

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 66:1-2, 4

- › Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.
- » **All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"O WORSHIP THE KING"

"THE LION AND THE LAMB"

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

"JESUS PAID IT ALL" (STERLING)

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness, watch and pray; find in me thine all in all."
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain; he washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim.
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb.
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain; he washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain; he washed it white as snow.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

- › Hear these words from the prophet Isaiah:
"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions
for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.
I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,
your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."
Church, through the work of Christ on the cross, 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 BLAINE LAY WITH RCLI

“GLORIA PATRI”

SCRIPTURE READING | JOHN 14:5–14

SERMON | “THE WAY TO THE FATHER” (COREY WIDMER)

“ALWAYS WITH ME”

THE 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.**

“DOXOLOGY”

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM EPHESIANS 3:16–19

- › May God the Father, out of his glorious riches, strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. May you be rooted and established in love, so that together with all God's holy people you may grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—
- » **That we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.**

POSTLUDE

The Ten O'Clock Hour

Check out these opportunities to learn and grow, **starting today at 10:00 a.m.**
Classes will run through May 28.

Mental Health and Wholeness

Led by Mary Damon, Corey Widmer and others

God calls us to an integrated life as he weaves together our body, mind and spirit into greater health and wholeness. Join us as we hear from practitioners from our congregation as they share their wisdom about mental health and care of the soul.

CLASSROOM I (DOWNSTAIRS)

Letters of John 1–3

Led by David 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 these timeless themes.

CLASSROOM B

Households of Faith: Parenting

Led by Rick Hutton, Rob and Kathie Cox, and others

As parents, we want to love our children well so that they can know and experience love in ways that are meaningful to them. Join us to discuss five ways of loving our children based on Dr. Gary Chapman's book *The Five Love Languages of Children*.

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 H

Prayer Room

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

CLASSROOM F

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 Beth Baleke with Scripture Union (Uganda), which is a Christian organization that nurtures children and youth holistically, helping people engage with God through the Bible so that they may follow Jesus Christ and be instrumental in transforming Africa.

FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for the power of the resurrection to transform metropolitan Richmond: to remove any spirit of contentiousness, prejudice, greed, jealousy, or enjoyment of others' troubles.

FOR HEALTH

Jim Slate, Peggy Dennis, William Higgins, Bev Newell, Bill Payne, Don Floyd, Michael Collins, Ann Kooiman, Amber Anthony, Drew Cleveland, Elizabeth Conner, Ross Little, Holly Kinard, Keith Byers, Addy Allen, Susan Drumwright, Elaine Metcalf, Stan Smith, Mary Ann Hancock, Al Foster, Evi Burgin, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks

FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Frank Flanary, Andrea Woie (wife, mother Elizabeth, 4/14); Lauren Corby (father, 3/29); Maggie Tuckley (mother, 4/10); Courtney Via (grandfather, 3/21); Scott Armistead (mother, 3/15); Kaye Phillips (sister, 3/6); Missy DeRegibus (mother, 2/26, father, 1/3)

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Rowan Isaiah Ng 4/7
Kennedy Evelyn Steele 4/3
Asher Layne Headley 2/19
Elizabeth Sophia Nix 2/4
Owen Immanuel Porter 1/27

DEATHS

Elizabeth Flanary 4/14
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! MEET OUR MISSION PARTNER: BLAINE LAY WITH RCLI

12:15 p.m., First Floor Gathering Space

The Richmond Christian Leadership Initiative (RCLI) equips Christian leaders in metro Richmond to collectively pursue good for the glory of God, primarily through an intensive leadership cohort. Learn more at this free lunch!

STUDENT MINISTRY DESSERT AUCTION

Next Sunday, April 30, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Come to the dessert auction downstairs to bid on a treat and help our students raise funds for their mission trip to Mexico this summer! Sign up on our website to donate a dessert for bidding.



ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

October 27–29, 2023 at Shrine Mont

Registration for our next All-Church Retreat will open on May 2. Spots are limited, so be sure to sign up early. Find more info on our website.



TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, May 7, 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary

Join us for our Spring town hall meeting where we'll discuss the latest with the Renew renovation project and our personnel strategic planning process. No voting will take place.

LIBRARY OPENING SOON!

Our library downstairs will (finally!) be open soon. On May 7, you'll receive an email to set up an account with our catalog system. After that, peruse and check out what you'd like! Learn more online at thirdrva.org/library.



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

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