

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 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

"JESUS, THE MIGHTY ONE"

"JESUS, YOUR MERCY"

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

- › Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
- » **Only Christ.**
- › And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; the new life has begun!
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | HALLE JOANNE EISWERTH (8:45 SERVICE)

Halle Joanne Eiswerth is the child of Eric and Molly Eiswerth. Ben and Kate MacKinnon are the prayer sponsors, and Beth Sprinkle is representing the Session as the elder holding the font.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | ALICE OLMSTED (11:00 SERVICE)

Alice Elizabeth Olmsted is the child of James and Christina Olmsted. Jeff and Lyric Hassler are the prayer sponsors, and Kathy White is representing the Session as the elder holding the font.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | RHODES GARDINER (11:00 SERVICE)

Robert Rhodes Gardiner is the child of John and Sarah Gardiner. Victoria Essex is the prayer sponsor, and Lauren Luck is representing the Session as the elder holding the font.

- » **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!*

Please pray for these parents as they seek to raise their children in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

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 | "LIKE A RIVER IN MY SOUL" (ARR. OSIEK)

I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow.
When the world closes in, feel the stillness within.
I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full.
When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home.
I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul.
When your hope nearly dies, just remember:
Once again you shall rise!

I've got joy like a fountain, love like an ocean, peace like a river, in my soul.

"DOXOLOGY"

SCRIPTURE READING | ECCLESIASTES 2:1-11

SERMON | "THE EMPTINESS OF PLEASURE" (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.**

"COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM 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 food.**

POSTLUDE

The Ten O'Clock Hour

Join us between our morning services today to grab some coffee or tea downstairs and visit with a friend. Also, consider attending one of the classes listed below:

People of the Word: Exodus

Led by Kyle Frayser, Gary Van Brocklin, 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 by Rick Hutton and Becky Bowers

This class will 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 this unique season of life. College age/20-30s, singles and couples are welcome.

CLASSROOM H

The Generous Life

Led by Craig Heah and Erin Burlew

Using the book *Practicing the King's Economy* as our guide, we will 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 Maio and Tom Ebel

Join this safe community of 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. 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*.

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

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

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.
- Grades 5–6: meet in the Club 56 room on the first floor.
- Grades 7–12: meet in the Student Ministry Lounge (Room E) 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 Steve Quakenbush with Wycliffe Bible Translators. After many years of service in the Philippines, Steve and Janice now reside in Grand Rapids, MI. Steve now provides spiritual direction for many of those who are serving with Wycliffe doing Bible translation.

FOR OUR CITY

We pray for schools and educational institutions of metropolitan Richmond: for all public, private and religious schools; for students, teachers and support personnel, including cafeteria workers, building and grounds staff, and school bus drivers; for all pre-schools and daycare centers, and for children in home schools.

FOR HEALTH

Randee Massey, Sarah Hale, Ian Woie, Karen Tatti, Juan Ledon, Patrick Wallace, Jim Slate, Bill Payne, Elaine Metcalf, Al Foster, Evi Burgin, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks

FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Tom Hayes (mother, 8/18); 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

Wilder Valor Allen 8/23
Novian Lamont Mattox 8/19
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

News & Events

WELCOME COFFEE

Sunday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor (by the second floor entrance)

If you're new to Third, come to this gathering to meet a few people, learn about Third's vision and what we believe and how to get involved.

MEET OUR MISSION PARTNER: JEANNETTE BRANNAN

Sunday, September 17, 12:15 p.m., First Floor Gathering Space

Jeannette Brannan works with Together for Tanzania to improve educational opportunities for the poorest children in Tanzania, while partnering with churches and meeting other needs. Come learn more at this free lunch.

ALPHA: BRING YOUR QUESTIONS HERE

Mondays, beginning September 18, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bring your questions here. Alpha is a series of dinners and group conversations that explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone is welcome.



WE'RE HIRING! STUDENT MINISTRY ASSOCIATE

We're looking for someone to help lead our Student Ministry and Club 56 ministries, specifically focusing on the discipleship of our boy students. Find the job description and how to apply online.



EXPLORING COVENANT PARTNERSHIP

September 29–30, Friday evening and Saturday morning

For those pursuing covenant partnership: Saturday morning, October 7

Are you interested in learning more about Third Church? Join us for this class where we'll go deep on what we believe and how to join our church.



LUNCH CELEBRATION FOR NAN CLARKE

Sunday, September 24, 12:30 p.m.

As Nan has stepped down from her role as the Pastor of Care Ministries, we are gathering to thank her and celebrate her over lunch. Bring a dish to share!



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

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