

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

"COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING"

"JESUS, THE MIGHTY ONE"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › Let us come with humble and repentant hearts to the Lord.
- » **We all, like sheep, have gone astray.
Each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

SILENT CONFESSION

"NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD" (LOWRY; ARR. BRADLEY)

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE

- › What can wash away our sins?
- » **Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**
- › We are brothers and sisters through his blood.
- » **We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.**
- › In and through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

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.**

VIDEO | INVITATION TO ALPHA

"DOXOLOGY"

SCRIPTURE READING | ACTS 2:42-47

SERMON | "FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER" (COREY WIDMER)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Respond in song together:

- » ***You hear us call, you hear us call, Abba Father.
You hear us call, you hear us call, Abba Father.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy.***
- » **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.**

"FATHER, LET YOUR KINGDOM COME"

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | FROM HEBREWS 13:20-21

- › Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will.
- » **And may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever! Amen.**

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, **starting next week:**

People of the Word: Exodus

Led by Kyle Frayser, Gary VanBrocklin, Paul White and Dave Beckmann

Join us for a deep study of the book of Exodus and the story of a holy God's pursuit, deliverance and establishment of his chosen people.

CLASSROOM A/B

Discover the Bible: Sermon on the Mount

Led Rick Hutton and Becky Bowers

Join us as we explore the central teachings of Jesus found in Matthew 5-7. This is an open and casual group discussion-based class for all ages.

CLASSROOM C/D

Delta: Young Adults

Led by Drew Cleveland

Join us as we explore a vision for life with God in a this unique season of life. If you're college age/20-30s, single, or a couple, you are welcome.

CLASSROOM H

The Generous Life

Led by Craig Heah

Using the book *Practicing the King's Economy* as our guide, this class invites you to explore the way of Jesus and how we earn, spend, save, and give our money, time and talents.

CLASSROOM G

Metamorphosis: Making Sense of God

Led by Gina Miao

Join this safe community of other curious souls for an open and honest conversation about faith, doubt, and Tim Keller's book *Making Sense of God*.

CLASSROOM I

Third Kids

Each Sunday we offer childcare during the services for infants through kindergarten; older kids worship with their parents. **Starting next week**, we will 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*.*

Infants, Toddlers, and Little Lambs are in their dedicated classrooms.

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

***Today, August 20:** Please pick up your children as soon as the first service ends (childcare will not be provided between services today).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

STARTING NEXT WEEK AT 10:00 A.M.

We're excited to see your kids next Sunday, August 27!

- Infants through fourth grade: check your child in on the first floor.
- 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.

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 Elijah House Academy, a local Christian school, for Head of School Jesse Kell and staff. The school draws from all the Richmond Metro area, nurturing children with Christian principles, providing a safe place for them to learn and thrive.

FOR OUR CITY

We pray for the workplaces and businesses of metropolitan Richmond: for owners and managers: for servant leadership, civic responsibility and ethical decision-making.

FOR HEALTH

Ian Woie, Karen Tatti, 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

Ruby James Bruce	8/6
Emmaline Kate Sadler	8/1
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

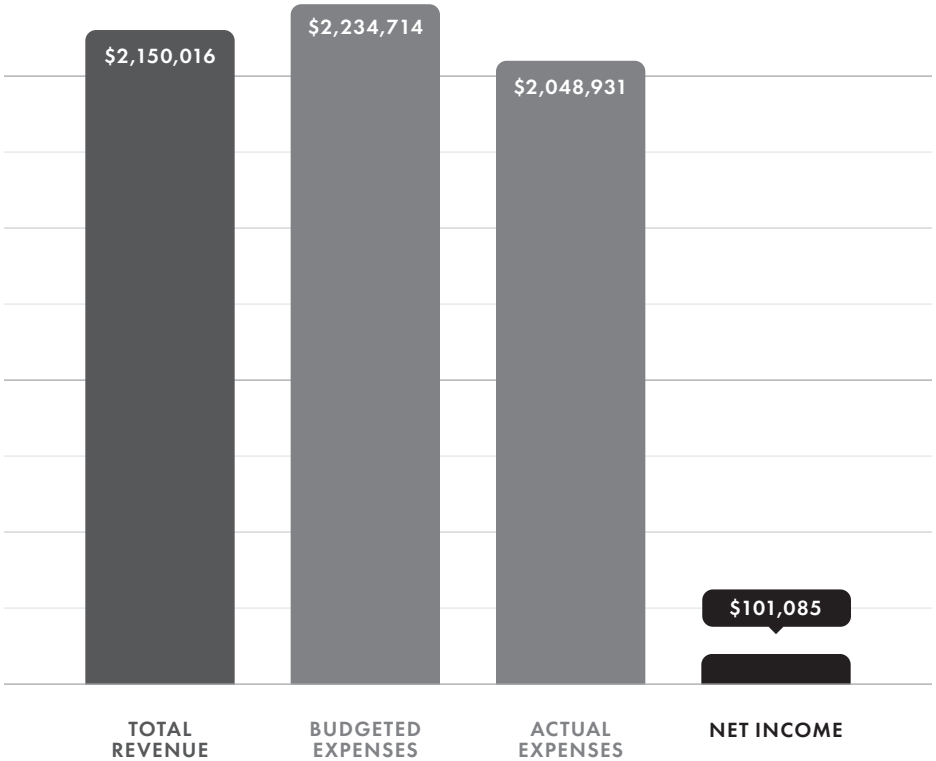
DEATHS

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

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



Notes



Find your place at Third this Fall.



We have many opportunities for you to deepen your community, grow in your love of God, and serve your friends and neighbors!

PARISH PICNICS

Neighborhood-style picnics happening all over the city this month and next.

SERVE ON A TEAM

Now's the perfect time to find a place to plug in through serving others.

Today! August 20

RALLY DAY

Come downstairs today to connect with friends, eat together, and explore ministry opportunities.

THIRD KIDS OPEN HOUSE

Bring your kids between services to visit their new classrooms and meet their teachers for the year.

Sunday, August 27

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes for all ages kick off between services at 10:00 a.m.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Sunday evening gatherings begin at 7:00 p.m. at Regency.

September

IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE TUTORING

*Wednesdays at Regency
Beginning 9/13, 6:45–7:45 p.m.*

Be a tutor for neighborhood immigrant and refugee students—no experience necessary!

WELCOME COFFEE

Sunday, 9/17, 10:00 a.m.

Take your first step at Third with this casual coffee.

ALPHA

Mondays, beginning 9/18, 6:00 p.m.

Curious about Jesus? Have questions you want to work through in trusted community? Check out Alpha.

EXPLORING COVENANT PARTNERSHIP

Beginning 9/29

Considering joining Third? Find out more in this class.

GRIEF CARE GROUP

Tuesdays, beginning 9/26

Find community and support for anyone experiencing grief after the loss of a loved one.



Find all this and more at thirdrva.org/fall