

# 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 115

- › Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
- » **For the sake of your steadfast love and mercy!**
- › The idols of the people are silver and gold, the work of human hands.  
They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.  
They have ears, but do not hear; feet, but do not walk.
- » **Those who make them become like them;  
so do all who trust in them.**
- › But we trust in the LORD; he is our help and our shield!
- » **We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.  
Praise the LORD!**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

"PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"

"GREAT ARE YOU, LORD"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- » **Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:  
cleanse us from all our offenses,  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,  
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,  
and finding in you our refuge and strength,  
through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## “WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS” (OLDHAM)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing.  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity, I'll sing on.

## WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE

- › When we were sinking down, trapped in our sin,  
Christ laid aside his crown for our souls.  
Church family, in Christ your sins are forgiven.

» **Thanks be to God!**

## 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.**

## INTERVIEW WITH MISSION PARTNER RAY HEINEN (SAT-7)

## “DOXOLOGY”

SCRIPTURE READING | JOHN 11:17–28, 32–44

SERMON | “COME AND SEE: THE LORD OF LIFE” (COREY WIDMER)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.**

“HE WILL HOLD ME FAST”

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23–24

- › May God himself,  
the God who makes everything holy and whole,  
make you holy and whole.  
May he put you together—spirit, mind, and body—  
and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ.
- » **The One who calls us is faithful, and he will do it.**

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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## **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 (FRONT LEFT OF THE SANCTUARY)**

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## **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 I 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**

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## **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**

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## **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**

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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 Haiti Outreach Ministries. Please keep the students, the girls at the orphanage and the HOM staff in your prayers. Pray for peace in Haiti amidst political unrest, gang violence and significant poverty.

## FOR OUR CITY

We pray for health care in metropolitan Richmond: for emergency response personnel and all emergency room staff; for hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice programs; and for persons diagnosed with terminal illness.

## FOR HEALTH

Bev Newell, Elizabeth Flanary, Bill Payne, Don Floyd, 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

Kaye Phillips (sister, 3/6); Missy DeRegibus (mother, 2/26, father, 1/3); 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)

## 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

## **TODAY! WELCOME COFFEE**

*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!

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## **TODAY! MEET OUR MISSION PARTNER: RAY HEINEN, SAT-7**

*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!

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## **REGENCY PRAYER WALKS IN LENT**

*Thursday, March 23, 5:30–6:30 p.m.*

*Saturday, April 1, 9:00–10:00 a.m.*

Take part in the habit of Lenten prayer by joining our prayer walks at Regency. All are invited!

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## **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](mailto:blairb@thirdrva.org).

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **DONATE EASTER LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY**

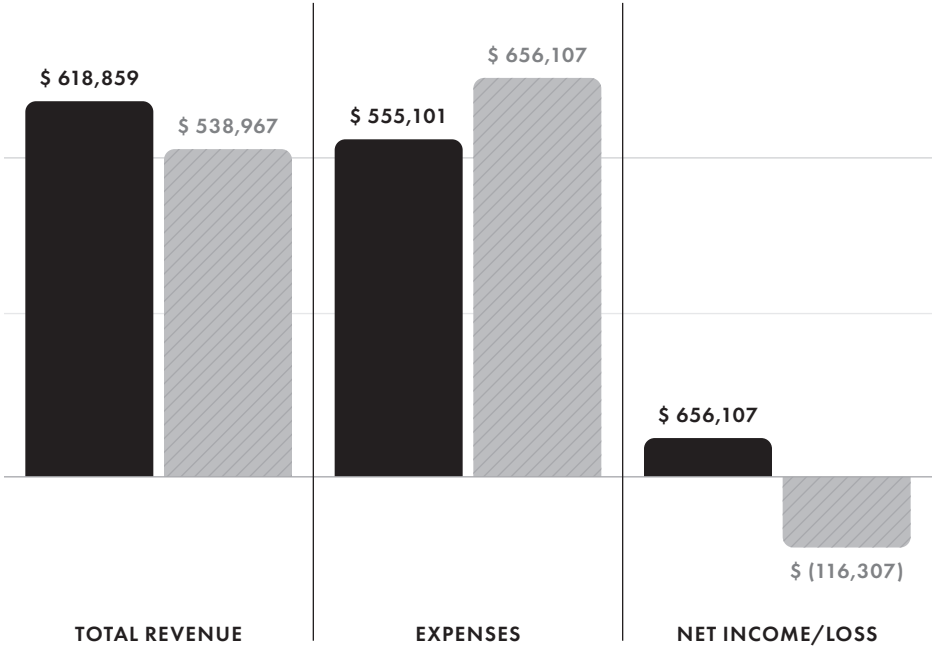
Donate a lily to help decorate our Sanctuary for Easter! Lilies can be taken home after Easter services. Contact Rebecca Hatton to donate (\$15) and please signify if it is in honor or memory of a loved one: [rebeccah@thirdrva.org](mailto:rebeccah@thirdrva.org).

# Budget Update

We will regularly share in our bulletin a look at our year-to-date budget and giving. We strive to be transparent with you, our congregation, in our finances and want to keep you fully informed on how the year is going.

## THIRD CHURCH 2023 FINANCIALS (YEAR-TO-DATE)

● ACTUAL ● BUDGET



Just a reminder that our budget this year is an **expense budget**, and it is higher than the amount of total giving that came in last year. Therefore, we are trusting God and encourage you to continue to give generously and sacrificially!