkland)

SERVICE NOTES

Today's flowers are given in honor of our mission partner Shelter of Love, a home in Cambodia for disadvantaged and displaced children that seeks to train them to love and serve Jesus Christ to impact their country for him.

Welcome to our Newcomers Class, Fall 2017



Lynn Bowling



Noel &
Stephanie Brooks



Bethany, Nate
and Wren Clarke



Drew Cleveland



Casey Compton



Kara Dunegan



Marmi & Brad
Houff



Kendall & Matt
Hrabak



Robin & Ken
Hurst



Drew Jelinek



Carolyn & Bob
McDonald



Gloria McDonald



Matt Mlot



Shaun & Dan
Mortensen



Richard &
Frannie Nance



Elizabeth &
Brennan Schmidt



Heather Ward



Julia Warren

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

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 setup and breakdown. Learn more and sign up to help at: thirdrva.org/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.

Meet with our architects – Tabling sessions on October 1 and October 8

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 on October 1 and 8 (after the 8:45 and 10 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.

Meet our new Mission Partners – Sun., Oct. 1, 12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Meet our new 2018 mission partners who serve an unreached people group in Kazakhstan. David, Sara and family will join us for a presentation about their ministry. No RSVP needed, just come after the 11:15 a.m. service for a lunch and time to hear about their call to the mission field.

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). Deadline to register is September 28.

NEWS & EVENTS

Refresh: A Bible Study for Young Women — 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

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).

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

The Meaning of the Cross

Room 213

Sept. 17, 24

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

Room 215

Sept. 10-Nov. 27

Reflections on the Reformation

Our History, Our Hope, Our Heartbreak

Room 213

Oct. 1-Nov. 27

A Study of Galatians

Room 101

Unlocking Your Family Pattern: Finding Freedom from a Hurtful Past

500 Forest Avenue, Room 109

Sept. 10-Nov. 27

Think for a Change: Wisdom from the Proverbs

Room 217

Sept. 10-Nov. 27

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.

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, September 24

8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Worship services – Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Baptism class for returning parents – Choir Room

Monday, September 25

5:45 p.m. Jobs for Life – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Asia Mission Prayer and Care group – meets at the home of Judy and
Dave Skove, 10809 N. Bank Rd., Richmond, 23238, 741-5441

Tuesday, September 26

9:00 a.m. Kingdom Knitters – Parlor
9:30 a.m. "Nehemiah: A Heart That Can Break" study group – Room 213
12:00 p.m. Christian Book group – Bonhoeffer Room, 500 Forest Avenue
6:20 p.m. Session dinner – Kitchen, 500 Forest Avenue
7:00 Session meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

Wednesday, September 27

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, September 28

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

Friday, September 29

1:00 p.m. Day by Dayers meeting – Multipurpose Room, 500 Forest Avenue

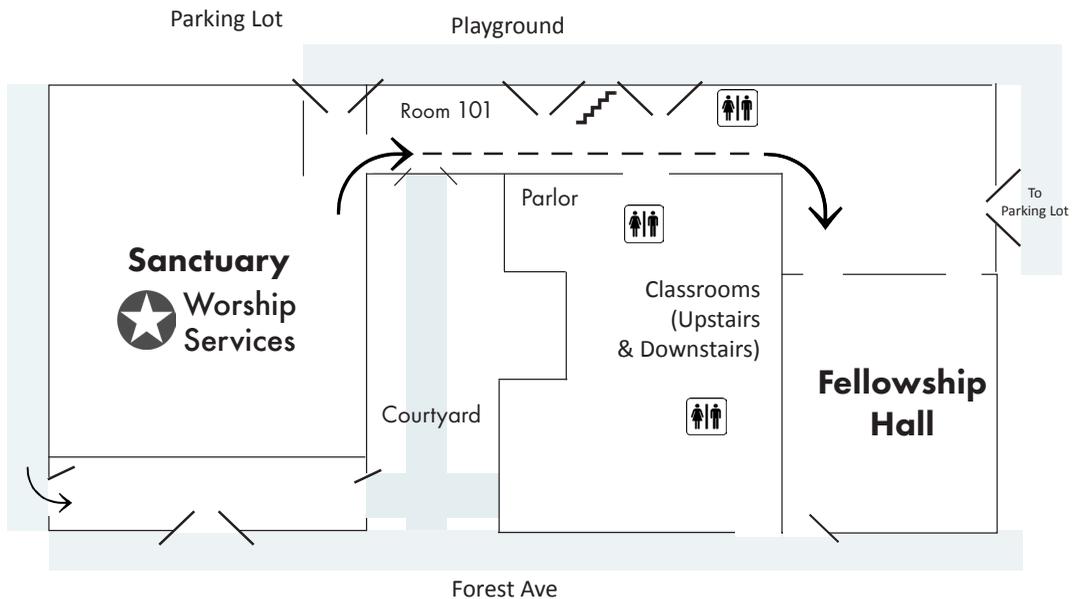
LEARN MORE ABOUT THIRD

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

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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