

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 96:1-4

- › Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- » **Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.**
- › Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
- » **For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"YESU AZALI AWA (JESUS IS WITH US)"

"THE EVERLASTING"

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 | "A MEDITATION ON THE DOXOLOGY"

"DOXOLOGY"

SCRIPTURE READING | DANIEL 6:1-10, 16-23

SERMON | "DANIEL AND THE PROMISE OF HOPE" (COREY WIDMER)

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.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- › Lift up your hearts!
- » **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- › Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- » **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, you have made us in your image and for yourself. You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy.
God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

- › You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you. You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home. God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

- › You have sent your Son to bring us home to you. By his Incarnation–
- » **You have found us.**
- › By his Death–
- » **You have forgiven us.**
- › By his Resurrection–
- » **You have freed us.**
- › God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

- › In union with Jesus Christ of Nazareth, our Great High Priest, and with all who worship you, both in heaven and on earth, we offer you our praise, singing:
- » ***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he, blessed is he
Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ, reconciled to you and to each other by his blood. By your Holy Spirit make us—
- » **One with Christ, one with each other, and one in mission to all the world,**
- › Until Christ shall come in final victory and we feast together at his heavenly banquet. We cry,
- » **Maranatha! Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. 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.

“NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD”

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.**

“YOUR KINGDOM KNOWS NO END”

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | ROMANS 15:13

- › May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
- » **So that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

POSTLUDE

The Ten O'Clock Hour

Pursuing Kingdom Renewal

This class is led by international and local mission partners who are sharing about their practical work of pursuing God's renewal in our city and around the world. This intergenerational class welcomes all ages!

CLASSROOM C/D, UPSTAIRS

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, UPSTAIRS

Third Kids

CHILDCARE

ALL MORNING

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.

When you check in, please remember to note when you expect to pick up your children.

**Ages and grade level assignments are as of May 2023. We'll bridge to the next age/class at end of August.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 A.M.

Little Lions–Kindergarten* are meeting in the Little Lions classroom.

1st through 4th grade* are meeting in the 4th grade classroom.

5th grade and older* can join our intergenerational Sunday school class upstairs in Classroom C/D.

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 Ryan and Vanessa. Ryan is the field leader for World Horizons for Central Asia and serves as a pastor of an international church in Northern Cyprus. Pray for him as he trains and oversees those working in hard-to-reach areas.

FOR OUR CITY

We pray for the workplaces and businesses of metropolitan Richmond: for financial institutions, sustainable and just investment policies, and effective development efforts to benefit the entire community.

FOR HEALTH

Juan Ledon, Pam Douglas, Richard Haney, Peggy Harvey, Patrick Wallace, Jim Slate, William Higgins, Bill Payne, Elaine Metcalf, Al Foster, Evi Burgin, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks

FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Kim Gordon (father, 7/10); Kim Garrett (mother, 7/6); Marybeth Lawrence (husband, 6/26); Karen Tatti (sister, 6/15); Mary Morgan (husband Tom, 5/31); Frank Flanary, Andrea Woie (wife, mother Elizabeth, 4/14); Maggie Tuckley (mother, 4/10); Sunny Rosebro (brother, 4/4)

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

John Lucas "Jack" Brinson 7/17
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

Ann Kooiman 7/30
Mary Ann Hancock 7/21
Tom Morgan 5/31
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

RALLY DAY: KICK OFF THE MINISTRY YEAR WITH US!

Sunday, August 20, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Explore our ministry opportunities for the year, feast at our potluck, and reconnect with friends after the summer. Sign up to bring food to share.



SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, August 20, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Bring your kids between services to visit their new Sunday school rooms and meet their teachers at this Third Kids open house on Rally Day.

PARISH AREA PICNICS

These picnics are happening in the next few weeks across the city and are a great opportunity to reconnect with Third friends who live in your neighborhood or area and meet new folks!



LARA TEAGUE CURRY MEMORIAL 5K AND FUN RUN

Saturday, September 16, 8:00 a.m., Trinity United Methodist

Join us for this 5K and Fun Run in remembrance of local teacher Lara Teague Curry.



NOW HIRING: DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY

We're looking for a Director of Technology to join our team and provide leadership and direction for the IT infrastructure and systems for Third. Read more and apply online.



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