

# 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 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

“JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE”

“JESUS THE MIGHTY ONE”

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION | FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

- › 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.
- » **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT | FROM TITUS 3:4-7

- › When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.
- » **He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.**
- › So that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.
- » **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.**

EGYPT MISSION TRIP REPORT

“DOXOLOGY”

SCRIPTURE READING | JOHN 15:1-8

SERMON | “LIFE ON THE VINE” (DREW CLEVELAND)

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

- › Christians, what do you believe?
- » **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION | FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23–26**

- › “The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

### **FOR OUR GUESTS**

The Lord’s Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It’s one of the most important things we do when we gather together, because the bread and juice are concrete signs of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. When we come forward to receive them, we believe that Jesus is actually present through the Holy Spirit, extending his grace and forgiveness to us. We welcome anyone to the table who is willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion, we invite you to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

#### **PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Lead me into the light and life you promise. Amen.

*Adapted from prayers written by Rev. Scot Sherman*

#### **PRAYER OF BELIEF**

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more blind and sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete acceptance. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

**“SANCTUS” (FAURÉ)**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy  
Is the Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

**“JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE”**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S 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.**

**“GUIDE ME, O MY GREAT REDEEMER”**

**COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | 1 JOHN 2:24–25**

- › Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you.  
Then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father.
- » **And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.**

**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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## **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**

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## **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**

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## **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**

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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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## **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**

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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 The Word Is Out ministry, which seeks to equip leaders of the global church to be skilled interpreters and teachers of the Bible, focused in Africa, India, and Southeast Asia.

## FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for the criminal justice system in metropolitan Richmond: for all who are incarcerated in jails and prisons, their families, and their loved ones; for just institutional policies and programs that foster restorative practices leading to wholeness and healing.

## FOR HEALTH

Cindy Vogel, 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! TOWN HALL MEETING**

*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.

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## **ALL-CHURCH RETREAT**

*October 27–29, 2023 at Shrine Mont*

Registration for our next All-Church Retreat is now open. Spots are limited, so be sure to sign up soon. Find more info on our website.

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## **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](http://thirdrva.org/serve) and respond to our 10-minute survey.

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## **MEET OUR MISSION PARTNER: LAUREN MOORE WITH PIONEERS**

*Sunday, May 21, 12:15 p.m., First Floor Gathering Space*

Lauren has been serving with Pioneers in southwest France for almost 12 years and has been involved in four different church plants. Meet Lauren and learn about her work over lunch. No RSVP needed.

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## **ANNUAL SAM JACKSON CHARITY GOLF OUTING**

*Monday, June 12, 2023, 12:00 p.m., Richmond Country Club*

Support our mission partner Crossover Healthcare Ministry while golfing with friends new and old in this Captain's Choice tournament. Register individually or as a team. More info online.

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## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY: A MORNING WITH AUTHOR LAURIE POLICH SHORT**

*Saturday, May 20, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

Come hear popular speaker and author Laurie Polich Short speak about topics in her new book: *Faith, Doubt and God's Mysterious Timing*. More info online.

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