

WELCOME!

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PRELUDE | "TOCCATA AND FUGUE IN F MAJOR" (DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE)

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 113

- › Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, you his servants; praise the name of the LORD.
- » **Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.**
- › From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised. The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.
- » **Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?**
- › He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people.
- » **Praise the LORD!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"IL M'A SAUVÉ"

"JESUS, YOUR MERCY"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- » **Jesus Lord, in your mercy,
by your holy life that heals us,
by your holy death that saves us,
by your Holy Spirit with us,
come to cleanse these sinners that we are.
Set us free to obey you;
make us clear to stand before you;
then, for your mercy, we will praise you.
Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE | FROM LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24

- › 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!**

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.**

TUTORING PRESENTATION

OFFERTORY (8:45 SERVICE) | "THE EVERLASTING"

OFFERTORY (11:00 SERVICE) | "THE SPIRIT SINGS" (HAYES)

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit movin' in my heart, I will pray.
Up on the mountain my Lord spoke.
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
Down in the valley on my knees, I ask my Lord, "Have mercy, please!"

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit movin' in my heart, I will pray.
There ain't but one train on this track.
It runs to heaven and runs right back.
St. Peter waitin' at the gate says, "Come on, sinner, don't be late!"

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit in my heart movin' me, movin' me to pray,
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit in my heart movin' me, I will pray.

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm gonna sing!

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | REVELATION 19:6-9

SERMON | "TASTE & SEE: GOD'S JOY" (COREY WIDMER)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

- › God our Father, the world you created for good is ravaged by greed, consumption, and exploitation. Disease, hunger, and violence threaten to swallow the world in death. Rise up and hear the cries of those who suffer so that you may clothe them in the abundant life of your kingdom. We pray as your children,
- » **Upheld, protected, gathered up.**
- › Jesus our Savior, who gave the blind sight and raised the dead, we confess that we are weak but you are strong. Shepherd your church to confront the brokenness in ourselves and in our world with confidence in you, the restorer of broken things. Disease, hunger, and violence threaten to swallow the world in death. Rise up and hear the cries of those who suffer so that you may clothe them in the abundant life of your kingdom.
- » **O God of Jacob, be our strength.**
- › Holy Spirit, in your power we pray that you would strengthen the bonds between us. In a time marked by division, would you animate our love for one another. Stir in us present action that reflects a radical hope for our future together at your heavenly banquet.
- » **Bind us together, bring shalom.**
- » **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.**

"WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION"

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | ISAIAH 55:1-2

- › Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;
- » **And you who have no money, come, buy and eat!**
- › Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.
- » **Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?**
- › Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
- » **And we will delight in the richest of fare.**

POSTLUDE | "POSTLUDE ON 'CORONATION'" (JASON PAYNE)

THE TEN O’CLOCK HOUR

We are taking a break from Sunday school during the month of August. We encourage you to visit the **Prayer Room (200)** or **Quiet Room (226)** upstairs, or have coffee with a new or old friend in our Outdoor Commons by the playground.

For those of you with children too young for the playground (or juggling multiple young ages), we will have a small, age-appropriate play space set up in the Fellowship Hall so that you can still connect with others while your children play or color a picture.

CHILDCARE

We will continue to offer childcare during our worship services and between services for infants through two-year-olds.

Infants (up to 12 months or steady walkers)	102
Toddlers	107
Little Lambs: 2-year-olds (as of 9/30/2021)	103

PRAYER NEEDS

FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Please be praying for our mission partner, the Richmond Christian Leadership Initiative (RCLI), as they seek to train young leaders to address the issues of the city from a Christ-centered perspective.

FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for the workplaces and businesses of metropolitan Richmond: for full employment opportunities for our young people and heads of families, for the long-term unemployed, and for the under-employed.

