

# 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 67

- › May the peoples praise you, God;
- » **May all the peoples praise you.**
- › May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
- » **For you rule the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations of all the earth.**
- › May the peoples praise you, God;
- » **May all the peoples praise you.**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

“COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING”

“GOODNESS OF GOD”

## 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 | FROM PSALM 103:11-13

- › For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him.
- » **As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**
- › As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.
- » **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.**

INVITATION TO NOMINATE OFFICERS FOR 2025

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | PHILEMON 12-25

SERMON | "GRACE CHANGES THE WORLD" (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.**

"YOUR KINGDOM KNOWS NO END"

COMMISSION AND BEDICTION | FROM COLOSSIANS 3:1,10-11

- › Since you have been raised with Christ, put on the new self,  
which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.
- » **Here there is no Jew or Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised,  
slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.**

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 VanBrocklin, 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: Galatians**

*Led by Becky Bowers and Rick Hutton*

This class will explore the letter of Galatians and the freedom we have in Christ. This is an open and casual group discussion-based class for all ages.

**CLASSROOM C/D**

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## **Missions & Prayer**

*Led by the Missions Team*

Join us for stories and current questions from mission partners and faithful saints as we learn to pray for God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

**CLASSROOM G**

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## **Intergenerational Wisdom**

*Led by Drew Cleveland*

In our intergenerational church family, there is so much to learn from one another's experiences of the world and God's grace. Join us as we hear a different story from a different generation each week.

**CLASSROOM H**

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## **Metamorphosis: On Loneliness**

*Led by Mary Damon and Tom Ebel*

Join this safe community of curious souls for an open and honest conversation about loneliness, centered on Dr. Mark Mayfield's *The Path Out of Loneliness: Finding and Fostering Connection to God, Ourselves and One Another*.

**CLASSROOM I (DOWNSTAIRS)**

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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

Today is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. We pray this morning for our mission partner, the Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond. They have been an outreach ministry of the local Body of Christ since 1983 and continue to reach out to women and men who might otherwise never know the love of Christ or their worth and value.

## FOR OUR CITY

We pray to overcome in Christ’s name the heritage of racism: to experience the healing power of Jesus’s resurrection over all personal and institutional results of racism and racial inequality in this metropolitan city.

## FOR HEALTH

Erik Hendrickson, Susan Barr, Emily Oostdyk, Mary Hale, Ian Woie, Karen Tatti, Juan Ledon, Patrick Wallace, Bill Payne, Elaine Metcalf, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks

## FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Jesse Kell (father, 1/4); Glenn Davis (mother, 1/4); Parker Hale (father, 12/8); Alex Bruce (mother, 12/1); Brennan Morrissett (mother, 11/9), Mason Robinson (wife, Jean, 11/9)

## BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Eva Hargrave Cave . . . . . 12/7  
Noa Callaghan Phillips . . . . . 11/13  
Andrew Berkley Frere . . . . . 11/13

## DEATHS

Evi Burgin . . . . . 12/4  
Gordon Sandridge . . . . . 11/11  
Jean Robinson . . . . . 11/9

# News & Events

## **HARD HAT TOUR OF BUILDING RENOVATION**

*Saturday, January 27, 8:00 a.m. – Noon, 600 Forest Avenue*

Tour the renovation of our church building on Forest Avenue and take some time to write scripture on the Sanctuary floor. Must be 18 or older. Spots are limited, so sign up online soon!

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## **JOIN OUR MASS CHOIR FOR “TOTAL PRAISE”**

On February 11 a newly formed mass choir will lead our church in a song of praise from the Black American church. We need many voices of all ages, so please join us. Rehearsals on February 3 and 10 from 9:00–10:30 a.m.

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## **BARNABAS TRAINING BASIC WORKSHOP**

*Saturday, February 10, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

Join the counselors from the Barnabas Center for this important and helpful workshop on how to have deeper conversations with others, especially over the struggles of life. Register online; scholarships available.

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## **EGYPTIAN PARTNERSHIP VISIT & LUNCHEON**

*Sunday, February 4, 12:15 p.m.*

A small group from our Egyptian sister church, El Sharabia, will be with us in services on Sunday, February 4. Please join us afterwards for a celebratory luncheon. All are encouraged to attend! More information online.

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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.

# Notes



# NOMINATE YOUR CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2025

This year's Nominating Committee wishes to invite members and staff of Third Church to nominate candidates for the offices of elder, deacon and trustee.

## HOW TO MAKE A NOMINATION

1. Begin by studying Bible passages that delineate qualifications for elders/overseers and deacons, found in 1 Timothy 3:2–13 and Titus 1:1–9.
2. Pray and ask God to illuminate those people who may be biblically gifted and spiritually equipped for serving. Candidates must be faithful believers, covenant partners of this church, and marked by humility and a desire to serve.
3. **Make your nomination(s) by February 21.**  
You are welcome to submit multiple nominations!



To submit nominations online and learn more about the role descriptions, visit our website at [thirdrva.org/nominate](https://thirdrva.org/nominate).

As we trust the Spirit to move among and speak through the Body of believers, the committee will honor and prayerfully consider all nominations.

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** *Beth Sprinkle and Kathy White (elders), Aaron Mullins (deacon), Andy Burgess, Ashley Hall, Stephanie Holt, and Chris Payne.*