

# 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 ROMANS 11:33-36

- › Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
- » **How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!**
- › Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?  
Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?
- » **For from him and through him and for him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever! Amen.**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

"ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING"

"BY THY MERCY"

## 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 | FROM ROMANS 8:1-2, 11**

› There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin and death. And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit, who lives in us.

» **Thanks be to God!**

**COMMISSIONING THE MISSIONS TEAM TO EGYPT (11:00 SERVICE)**

**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.**

**"GIVE ME JESUS" (COURTNEY)**

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

And when I am alone, and when I am alone,

And when I am alone, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry,

Dark midnight was my cry: give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

And when I come to die, and when I come to die,

Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

**"DOXOLOGY"**

SCRIPTURE READING | JOHN 12:20–33

SERMON | “COME AND SEE: THE SEED THAT FALLS” (COREY WIDMER)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Respond in song together:

- » *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.*
  
- » **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 BLESSING | FROM MATTHEW 16:24–25

- › Then Jesus said to his disciples:  
“Whoever wants to be my disciple  
must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”
  
- » **For whoever wants to save their life will lose it,  
but whoever loses their life for Jesus will find 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 Margie Satterfield and the Center for Christian Counseling as they pursue transformation in the lives of individuals, couples, families and congregations providing therapy using Scriptures combined with sound mental health practices.

## FOR OUR CITY

We pray for health care in metropolitan Richmond: for clinics, medical personnel, and all institutions that serve persons who are uninsured or underinsured. For a national health care system that promotes and encourages health, wellness, and well being for all people.

## FOR HEALTH

William Higgins, 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

Scott Armistead (mother, 3/15); 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

Asher Layne Headley . . . . . 2/19  
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

*Saturday, April 1, 9:00–10:00 a.m.*

Join our final Lenten prayer walk around Regency. All are invited!

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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).

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## CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

*Thursdays, April 20 – May 25, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Regency*

Connect with other caregivers, share stories, and gain tools to cope with the emotional, spiritual and physical toll that caring for loved ones often has. All are welcome. RSVP online.

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

# Join us during Holy Week

Join us to experience Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, through his judgment, suffering and crucifixion, and ultimately to his triumph over the grave.

## **PALM SUNDAY**

**A SERVICE OF PALMS AND PASSION**

*Sunday, April 2, 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.*

Together, we'll wave palms in the opening of our service and responsively read through the entire Passion of Jesus from his entry into Jerusalem to his grave. This special service is a new way we're approaching Palm Sunday, and will help set the tone for us to enter into Holy Week as a community.

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**A COMMUNION SERVICE IN THE ROUND**

*Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary*

We will be rearranging our Sanctuary space to set this service in the round with the communion table at the center. The service will feature multiple opportunities to sing together. Come share in the gifts of God for the people of God.

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

**ART INSTALLATION AND PRAYER**

*Friday, April 7, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.*

The first floor of our Regency space will be open, with an installation of artist Scott Erickson's "Seven Last Sayings" of Jesus on the cross. Come and contemplate Jesus' crucifixion and receive prayer.

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

*Services at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary*

All of our faith and all of our hope rests on this: the Resurrection. Join us in the celebration on Easter Sunday, for the Lamb has conquered death, triumphed over evil, and reigns in victory! This is the good news and we are invited in to this joy together. *We will not have any Sunday school classes on Easter Sunday, but childcare will be available for children kindergarten and younger during our services.*