

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

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY"

"PSALM 131"

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

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.**

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.**

"I MUST TELL JESUS (WITH BLESSED ASSURANCE)" (MCDONALD)

I must tell Jesus all of my trials;
I cannot bear these burdens alone.
In my distress he kindly will help me;
He ever loves and cares for his own.

I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!
I cannot bear my burdens alone.
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!
Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
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I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!
I cannot bear my burdens alone.
In my distress he kindly will help me;
He ever loves and he cares for his own.

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This is my song!

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | JOHN 1:40-51

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

» **Sing after each prayer:**

You hear us call, you hear us call, Abba Father.

You hear us call, you hear us call, Abba Father.

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy.

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.**

"IN CHRIST ALONE"

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | 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 or tea downstairs, make a friend, and 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 | CLASSROOM B

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 | CLASSROOM G

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 | CLASSROOM H

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 | CLASSROOM I

Third Kids

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. We're excited to welcome your kids back to their rooms!

- Infants through fourth grade: check your child in on the first floor and walk them to their room.
- Grades 5–6: meet in the Club 56 room on the first floor.
- Grades 7–12: meet in the main Student Ministry room on the second floor.

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 mission partner Urban Hope, a faith-based affordable housing nonprofit that is focused on the East End of Richmond. Pray for them in their work to help clients gain financial management skills; provide safe, quality, affordable housing; and walk alongside clients looking to begin a pathway to homeownership.

FOR OUR CITY

We pray to overcome in Christ’s name the heritage of racism: to experience the healing power of Jesus’ resurrection over all personal and institutional results of racism and racial inequality in this metropolitan city.

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

Leah Hochstetler (grandfather, 12/28); Gina Maio (grandmother, 12/31); 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! Register online.



MEET OUR MISSION PARTNER: URBAN HOPE

Next Sunday, January 22, 12:15 p.m., Main Gathering Space (First Floor)

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.

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