

# WELCOME!

## WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

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### PRELUDE | "MY HOPE IS BUILT" (RAYMOND HAAN)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

- › You hold the heavens in your hand; all stars rejoice in your glory.  
You come in the sunrise and the song of the morning and bless the  
splendor of the noonday.
- » **We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.**
- › The stars in their courses magnify you; day and night tell of your glory.  
Your peace blows over the earth, and the breath of your mouth fills all space.
- » **We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.**
- › Your voice comes in the thunder of the storm; the song of the wind whispers  
of your majesty. You satisfy all things living with your abundance, and our  
hearts bow at your presence.
- » **We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.**
- » **Sing together:**  
*Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!*

#### FROM PSALM 147:1,5,7

- › Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God,  
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!
- » **Great is our Lord and mighty in power.  
Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving!**

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"ALMIGHTY GOD"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- » **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

- » **Sing together:**  
*To you all hearts are open, Almighty God.*  
*Hallelujah, hallelujah. Hallelujah!*

## WORDS OF COMFORT

- › May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from your hearts and minds,  
forgive you your sins, grant you the joy of his kingdom,  
and raise you to new and everlasting life.
- » **Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | CLARA PATRICK (8:45 SERVICE)

Clara Garland Patrick is the daughter of Caroline and Ian Patrick (Three Chopt parish). Parker Garrett is representing the Session as the Elder holding the font. Dana Moore is the prayer sponsor.

## OFFICER ORDINATION (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.**

OFFERTORY (8:45) | "THE MAJESTY AND GLORY OF YOUR NAME" (FETTKE)

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers,  
The moon and stars suspended in space,  
Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?  
You have given man a crown of glory and honor,  
And have made him a little lower than the angels.  
You have put him in charge of all creation:  
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.  
But what is man? Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?

○ Lord our God, the majesty and glory of your name  
Transcend the earth and fill the heavens.  
○ Lord our God, little children praise you perfectly,  
And so would we, and so would we.

Alleluia! Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name.  
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Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERTORY (11:00) | "THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT"

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | EPHESIANS 4:22–5:2

SERMON | "NEW LIFE, NEW COMMUNITY" (COREY WIDMER)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Respond after each prayer:

- › Lord, in your mercy,
- » **Hear our 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.**

"WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE"

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | EPHESIANS 2:8–10

- › For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.
- » **For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

POSTLUDE | "FESTIVE TRUMPET TUNE" (DAVID GERMAN)

# PRAYER NEEDS

## FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Please be praying for our partners Jonathan and Mika Hicks who serve in Japan, a country where less than 2% of the population professes to be Christians. Pray that God will grant wisdom to the Hickses to share the gospel as they plant churches. Also pray that through the Hickses' ministry and other believers, Japanese people would find their most authentic belonging and identity in Christ.

## FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying 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

Evi Burgin, Don Floyd, Dabney Harvey, Linda Ludlow, Evelyn Jennings, Susan Higgins, Bette Phillips, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks, Beatrice White, Jinny Bartlett, Heather Moret, Liz Slate, Tom Morgan, Carolyn Oakley, Christie Geraty

## FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Karen Perry (father, 11/23); Barbara Romanello (brother, 11/6); Melissa Lincoln (husband, Abe 11/12); Mary Cox (husband, Gene 11/9); Rene Shouse (brother, 11/7); Agnes Smith (sister, 10/1); Jeff Price (wife, Gloria 9/24); Christi Hancock (mother, Jackie Cozens 9/21); Roseanne Adams and Melissa Yacher (mother and grandmother, Ruth Anne Blakely 9/18); Betty Wingo (9/17); Carl Cunningham (father, 9/16); Fitch and Rivers families (son, brother, and grandson, John 9/14)

## BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

McKenna Ballard . . . . . 12/7  
Elliot Pendleton "Penn" Cave, Jr 10/27  
Holland Joy Henry. . . . . 10/10  
Levi Elliot Sawyer. . . . . 8/24  
Samuel Sainz Bond . . . . . 8/15  
Clara Garland Patrick . . . . . 7/23  
Emery Ann Anthony . . . . . 7/8  
Sophie Moon Babcock . . . . . 7/8

## DEATHS

Abe Lincoln. . . . . 11/12  
Gene Cox. . . . . 11/9  
Gloria Price . . . . . 9/24  
Jackie Cozens . . . . . 9/21  
Ruth Anne Blakely . . . . . 9/18  
Betty Wingo. . . . . 9/17  
John Fitch . . . . . 9/14

# NEWS & EVENTS

## TODAY! NEW YEAR BRUNCH

Join us around the fire pits in the parking lot this morning between 10:00 and 11:00 for coffee, snacks, and a chance to catch up with your church community.



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## FEBRUARY TERM: "LIFE TOGETHER"

*Sundays at 10:00 a.m., January 16 – February 20*

Join this all-church class happening on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall as we explore Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book *Life Together*. It's a key moment to focus on the importance of Christian community for the life of discipleship.



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## SERVE REFUGEES AT FORT PICKETT

*Thursday, January 13, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.*

A small group is traveling to spend the day at Fort Pickett to connect with Afghan refugees there. If you'd like to join us, please register by tomorrow, January 10.



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## NEWCOMERS CLASS: NEXT CLASS BEGINS SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

Interested in learning more about Third, or considering joining as a Covenant Partner? Come to our Newcomers Class and learn more about being a part of our community and what we believe!



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## BARNABAS TRAINING BASIC

*February 12, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

Learn how to better encourage friends facing difficult times in life and faith through this interactive and informative workshop from the Barnabas Center.



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

# NOTES





