

# 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

"PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"

"JESUS, STRONG AND KIND"

### SONG OF CONFESSION | "I CONFESS TO GOD THE ALMIGHTY"

"JESUS PAID IT ALL" (STERLING)

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!  
Child of weakness, watch and pray; find in me thine all in all."  
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain; he washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim.  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb.  
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain; he washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne I stand in him complete,  
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat.  
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain; he washed it white as snow.

#### 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.**

#### INTERVIEW WITH MISSION PARTNER JEANETTE BRANNAN

“DOXOLOGY”

#### SCRIPTURE READING | ECCLESIASTES 2:18-26

#### SERMON | “THE FUTILITY OF WORK” (COREY WIDMER)

“YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN”

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

“ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS”

#### COMMISSION AND BLESSING | 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

- › Dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you.  
Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,
- » **Because we know that our labor in the Lord is not in vain.**

#### 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:

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## **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**

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## **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**

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## **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**

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## **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**

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## **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**

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# 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

Pray for Together for Tanzania, partnering with national leaders to train future leaders, expand the outreach of the church, and provide educational and medical support.

## FOR OUR CITY

We pray for schools and educational institutions of metropolitan Richmond: for all universities, colleges, seminaries, trade, technical, graduate, and professional schools; for the students, faculty, and staff of these institutions.

## 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

Elisabeth Louise (Libbie) Bowman . . . 9/7  
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

## DEATHS

Ann Kooiman . . . . . 7/30  
Mary Ann Hancock . . . . . 7/21  
Tom Morgan . . . . . 5/31  
Elizabeth Flanary . . . . . 4/14

We rejoice in the birth of **Elisabeth Louise (Libbie) Bowman** on September 7, 2023 to Allen and Katie Bowman, big sister Blair and big brother Ward. Please join us in praying for this family!

# News & Events

## WELCOME COFFEE

*Today! 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.

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## MEET OUR MISSION PARTNER: JEANNETTE BRANNAN

*Today! 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.

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## WE'RE HIRING! ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

We're looking for someone to help lead our Student Ministry and Club 56 ministries, specifically focusing on the discipleship of our male 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.



## GRIEF CARE GROUP

*Tuesdays, beginning September 26, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.*

If you are experiencing grief and isolation after the death of a loved one or close friend, we hope that you'll find community and care in this safe space.



## 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!

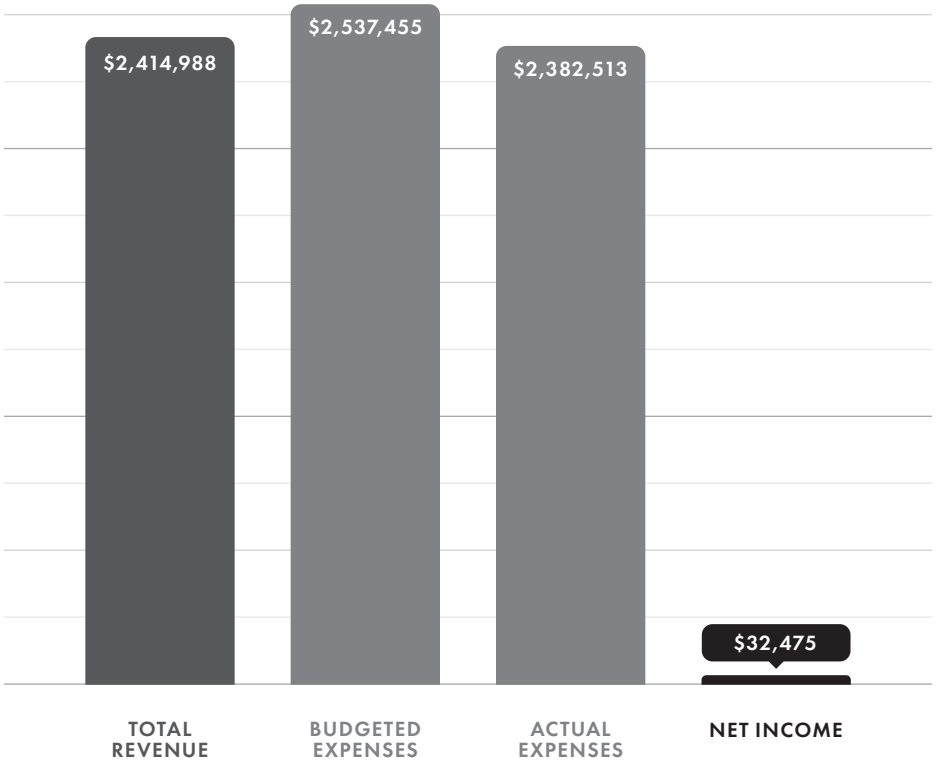


For more information and to register for these events, scan the QR codes above or visit [thirdrva.org/events](https://thirdrva.org/events) to see all upcoming events.

# 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