

Welcome!

We're glad you're here.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 113

- › Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, you his servants; praise the name of the LORD.
- » **Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.**
- › From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised. The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.
- » **Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?**
- › He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people.
- » **Praise the LORD!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE"

"GREAT ARE YOU, LORD"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- » **Merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT

- > 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



Let us know you're here today and how we can pray for you!

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 | "COME, ALL WHO ARE WEARY, COME"

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | 1 JOHN 1:5-2:2

SERMON | "WALKING IN GOD'S LIGHT" (KEVIN GERMER)

Our lead pastor Corey Widmer is currently on sabbatical. Please pray for him and his family as they experience rest and refreshment. We look forward to Corey's return in August.

“JESUS, I COME”

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.**

“BE THOU MY VISION”

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM EPHESIANS 5:8-16

- › You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
- » **Let us live as children of light for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.**
- › Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise.
- » **Let us make the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.**

POSTLUDE

The Ten O'Clock Hour

Get some coffee downstairs between services and introduce yourself to someone new today! You can also check out one of the following classes:

People of the Word: Exodus

Led by Kyle Frayser, Gary VanBrocklin, Paul White, Dave Beckmann, and others

Join us for a deep study of the book of Exodus and the story of a holy God's pursuit, deliverance and establishment of his chosen people.

CLASSROOM B

Discover the Bible: Galatians

Led by Becky Bowers and Rick Hutton

This class explores the letter of Galatians and the freedom we have in Christ. This is an open and casual group discussion-based class for all ages.

CLASSROOM C/D

Prayer Room

Our prayer room is open to all those who need a place to pray or desire to join with others to pray for each other, the life and mission of the church, and our world.

CLASSROOM F

Households of Faith: Parenting

Led by Jera Nelson Cunningham

Using aspects of the Enneagram and Attachment Theory in conjunction with faith and Scripture, this class explores how the gospel influences the way we relate to our kids.

CLASSROOM G

How to Live Out Your Faith: Stories of Belief in Action

Led by Wael Melek and others

Through discussions of real-life examples and stories of service, this class examines how our faith translates into an active power for good in our lives and the world.

CLASSROOM H

Metamorphosis: Try Softer

Led by Mary Damon and Tom Ebel

Join this safe community of curious souls for an exploration of a fresh approach for living a joyous, connected life, centered on Aundi Kolber's *Try Softer*.

CLASSROOM I (DOWNSTAIRS)

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*.

Infants, Toddlers, and Little Lambs are in their dedicated classrooms.

Little Lions—Kindergarten are meeting in the Little Lions classroom.

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.
- Grades 5–6: meet in the Club 56 room on the first floor.
- Grades 7–12: meet in the Student Ministry Lounge (Room E) on the second floor.

FAMILY ROOM

Looking for a private and quiet space to nurse your infant? Check out the Family Room on the first floor. Families with strollers can use the elevator by the Prayer Room, in the back corner of our space.

Prayer Needs

FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Please be praying for SAT-7, a ministry of five satellite TV channels that broadcast Christian satellite television to 25 countries in three languages. It is free of charge, free to air, easy to access, and safe for viewers to watch in remote areas and restricted countries. This ministry has been extremely effective in bringing Middle Easterners and North Africans to faith in Christ.

FOR OUR CITY

We pray for the churches and religious institutions of metropolitan Richmond: for all religious communities, abbeys, orders, brotherhoods, sisterhoods, religious societies, and para-church organizations.

FOR HEALTH

Emily Oostdyk, Nan Clarke, Missy DeRegibus, Mary Hale, Betty Schwarten, Vickie O'Dell, Margaret Leith, Greg Ellen, Jean Sommerville, Susan Barr, Juan Ledon, Patrick Wallace, Bill Payne, Elaine Metcalf, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks

FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Becca Payne (grandmother, 4/9); Margarete Jeffer (father, 4/3); Peyton Jenkins (father, 3/29); Brent Ballard (father, 3/27); Randy Harrison (mother, 2/21); Holly Smith (father, 2/13); Barbara Romanello (husband, 2/8); Jesse Kell (father, 1/4); Glenn Davis (mother, 1/4)

