

WELCOME!

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

New here? Learn about Third on our website at thirdrva.org and sign up for our ministry emails at thirdrva.org/signup. Looking to get plugged in and find community? Find a parish group meeting near you at thirdrva.org/parish-life.

PRELUDE | "FANTASIA IN A MINOR" (J. S. BACH)

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 47

- › Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- » **For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.**
- › God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- » **Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD" 21

"GREAT ARE YOU, LORD"

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

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE

- › 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.**

"IN CHRIST ALONE" 770

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.**

OFFERTORY (8:45 SERVICE) | "GIVE ME JESUS" (COURTNEY)

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
And when I am alone, and when I am alone,
And when I am alone, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

And when I come to die, and when I come to die,
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

OFFERTORY (11:00 SERVICE) | "THE EVERLASTING"

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | COLOSSIANS 1:15-23

SERMON | "RETURN TO THE CENTER" (COREY WIDMER)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

"FATHER, LET YOUR KINGDOM COME"

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | REVELATION 5:12, ROMANS 11:36

- › Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!
- » **For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.**

POSTLUDE | "ITALIAN HYMN" (ALBERT TRAVIS)

THE TEN O'CLOCK HOUR

Today is Rally Day! Check out the back of the bulletin for more information.

Our dedicated ten o'clock Sunday school hour for adults **will be resuming next week**. Here's a preview of our adult class offerings:

The Patterns & Pathways of Discipleship

Are you looking for your next step of faith or desiring a deeper understanding of Jesus? Whether you're a new believer or steadfast saint, come explore the meaning of the unending practice of discipleship.

CHOIR ROOM | DREW CLEVELAND

Exploring Philippians

Do you long for encouragement and time in the Word? Looking for a place to explore Scripture with others? All are welcome to participate in this accessible and energetic class as we engage the letter to the Philippians as a community.

ROOM 217 | ADRIENNE WRIGHT

Metamorphosis: A Book Study on *To Be Made Well* by Amy Julia Becker

How do I trust God's healing and hope in the face of personal and social brokenness? Come join this safe, authentic community as we read Amy Julia Becker's *To Be Made Well* and stories of Jesus' healing encounters in Mark 5.

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, 500 FOREST AVE | MARY DAMON

Psalms: Wisdom of God for Everyday Life

Come study selected Psalms in a search for the ways of wisdom as taught by God. We hope that this study provides us with scriptural wisdom, knowledge, and understanding that can we can apply to our everyday lives.

ROOM 213/215 | DAVID CARROLL, DAVID SKOVE

CHILDCARE 8:45 AND 11:00 A.M.

Each Sunday we offer childcare during our worship services for infants through kindergarten; older kids worship with their parents.

Infants (up to 12 months or steady walkers)	102
Toddlers	107
2-year-olds.	103
3-year-olds (as of 9/30/22) – Kindergarten.	223

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 A.M.

Our dedicated ten o'clock Sunday school hour for kids and students **will be resuming next week**. Drop by your child's classroom today between services to meet your child's teachers for the year!

Infants (up to 12 months or steady walkers)	102
Toddlers (12–24 months)	107
2-year-olds (as of 9/30/22): Little Lambs.	103
3-year-olds (as of 9/30/22): Little Lions.	223
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Third grade.	218
Fourth grade.	227
Club 56 (5th and 6th grades).	Basement
7th–12th grades.	Student Ministry Area

Following Sunday school: If your child attends Sunday school and you plan to attend the 11:00 a.m. service, they can be escorted by their teacher to Room 223. Please let your teacher know on the sign-in sheet when you'll be picking up your child!

PRAYER NEEDS

FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Please be praying for our mission partner Steve Quakenbush with Wycliffe Bible Translators. After many years of service from the Philippines, Steve and Janice now reside in Grand Rapids, MI. Steve is part of an international team providing knowledge and expert services to help language communities worldwide gain access to the Scriptures in the languages and media that speak to their hearts.

FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for the 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 preschools and daycare centers, and for children in home schools.

FOR HEALTH

Vickie O'Dell, 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

Alex Bruce (grandmother, 9/3); Will Hayes (grandfather, 8/24); 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 Wilson 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

NEWS & EVENTS

TODAY! FINAL PARISH PICNICS

The last of these outdoor and kid-friendly picnics will be taking place later this afternoon for the Chesterfield, Three Chopt, City North, and Mooreland parishes. Scan the QR code to see times and locations.



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!

We are still in need of at least 30 tutors for this Wednesday night ministry. Can you serve? 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.



SERVE WITH CARITAS

Saturday, September 24, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Help our mission partner CARITAS throw their annual block party for their clients! Volunteers will help with food and games.



WE'RE HIRING!

We're looking for two part-time positions on our team: Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor, and Administrative Assistant for Security Support (short-term role, data entry). Apply online.



NOTES



RALLY DAY

food, fellowship, music & games

FELLOWSHIP HALL/PARKING LOT
10 A.M. – 1 P.M.

GRAB A PLATE

Our community has brought lots of food to share today. Head down to the Fellowship Hall to get something to eat and enjoy live music and fellowship.



NEW HERE?

Look for the Parish Ministry table and Newcomers table to find ways to plug in, get to know Third Church, and ask any questions you may have.

FIND YOUR PLACE

It takes a village to make church life happen. Find a place to serve or connect at one of our ministry tables.



GOT KIDS?

Check out their new classrooms (page 4) and meet their teachers during today's Sunday School Open House.