

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

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO WORSHIP | "FAMOUS ONE" LITANY

» *You are the Lord, the famous One, famous One;
Great is your name in all the earth.
The heavens declare you're glorious, glorious;
Great is your fame beyond the earth.*

› For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land. ¹

» **(Sing refrain)**

› You heavens above, rain down my righteousness;
let the clouds shower it down.
Let the earth open wide,
let salvation spring up,
let righteousness flourish with it;
I, the LORD, have created it. ²

» **(Sing refrain)**

› The Son is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.

» **For in him all things were created:**

› Things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things have been created through him and for him.

» **He is before all things,
and in him all things hold together. ³**

» **(Sing refrain twice)**

“THE EVERLASTING”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you.
- » **But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconsistent, our obedience incomplete.**
- › Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.
- » **In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE | FROM PSALM 145:13–14

- › The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
In Jesus Christ, your sins 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.**

“BEAUTIFUL IN HIS TIME” (FORREST)

He hath made all things beautiful in his time.
He hath made all things beautiful in his time.
And I know that what God doeth, it shall be forever.
He hath made all things beautiful in his time.

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.
And I know that whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever.

He hath made all things beautiful in his time.
He hath made all things beautiful in his time.
And I know that what God doeth, it shall be forever.
He hath made all things beautiful in his time.

“DOXOLOGY”

SCRIPTURE READING | ECCLESIASTES 3:1–15

SERMON | “THE TYRANNY OF TIME” (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.**

“CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS”

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | EPHESIANS 1:9–10

- › God has made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—
- » **To bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.**

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 CrossOver Ministry, operating a charitable healthcare clinic to low-income, uninsured residents including refugees in the greater Richmond area.

FOR OUR CITY

We pray for schools and educational institutions of metropolitan Richmond: for healthy relationships between parents, teachers, and students; for cooperation between superintendents and administrators of public and private schools throughout this metropolitan city.

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

Will and Elisabeth Hayes (son, 9/12); 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)

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

June Marie Henry 9/9
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 **June Marie Henry** on September 9, 2023 to George and Erin Henry and big sister Holland. Please be praying for this family!

News & Events

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.



WOMEN OF VALOR PRAYER GROUP

Saturday, October 14, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

A new prayer group open to all women, especially encouraging single women and moms, those going through separation/divorce, or anyone who wants to pray in community to join. Childcare provided with registration.



RESOURCE FAIR WITH HENRICO COUNTY ADULT LEARNING CENTER

Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

We're partnering with our Regency neighbor, the Henrico County Adult Learning Center, to host this Resource Fair that will connect our immigrant neighbors to the many agencies and ministries in our area that can help meet their needs. Learn more and sign up to volunteer online.



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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