

# 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

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

- » ***You are the Lord, the famous One, famous One;  
Great is your name in all the earth.  
The heavens declare you're glorious, glorious;  
Great is your fame beyond the earth.***

*From Psalm 95:3–5*

- › For the LORD is the great God,  
the great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth,  
and the mountain peaks belong to him.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.

» **(Sing refrain)**

*From Isaiah 45:8*

- › You heavens above, rain down my righteousness;  
let the clouds shower it down.  
Let the earth open wide,  
let salvation spring up,  
let righteousness flourish with it;  
I, the LORD, have created it.

» **(Sing refrain)**

*From Colossians 1:15–17*

- › The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.  
» **For in him all things were created:**  
› Things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.  
» **He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**  
» **(Sing refrain twice)**

## “THE EVERLASTING”

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

» **Jesus Lord, in your mercy,  
by your holy life that heals us,  
by your holy death that saves us,  
by your Holy Spirit with us,  
come to cleanse these sinners that we are.  
Set us free to obey you;  
make us clear to stand before you;  
then, for your mercy, we will praise you.  
Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

#### WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE | FROM LAMENTATIONS 3:22–24

- › But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
- » **The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!**
- › Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
- » **Thanks be to God!**

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | CLAIRE STEELE (8:45 SERVICE)

Claire Elizabeth Steele is the daughter of Preston and Ashley Steele. Andy Burgess is representing the Session as the elder holding the font. Ashley Hall is the prayer sponsor.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | VICTORIA AND NOAH MUANGALA (11:00 SERVICE)

Victoria Kathryn Muangala and Noah Bocchiotti Muangala are the children of William and Rosalie Muangala. Buck Rosenberger is representing the Session as the elder holding the font. Kyle and Emily Sherman are the prayer sponsors.

- » **Sing together:**  
*The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face shine upon you,  
And give you peace, and give you peace,  
And give you peace forever!*

Please pray for these parents as they seek to raise their children in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

### 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 | “BE NOT AFRAID” (COURTNEY)

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you;  
Be not afraid: I have called you by name.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.  
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o’er you.  
When you walk through the fire you will not be consumed.  
You are mine; you are precious in My sight.

My love for you is everlasting;  
My love for you shall have no end.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.  
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o’er you.  
When you walk through the fire you will not be consumed.  
You are mine; you are precious in My sight.  
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DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | JOHN 4:4–30; 39–42

SERMON | “COME & SEE: THE LIVING WATER” (COREY WIDMER)

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.**

“TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE CONSECRATED”

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | ROMANS 5:1-2, 5

- › Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.
- » **And hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to 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.

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## **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**

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## **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**

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## **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**

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## **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**

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# 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 Tim Cole at Strategies To Elevate People (STEP). STEP exists to connect the poor and the marginalized in the inner city with the people and resources of the church. Through practical, relational programming in the areas of employment, education and evangelism, they hope to break the bonds of physical and spiritual poverty.

## FOR OUR CITY

We pray for the coming of God’s realm in metropolitan Richmond: for healthy economic development, which enhances the metropolitan community, employs the unemployed, and contributes to the common good.

## FOR HEALTH

Geof Stiff, Amber Anthony, 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

Bob McCray and Caroline Hutton (wife and mother, Billie, 2/2); 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

Elizabeth Sophia Nix . . . . . 2/4  
Owen Immanuel Porter . . . . . 1/27  
Halle Joanne Eiswerth . . . . . 11/27  
Lillian “Lily” Beth O’Keefe . . . . . 11/14  
Josephine “Josie” Beverly Wright . . 11/5

## DEATHS

Billie McCray . . . . . 2/2  
Dorothy Jones . . . . . 1/30  
Jimmie Massie . . . . . 1/25  
Christie Geraty . . . . . 1/21  
Doug Kinney . . . . . 1/15

# News & Events

## MAKE AN OFFICER NOMINATION TODAY

Our nominations are now open for the roles of deacon, parish elder, governing elder, and trustee. Read about the roles and nominate a covenant partner today.

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## CHURCH-WIDE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*Sunday, February 19, 10:00 a.m.*

We're taking a break from our Sunday school classes to have a big breakfast together! All ages are invited to gather in our first floor space for pancakes in advance of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. All Sunday school programming will be cancelled for the day.

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## MEET OUR MISSION PARTNER: KAREN CARR, BARNABAS INTERNATIONAL

*Sunday, February 19, 12:15 p.m., First Floor Gathering Space*

Karen serves in many different countries and across many cultures to provide pastoral care and training for God's global servants. Learn more about Karen online or at this lunch. No RSVP needed!



## TODAY IS FAITH COMMITMENT SUNDAY

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.

Together we will bring our faith commitments forward, ready to commit ourselves and our resources to God's work in and through our church. Commitment cards can be found at the Welcome Center and online commitments can be made at [thirdrva.org/give](http://thirdrva.org/give).

# Notes