

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 | PSALM 96:1-2

- › Sing to the LORD a new song;
- » **Sing to the LORD, all the earth.**
- › Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
- » **Proclaim his salvation day after day.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"ALL WHO HUNGER, GATHER GLADLY"

"KING OF KINGS"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | PSALM 51:1-2

- » **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND 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 | "HE IS AMONG US"

"DOXOLOGY"

SCRIPTURE READING | JOHN 6:25-35

SERMON | "COME AND SEE: THE BREAD OF LIFE" (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.***

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.”

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.

"JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE"

"LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER" (ROUSE)

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

○ Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink the cup together on our knees.

Let us drink the cup together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

○ Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

○ Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us break bread together; let us drink the cup together;

Let us praise God together on our knees.

○ Lord, have mercy on me.

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.**

"WE ARE PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY"

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM ISAIAH 55:1-2

- › Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;
- » **And you who have no money, come, buy and eat!**
- › Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.
- » **Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?**
- › Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
- » **And we will delight in the richest of food.**

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.

How to Pray: Learning to Live Your Life with God

Led by a variety of teachers

Prayer is not just about our words; it's about living a life of communion with God. Hearing and responding to God's voice define the Christian life. So why is it so hard to pray? And why do we often avoid it? Using Pete Grieg's book *How to Pray* as a guide, come learn about prayer as a way of life. Together, we'll practice living in closer communion with the triune God.

CLASSROOM H (UPPER LEFT, NEXT TO SANCTUARY)

Letters of John 1–3

Led by Dave Skove and David Carroll

John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, wrote 5 books of the Bible. In his letter called 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!

CLASSROOM B

Six Impacts of Faith on Your Work

Led by Roxanne Crosby and Jeremy Woltz, mission partners with Needle's Eye Ministries

Do you ever wonder how your faith impacts your work life or vice versa? Join us as we explore the realities of our faith in the workplace and get practical tools and encouragement for how to move more deeply into your God-given purpose, identity, influence and mission at work.

CLASSROOM G

Men's Fellowship Hour

Led by the men of Third Church

Join other men from Third as we enjoy each other's good company and share our questions, struggles and earned wisdom on how to be faithful, ambitious, humble, strong, vulnerable friends and followers of the way of Jesus.

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 Lauren Moore serving in the Basque region of France. Lauren is a church planter who has a deep theological understanding of Roman Catholicism, the primary faith tradition in this area of France. Pray for her as she seeks to train other missionaries to bring the message of salvation to the French people.

FOR OUR CITY

We pray for the coming of God’s realm in metropolitan Richmond: for the enhancement of our common life through the Holy Spirit, and for the resurrection of metropolitan Richmond as a modern metropolitan city of hope for the world.

FOR HEALTH

Michael Collins, Ann Kooiman, Geof Stiff, Amber Anthony, Drew Cleveland, Elizabeth Conner, Ross Little, 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, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks

FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Carol Broaddus (daughter, 2/27); Harrison Higgins (mother, Susan, 2/25); Boyd Clarke (sister, 2/14); 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)

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

Velo Christian 2/20
Billie McCray 2/2
Dorothy Jones 1/30
Jimmie Massie 1/25
Christie Geraty 1/21
Doug Kinney 1/15

News & Events

REGENCY PRAYER WALKS IN LENT

Thursdays: 5:30–6:30 p.m., March 9, 23

Saturdays: 9:00–10:00 a.m., March 18, April 1

Start a new habit of prayer in Lent by joining our prayer walks at Regency. All are invited!

PARENT AND CHILD COMMUNION CLASS

Sunday, March 26, 10:00 a.m., Room TBD

Is your child ready to take communion? Bring them to this class taught by one of our pastors to explore what it means to participate in this sacrament. Please RSVP by emailing Blair: blairb@thirdrva.org.

WELCOME COFFEE

Sunday, March 19, 10:00 a.m., Parlor, 2nd Floor

If you're new to Third, come to this casual gathering to learn more about our community, what we believe, and how to get connected!

WOMEN'S SPRING POTLUCK

Tuesday, March 28, 6:30 p.m., Regency Gathering Space

Gather with the women of Third for a potluck! Bring a dish to share and a donation to Young Lives. RSVP online.



MEET OUR MISSION PARTNER: RAY HEINEN, SAT-7

Sunday, March 19, 12:15 p.m., Classroom G

SAT-7 is a family of five Christian satellites in the Middle East and North Africa, broadcasting God's love in three languages: Arabic, Farsi and Turkish. Learn more about this unique ministry at this free lunch!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

June 19–22, 9 a.m. – Noon; June 23, 9–11 a.m.

Join us for a BIG week of fun learning about the BIG God Story. Register today, ages 3 through rising 5th grade! Volunteers needed.



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



