

# WELCOME!

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### PRELUDE | "PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN C MAJOR" (J. S. BACH)

### CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 84

- > How lovely is your dwelling place,
- » **O LORD of hosts!**
- > My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
- » **My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**
- > Happy are those whose strength is in you,
- » **In whose heart are the highways to Zion.**
- > For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
- » **O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

"GOD IS HERE" 246

"TRINITY SONG"

### 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 ROMANS 8:31–39

- › Who then is the one who condemns?
- » **No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.**
- › Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
- » **I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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.**

INTERVIEW WITH LAUREN AND ROBERT LUCK | “GOSPEL COMMUNITY”

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | EPHESIANS 2:13, 18–22

SERMON | “NO LONGER STRANGERS” (COREY WIDMER)

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

- › Christians, what do you believe?
- » **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

#### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- › Lift up your hearts!
- » **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- › Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- » **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
  
- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, you have made us in your image and for yourself. You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy.  
God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
  
- › You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you. You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home. God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
  
- › You have sent your Son to bring us home to you.  
By his Incarnation–
- » **You have found us.**
- › By his Death–
- » **You have forgiven us.**
- › By his Resurrection–
- » **You have freed us.**
- › God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
  
- › In union with Jesus Christ of Nazareth, our Great High Priest, and with all who worship you, both in heaven and on earth, we offer you our praise, singing:
- » ***Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he, blessed is he  
Who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ, reconciled to you and to each other by his blood. By your Holy Spirit make us—
- » **One with Christ, one with each other, and one in mission to all the world,**
- › Until Christ shall come in final victory and we feast together at his heavenly banquet. We cry,
- » **Maranatha! Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen!**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION | FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23–26

- › “The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

## FOR OUR GUESTS

The Lord’s Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It’s one of the most important things we do when we gather together, because the bread and juice are concrete signs of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. When we come forward to receive them, we believe that Jesus is actually present through the Holy Spirit, extending his grace and forgiveness to us. We welcome anyone to the table who is willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion, we invite you to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

### PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Lead me into the light and life you promise. Amen.

*Adapted from prayers written by Rev. Scot Sherman, Redeemer Presbyterian Church*

### PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more blind and sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete acceptance. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

**“COME TO THE TABLE” (POTE)**

Come, come, come to the table, and bring your joy,  
Bring all your gladness and come, come, come to the table.  
Eat the bread, drink the wine, come rejoice in the Lord.

Bring all your sorrow, bring all your pain,  
Bring all the heartaches you bear.  
Bring who you are and hope to become,  
Come to the table to share.

Come, come, come to the table, remember Christ.  
Remember his love when you come, come, come to the table.  
Come in faith, come to serve, come rejoice in the Lord.

Share in the bread, share in the wine,  
Share in the risen Lord.  
Share as a family, one in community,  
One in the name of the Lord.

Come, come, come to the table to follow Christ.  
Forgiven and free, you must come, come, come to the table.  
Come in faith, come in love, come rejoice in the Lord.

**“HOW GOOD IT IS (PSALM 133)”**

**PASTORAL PRAYER 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.**

**“WE ARE GOD’S PEOPLE”**

**COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | EPHESIANS 4:32–5:2**

- › Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
- » **Let us be imitators of God, as dearly loved children. Let us walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

**POSTLUDE | “JESUS SHALL REIGN” (RAYMOND HAAN)**

# 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.

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## **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**

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## **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**

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## **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**

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## **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.

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# 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 Joseph Kishore as he works in India to plant churches, minister through a mission hospital, and proclaim the gospel through television programming and in-person evangelism.

## FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in metropolitan Richmond: for all in need of social services, all social service departments and caseworkers; for partnerships between the church and other institutions serving the needy.

## FOR HEALTH

Carolyn Oakley, Vickie O'Dell, Mollie Heyman, Susan Drumwright, Elaine Metcalf, Cat Ramsey, Joe Slay, Stan Smith, Mary Ann Hancock, 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)

## BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

John Watson Henderson . . . . . 9/26  
Wren Carter Blackwell . . . . . 9/24  
Jane Crosby Kochard . . . . . 9/19  
Mary Windsor Walker . . . . . 9/18  
Daniel Wilson Hogan . . . . . 8/19  
Mabel Anne "Mae" Essex . . . . . 8/18  
Cyrus Riggsbee Henson . . . . . 8/17

## 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

We rejoice in the birth of three children!

**Jane Crosby Kochard** born on September 19, 2022  
to Chris and Carolyn Kochard and big sister Carson.

**Wren Carter Blackwell** born on September 24, 2022  
to Carter and Lacey Blackwell.

**John Watson Henderson** born on September 26, 2022  
to Keith and Anna Henderson and big sister Evie.

Please join us in praying for these families.



# NEWS & EVENTS

## WELCOME COFFEE

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

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

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## GRIEF CARE GROUP

*Tuesdays, October 11 – November 15, 7:00 p.m., Parlor*

Have you lost a loved one? Are you looking for a safe space to reflect on your grief with a caring community? Consider joining this new group, beginning October 11.

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## MEET YOUR ELDERS

*Sunday, October 9, after both services, Parlor*

Have questions for the elders about Regency, our construction plans, or what they're discerning for our community? Stop by the parlor next week to chat and get to know a few of your elders.

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## SPECIAL MISSION PARTNER PRESENTATION: REACHING THE UNREACHED

*Friday, October 21, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

Hear from a couple on the frontlines of reaching people for the first time with the Good News in 2022. Learn about the amazing opportunity before us! Names withheld for security purposes.

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## NOW HIRING: FULL-TIME FINANCE ACCOUNTANT

Join our finance and operations team! Manage financial records, assist with budgeting and HR, and prepare needed statements and reports.

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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





