

Welcome!

We're glad you're here.

Stop by the Welcome Desk downstairs to learn more about Third Church, ways to connect to our community, and ask any questions that you may have.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 66:1-5, 16

- › Shout for joy to God, all the earth!
- » **Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.**
- › Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power
that your enemies cringe before you.
- » **All the earth bows down to you;
they sing praise to you,
they sing the praises of your name."**
- › Come and hear, all you who fear God;
let us proclaim what he has done for us.
- » **Come and see what God has done,
his awesome deeds for all mankind!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"

"KING OF KINGS"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- » **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT | FROM ROMANS 8:31-39

- › Who then is the one who condemns?
- » **No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.**
- › Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
- » **I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF NEW OFFICERS (11:00 SERVICE)

GREETING OF PEACE

OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- › Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » **For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.**

“IN THIS VERY ROOM” (HARRIS)

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

And in this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

And in this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | JOHN 1:35-42

SERMON | “COME & SEE” (COREY WIDMER)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

- › Christians, what do you believe?
- » **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**
- I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.**
- Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- › Lift up your hearts!
- » **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- › Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- » **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, you have made us in your image and for yourself. You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy. God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
- › You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you. You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home. God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

- › You have sent your Son to bring us home to you. By his Incarnation–
- » **You have found us.**
- › By his Death–
- » **You have forgiven us.**
- › By his Resurrection–
- » **You have freed us.**
- › God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
- › In union with Jesus Christ of Nazareth, our Great High Priest, and with all who worship you, both in heaven and on earth, we offer you our praise, singing:
- » ***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow’r and might,
Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he, blessed is he
Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

FOR OUR GUESTS

The Lord’s Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It’s one of the most important things we do when we gather together, because the bread and juice are concrete signs of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. When we come forward to receive them, we believe that Jesus is actually present through the Holy Spirit, extending his grace and forgiveness to us. We welcome anyone to the table who is willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion, we invite you to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

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

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

PRAYER OF BELIEF

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

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ, reconciled to you and to each other by his blood. By your Holy Spirit make us—
- » **One with Christ, one with each other, and one in mission to all the world,**
- › Until Christ shall come in final victory
and we feast together at his heavenly banquet. We cry,
- » **Maranatha! Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION | FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23–26

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

“COME TO THE FEAST”

“COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.**

“BE THOU MY VISION”

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17–20

- › If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!
- » **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. 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.**

POSTLUDE

The Ten O'Clock Hour

Join us between our morning services today to grab some coffee downstairs, make a friend, and explore our space. Then, next week, attend one of the classes listed below.

Letters of John: Eyewitness Testimony to the Light of the World

John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, wrote five books of the Bible. In 1 John he wrote about both recognizing false teaching and giving believers assurance of their salvation. Join us as we explore how these timeless themes apply to you in 2023.

DAVID SKOVE, DAVID CARROLL

Metamorphosis: Love Does

Join us for a lively and imaginative dive into *Love Does* by Bob Goff. What does it look like to act out our participation in Jesus' comprehensive plan for healing together in community?

MARY DAMON

Exploring James

Looking for a place to explore Scripture weekly with others? All are welcome to participate in this accessible and energetic class as it engages the joyful wisdom of James.

GREG CRAWFORD

Men's Fellowship Hour

A new year and a new space is a great opportunity to meet some new guys or reconnect with old friends from church. Join other men from Third for a time of fellowship and conversation about faith and all of life. Life is hard, but good; don't go it alone.

DREW CLEVELAND

Third Kids

Today, January 8: Childcare is available for kindergarten and younger during our services, all on the first floor. All Sunday school classes will be **starting next week, January 15, at 10:00 a.m.**

Come back next week at 10:00 a.m. for a dedicated Sunday school hour where our kids meet in age-specific classrooms to learn, sing, and read the Bible together.

CHILDCARE

8:45 AND 11:00 A.M.

During our worship services, childcare is available for children *kindergarten and younger*. Please check them in and drop them off before the service!

- Infants through 2-year-olds will be in their dedicated spaces.
- 3-year-olds through Kindergarten will be in the 3-year-olds' room.

FOLLOWING THE 8:45 SERVICE

If you are planning to attend Sunday school after the service, your child will be escorted to their assigned classroom. Please notify your teacher on the sign-in sheet that your child will be attending Sunday school!

If you are not attending Sunday school, please pick up your children as soon as the service ends.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 A.M.

All our Sunday school classes take place at 10:00 a.m. and will begin again on January 15. We can't wait to have your kids back in our rooms!

WIGGLE ROOM

There are lots of wiggle spaces around our Regency space.

At the back of the Sanctuary on either side, we will have comfortable areas to hang with an infant or if you need to step out for any other reason. You'll still be able to hear worship, but may be just out of eyesight.

If you need more privacy, we have a Family Room on the first floor in the dedicated children's area. This is a good option for nursing mothers who are looking for a quiet space to nurse.

Prayer Needs

FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Please be praying for our partners Jonathan and Mika Hicks serving in Japan. In a country where less than 2% of the population profess to be Christians, we pray that God will grant wisdom to the Hickses to share the gospel within the Japanese context as they plant churches. We pray that through the Hickses’ ministry and other believers, Japanese people would find their most authentic belonging and identity in Christ.

FOR OUR CITY

We pray to overcome in Christ’s name the heritage of racism: for the elimination of discrimination in housing, policing, education, employment, transportation, and churches in metropolitan Richmond.

FOR HEALTH

Keith Byers, Barbara Satterfield, Randee Massey, Lauren Earley, Addy Allen, Carrie Henaghan, Carolyn Oakley, Susan Drumwright, Elaine Metcalf, Joe Slay, Stan Smith, Mary Ann Hancock, Al Foster, Jerry Dearmon, Beatrice White, Evi Burgin, Linda Ludlow, Susan Higgins, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks, Christie Geraty

FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Elizabeth Conner (mother, 12/7); Betty Olson (mother, 11/14); William Muangala (grandmother); Joy Orteza (father, 10/31); Jane Fields (husband, Jim, 10/7)

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Halle Joanne Eiswerth 11/27
Lillian “Lily” Beth O’Keefe 11/14
Josephine “Josie” Beverly Wright . . 11/5
Owen Patrick Cherry 10/31
Robert Rhodes Gardiner 10/5
John Watson Henderson 9/26
Wren Carter Blackwell 9/24
Jane Crosby Kochard 9/19

DEATHS

Jim Fields 10/7
Betty Thomas 4/5
Loma Shafer 3/14
Liam Geraty 2/24
Taylor Frazier 2/13
Garry Buttner 2/3
Jinny Bartlett 1/8

News & Events

STUDENT MINISTRY WINTER RETREAT

February 17–19, Camp Willow Run

Join our students (7th grade and up) for our annual winter retreat. Fellowship, fun, food, and surprises!



MEET OUR MISSION PARTNER: URBAN HOPE

12:15 p.m., Room 206

Urban Hope is an affordable housing non-profit focused on the East End of Richmond that uses private funds in an innovative impact-investing model. Come learn more at lunch! No RSVP needed.

BARNABAS TRAINING BASIC

Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Our friends at the Barnabas Center host this seminar that equips you to go deeper in conversations and better care for friends facing difficult times in life and faith. Register today!



For more information and to register for these events, scan the QR codes above or visit thirdrva.org/events to see all upcoming events.

Notes