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Kate Eleanor Hartson 3/18
Caleb Daniel Olson. 3/5
Thomas Jennings Hiltz 3/2
Peter Scott Copeland. 2/27
Charles Hunter Brady Williams . . . 2/16

DEATHS

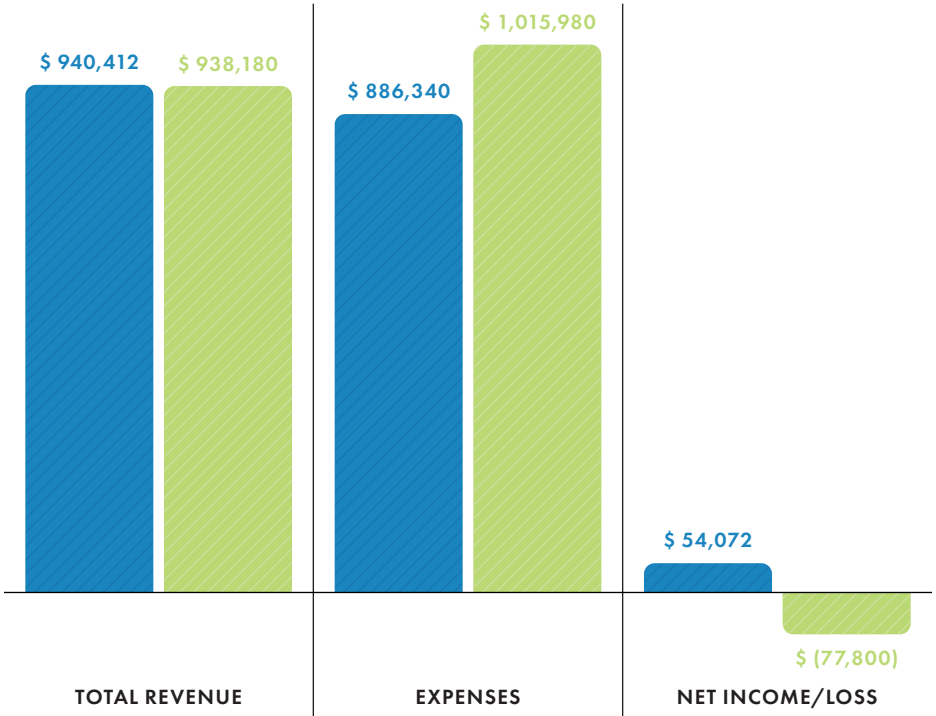
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Budget Update

We 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 2024 FINANCIALS (YEAR-TO-DATE)

● ACTUAL ● BUDGET



News & Events

LAST CALL! MEN'S MINISTRY SPRING COOKOUT

Thursday, April 18, 6:00–8:30 p.m., Community West Pavilion

Join the men of Third for burgers, brats and some outdoor fun. Sign up online.



LAST CALL! MARRIAGE WORKSHOP WITH MIRIAM BOTT

Saturday, April 20, 9:30 a.m. – Noon, Regency

Join counselor Miriam Bott for a marriage workshop where we'll look at small, tangible ways to cultivate weekly connection that will make a big impact on your relationship. More info and registration online.



LAST CALL! CHARITY PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Sunday, April 21, 12:30 p.m., Performance Pickleball

Play for a good cause! We're raising money for El Sharabia (our sister church in Cairo) and their church renovation project. Sign up as a pair, or we will pair you up with a partner.



STUDENT MINISTRY DESSERT AUCTION

Sunday, April 28, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Downstairs at Regency

The most delicious Sunday of the year! Come out to bid on the amazing desserts made by our church family and raise funds for our student mission trip to Mexico. Sign up to bring a dessert for auction.



REGISTRATION OPENS SOON: FALL RETREAT AT SHRINE MONT

October 25–27, 2024

We're going back to Shrine Mont! Registration opens for our Fall Retreat on Tuesday, April 30, at 10:00 a.m. Space is limited, so be sure to snag a spot.



WE'RE HIRING!

We have positions open for the roles of Facility Manager and Associate Director of Student Ministry. Apply online at thirdva.org/employment.

