

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 | "SALVATION IS CREATED" (TSCHESNOKOFF, ARR. HOUSEKNECHT)

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 71:5-8

- › For you have been our hope, Sovereign Lord,
- » **Our confidence since our youth.**
- › From birth we have relied on you;
- » **We will ever praise you.**
- › Our mouths are filled with your praise,
- » **Declaring your splendor all day long.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME"

"JESUS, YOUR MERCY"

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 AND ASSURANCE | FROM LAMENTATIONS 3:21-23

- › But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
- » **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!**
- › Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
- » **Thanks be to God!**

CHILD DEDICATION | BRIANNE AUKER (8:45 SERVICE)

Brianne is the daughter of Bryce and Lauren Auker. Joyce Koontz is the prayer sponsor. Please pray for Bryce and Lauren as they seek to raise Brianne in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

- » **Sing together:**
*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine upon you,
And give you peace, and give you peace,
And give you peace forever!*

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.**

“HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD”

“DOXOLOGY”

SCRIPTURE READING | JOHN 14:15–27

SERMON | “THE OTHER HELPER” (COREY WIDMER)

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.**

“MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS”

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | ROMANS 5:1–5

- › Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.
- » **And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.**

POSTLUDE | “I’LL FLY AWAY” (CAMP KIRKLAND)

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.

STUDENT MINISTRY CLASSROOM C/D

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 For Richmond, a nonprofit organization that connects and equips Christian leaders to collaborate for the transformation of metropolitan Richmond. They cultivate the space and focus for individuals to have greater impact through unity of vision and resources.

FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for the power of the resurrection to transform metropolitan Richmond: for the redeeming power of God to work justice, righteousness, equality, and mutual benefit.

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, 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); Maggie Tuckley (mother, 4/10); Sunny Rosebro (brother, 4/4); Lauren Corby (father, 3/29); Courtney Via (grandfather, 3/21); Scott Armistead (mother, 3/15); Kaye Phillips (sister, 3/6)

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! STUDENT MINISTRY DESSERT AUCTION

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., First Floor Gathering Space

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! Cash, check or card accepted.

JOIN THE CHURCHESTRA

Our church orchestra (“churchestra”) plays every fifth Sunday and is always looking for new people to join. If you’re interested in contributing your musical talent, please contact Tracie Meadows at traciemeadows@mac.com.

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

Next 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.

TAKE OUR SURVEY ON GENEROSITY AND VOLUNTEERING

In an effort to best serve our community and affirm and encourage a culture of generosity and engagement, we’re asking you to scan this code or visit thirdrva.org/serve and respond to our 10-minute survey.



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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