

# 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 84

- › How lovely is your dwelling place,
- » **O LORD of hosts!**
- › My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
- » **My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**
- › Happy are those whose strength is in you,
- » **In whose heart are the highways to Zion.**
- › For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
- » **O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY"

"JESUS THE MIGHTY ONE"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › We praise you, Holy God, for your steadfast love given to us in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hold us by your grace, even as we have sinned against it and marred our relationship with you and our neighbor. We repent of our sins and long for you to restore us.
  - » **In your great love come, cleanse, heal and help us, that we may live out our days to the praise of your grace and to the glory of your holy Name.**
- Amen.**

## 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!**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | WATSON HENDERSON (8:45 SERVICE)**

John Watson Henderson is the son of Keith and Anna Henderson. Melissa Lincoln is representing the Session as the elder holding the font. Parker and Kim Garrett are the prayer sponsors. Please pray for Keith and Anna as they seek to raise Watson 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.**

**"MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE" (ARR. SJOLUND)**

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright.  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

**"DOXOLOGY"**

**SCRIPTURE READING | JOHN 15:9-17**

**SERMON | "REMAINING IN LOVE" (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.**

**"CHRISTIAN HEARTS IN LOVE UNITED"**

**COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | 1 JOHN 4:11-12**

› Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.  
» **No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.**

**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**

# 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 partners Chris and Leah serving in Asia. They are involved in training and preparing indigenous leaders to spread the good news of the gospel in their communities. They also use the arts to communicate the gospel to those who have never heard.

## FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for the criminal justice system in metropolitan Richmond: for the police, judges, lawyers and court personnel, correctional officers and institutions, juvenile detention facilities, and probation officers.

## FOR HEALTH

Brenda Wiltshire, 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

## 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, 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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## TODAY! PRAY FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

*10:00 a.m., Prayer Room, Room F*

Starting this morning, we begin gathering on the second Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m. to pray for our partners serving around the globe. All are welcome!

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.

# Budget Update

We will 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. We are trusting God and encourage you to continue to give generously and sacrificially!

## THIRD CHURCH 2023 YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIALS

