

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 | "WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES" (DALE WOOD)

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

"OPEN UP THE HEAVENS"

"WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME"

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

- › Christ is our peace;
those who are divided
he has made one.
- » **He has broken down the barriers of separation
by his death and has built us up
into one body, with God.**
- › To all who repent and believe
he has promised reconciliation.
So live as people reconciled.
- » **Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all!**

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 | "DECLARE YOUR MAKER'S PRAISE" (LARSON)

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas. His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise.
The morning light, the lily white declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world; O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world! Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Declare your Maker's praise!

DOXOLOGY

INTERVIEW WITH NAN CLARKE | "BIBLICAL FAITHFULNESS"

SCRIPTURE READING | HEBREWS 10:19–25

SERMON | "LET US DRAW NEAR" (COREY WIDMER)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

» **Sing after each prayer:**

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.

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.**

"BE THOU MY VISION" 859

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | FROM COLOSSIANS 3:16–17

› Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

» **And whatever we do, whether in word or deed, let us do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

POSTLUDE | "TRUMPET TUNE IN C MAJOR" (DAVID JOHNSON)

THE TEN O'CLOCK HOUR

Visit the **Quiet Room** (226) or **Prayer Room** (200), where there will be someone to pray with you. Or grab coffee at our **Outdoor Commons** by the playground, or check out one of the classes listed below. Have kids? Bring them to one of the classrooms listed on the following page.

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 Jonah

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 book of Jonah as a community.

ROOM 217 | ELISABETH HAYES

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

Following the 8:45 service: If you plan to attend Sunday school after the service, your child can be escorted to their assigned classroom but please notify your teacher on the sign-in sheet that they will be attending Sunday school. Otherwise, please pick up your children immediately after the 8:45 service ends.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 A.M.

During the ten o'clock hour, we have a dedicated Sunday school hour where our kids meet in age-specific classrooms to learn, sing, and read the Bible together.

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
4-year-olds and Pre-K: Little Eagles	202
Kindergarten	220
First grade.	201
Second grade	207
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 Shelter of Love, a home in Cambodia for disadvantaged and displaced children that seeks to train them to love and serve Jesus Christ to impact their country for him.

FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for the 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

Carolyn Oakley, 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

SERVE ON A TEAM

Serving—whether it’s on Sunday mornings or throughout the week—continues to be one of the very best ways to be a part of our church family. Find your place to serve at thirdrva.org/serve-here.



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.



SERVE WITH URBAN HOPE

Saturday, October 1, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Come and volunteer with different projects like landscaping, fence repair, and painting at Urban Hope’s affordable rental units, while learning about their amazing vision for the East End.



WELCOME COFFEE

Sunday, October 16, 10:00 a.m., in the Parlor

Looking for an opportunity to hear more about our church in a casual, no-commitments environment? Drop in to our next Welcome Coffee to meet a few people, learn about Third’s vision, what we believe and how to get involved.

WE’RE HIRING!

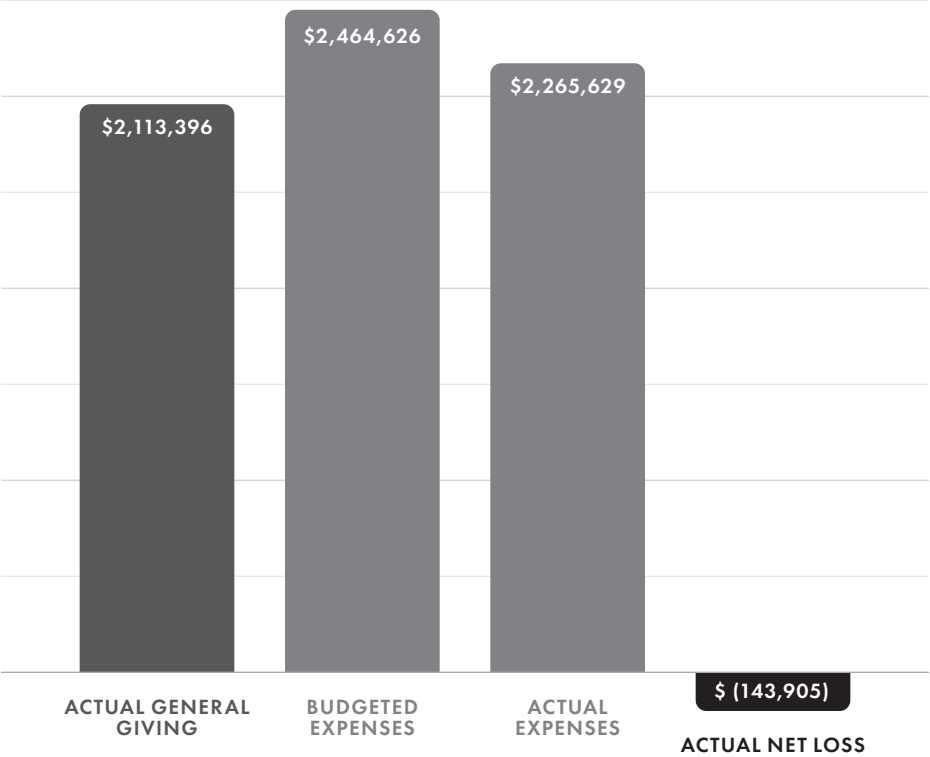
We’re looking for two part-time positions on our team: Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor, and Administrative Assistant for Security Support (short-term role, data entry). Apply online.



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.

THIRD CHURCH 2022 YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIALS



Just a reminder that our budget this year is an **expense budget**, and it is higher than the amount of total giving that came in last year. Therefore, we are trusting God and encourage you to continue to give generously and sacrificially!