

Welcome!

We're glad you're here.

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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 66:1-2, 4

- › Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.
- » **All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"

"JESUS, YOUR MERCY"

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 ASSURANCE

- › 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.**

OFFERTORY | "GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD" (STAINER)

God so loved the world, God so loved the world
That he gave his only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth, believeth in him should not perish,
Should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;
But that the world through him might be saved.

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DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | JOHN 2:12-25

SERMON | "COME & SEE: THE TRUE TEMPLE" (COREY WIDMER)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We respond together:

- › 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.**

"THE EARTH SHALL KNOW"

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | FROM EPHESIANS 2:19-22

- › You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.
- » **In Jesus Christ, we are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit!**

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

Each Sunday we offer childcare during the services for infants through kindergarten; older kids worship with their parents. Then at 10:00 a.m. we have 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.

- 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 areas around our Regency space. At the back of the Sanctuary there are 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 International Cooperating Ministries (ICM). We celebrate that Third has completed 31 projects with ICM in 9 countries. Pray for them as they seek to provide indigenous people with healthy churches within walking distance of their homes, and to partner with indigenous ministries to equip local churches with a permanent church building and practical discipleship tools for oral learners.

FOR OUR CITY

We pray to overcome in Christ’s name the heritage of racism: to proclaim in word and deed the establishment of a beloved community in metropolitan Richmond.

FOR HEALTH

Drew Cleveland, Elizabeth Conner, Diane Atkinson, Ross Little, Beth Marriott, Holly Kinard, Donna Davis, Kathryn Keller, Keith Byers, Barbara Satterfield, Lauren Earley, Addy Allen, Susan Drumwright, Elaine Metcalf, Stan Smith, Mary Ann Hancock, Al Foster, Jerry Dearmon, Evi Burgin, Susan Higgins, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks

FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Elizabeth Massie (husband Jimmie, 1/25); Kevin Geraty (wife, Christie 1/21); Leslie Brewer (mother, 1/5); Missy DeRegibus (father, 1/3); Leah Hochstetler (grandfather, 12/28); Gina Maio (grandmother, 12/31); Elizabeth Conner (mother, 12/7); Betty Olson (mother, 11/14)

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

Jimmie Massie 1/25
Christie Geraty 1/21
Doug Kinney 1/15
Jim Fields 10/7
Betty Thomas 4/5
Loma Shafer 3/14
Liam Geraty 2/24
Taylor Frazier 2/13
Garry Buttner 2/3

News & Events

TODAY! TOWN HALL MEETING

12:15 p.m., Sanctuary

Join us for this meeting directly following our 11:00 a.m. service as we share budget and staffing and personnel updates. No livestream available, but it will be recorded and available for viewing later this week.

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!



ENGLISH CONVERSATION PARTNERS NEEDED!

Conversation partners needed for immigrant and refugee adults learning English—either on Wednesday evenings during tutoring or at another time convenient for you. No experience necessary. Email tutoring@thirdrva.org to learn more.

INTERESTED IN LEADING AN ALPHA COURSE?

We're organizing folks interested in leading an Alpha course. If you have a heart for those exploring the Christian faith, email Drew Cleveland to join a lunch on Sunday, February 12: drewc@thirdrva.org.

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

Budget Update

A LOOK AT 2023

For 2023, Session has set our expense budget at \$3,895,206.32. This is higher than last year's budget, but lower than our actual revenue for 2022. This budget is ambitious and an exercise in faith, as we entrust this church and all our needs to the Father. To hear more details on this budget, and the specifics of our projections, please join us today after the 11:00 o'clock service for the Town Hall meeting.

FAITH COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 12, 2023.

Making annual financial commitments is greatly helpful for us as we wisely steward our resources, but it is also an important spiritual practice for each of us personally as we trust God's provision in our lives. We will be mailing out Faith Commitment cards this week which we invite you to bring to the service on the 12th, ready to commit yourself and your resources to God's work in and through our church. Online commitments can also be made at thirdrva.org/give.

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