FOR HEALTH

Mollie Heyman, Susan Drumwright, Elaine Metcalf, Cat Ramsey, Betty Fisher, Joe Slay, Stan Smith, Mary Ann Hancock, Gretchen Gravely, Al Foster, Jerry Dearmon, Beatrice White, Evi Burgin, Linda Ludlow, Susan Higgins, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks, Christie Geraty

FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Greg Brewer (father, 7/25); David Perry (grandfather, 8/23); Amber Anthony (grandmother, 7/8); Ron Klipp (brother, 6/27); George Adams (father, 5/22); Patrick Wallace (brother, 5/21)

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Daniel Peter Hogan 8/19
Mabel Anne "Mae" Essex 8/18
Cyrus Riggsbee Henson 8/17
Mollie Katherine Heyman 8/13
Greta Louise Regrut 8/12
Deck Thomas Dieringer 7/27

DEATHS

Betty Thomas 4/5
Loma Shafer 3/14
Liam Geraty 2/24
Taylor Frazier 2/13
Garry Buttner 2/3
Jinny Bartlett 1/8

Today we celebrate the births of three more children!

Andrew and Sydney Henson, along with big sister, Lorelei, welcomed **Cyrus Riggsbee Henson** on August 17, 2022.

Erik and Victoria Essex welcomed **Mabel Anne "Mae" Essex** on August 18, 2022.

Stephen and Dorsey Hogan welcomed **Daniel Peter Hogan** on August 19, 2022.

NEWS & EVENTS

RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 11, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Parking Lot

We're kicking off an exciting new ministry year! We'll have food, games, and live music. Meet your kids' new Sunday school teachers and visit our ministry tables to see where you can plug in this year. If you'd like to bring a dish for our potluck lunch, sign up online or scan the QR code.



SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF

Sundays at 10:00 a.m., starting September 18

Our dedicated Sunday school hour for kids, students and adults is back on September 18. Scan the QR code to check out our class offerings and opportunities for prayer, rest, and connection.



IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE TUTORING: LOOKING FOR NEW TUTORS!

Looking for a way to meet and serve our immigrant and refugee neighbors? Join 150 other tutors and subs serving on Wednesday nights in this vibrant ministry. Email Emily at tutoring@thirdrva.org.



NEWCOMERS CLASS

Begins Sunday, September 25, 10:00 a.m.

Interested in learning more about Third Church, our polity, theology, and becoming a Covenant Partner? Then join us for this class. Full schedule and more info online.



CLUB 56 DINNER

Wednesday, September 14, 6:00 p.m.

Fifth and sixth graders, with their families, are invited to dinner as we kick off the new school year together and learn about Club 56. RSVP online by September 7.



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

PARISH AREA PICNICS

Reconnect with Third friends who live in your neighborhood or area and get to know new faces. These outdoor, kid-friendly picnics will be taking place this evening and on September 11.

TODAY! AUGUST 28

CITY EAST 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Taylor Park (13017 Taylor Complex Ln)

CITY SOUTH 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Forest Hill Park (4021 Forest Hill Ave)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

CHESTERFIELD 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Robious Landing Park, Shelter #3
(3800 James River Rd)

THREE CHOPT 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Kanawha Pool (8100 Holmes Ave)

CITY NORTH 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Bryan Park, Shelter #1
(4308 Hermitage Rd)

MOORELAND 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The Halls' home (8901 Bellefonte Rd)

Taste & See

RESPONDING TO GOD'S INVITATIONS

This summer we have traced the theme of food and feasting throughout the Bible. Each week, we've looked at the different ways that God nourishes us and calls us to be people who use our own tables to invite others to taste the grace of God.

As we conclude this series, take a few moments to consider one or two things you will do in response to what you've learned.

What will you do?	By when will you do it?
	Who will you share this with?

FOR EXAMPLE:

- *"Cultivate a deeper relationship with God by taking a discipleship class this fall."*
- *"Spend at least five minutes a day resting in God's presence and experiencing his love for me."*
- *"Check out a parish group near me to begin investing in Christian community."*
- *"Invite neighbors or new friends over for an easy meal in the hopes of building a hospitality habit."*
- *"Commit one meal a week to eating with another person from Third" (think about lunches and breakfasts too!).*