

# WELCOME!

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### PRELUDE | "EVERLASTING GOD" (ARR. MCDONALD/SHACKLEY)

#### 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 hearts 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

"CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS" 223

"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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | AUSTIN HUNT AND WILL MULLINS (8:45 SERVICE)

Austin James Hunt is the son of Andrew and Melissa Hunt. Becky Edwards is representing the Session as the elder holding the font. Bill Edwards is the prayer sponsor.

William (Will) Reed Mullins is the son of Aaron and Katie Mullins. Robert Luck is representing the Session as the elder holding the font. Lauren Luck is the prayer sponsor.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | QUINN REDMOND-CILLEY (11:00 SERVICE)

Quinn Cathern Redmond-Cilley is the son of Craig and Hayley Redmond-Cilley. Andi Redmond is representing the Session as the elder holding the font. Lacey and Carter Blackwell are the prayer sponsors.

- » **Sing together:**  
*The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face shine upon you,  
And give you peace, and give you peace,  
And give you peace forever!*

Please pray for these parents as they seek to raise their children in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

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.**

**“HERE I AM, LORD” (SCHUTTE/COURTNEY) | 8:45 SERVICE**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.

I have wept for love of them; they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Here I am, Lord, here I am.

**“WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN” | 11:00 SERVICE**

**DOXOLOGY**

**INTERVIEW WITH VICKIE ODELL | “GOSPEL COMMUNITY”**

**SCRIPTURE READING | 1 PETER 4:7-11**

**SERMON | “STEWARDS OF GRACE” (COREY WIDMER)**

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.**

"TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE" 863

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | EPHESIANS 2:8-10

- › It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.
- » **For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION | 8:45 SERVICE

Now let us say Amen;  
Now let us say Amen;  
Now let us say Amen  
Until we meet again.

Amen, amen, amen  
Until we meet again.

POSTLUDE | "TUBA TUNE IN D MAJOR" (C. S. LANG)

# 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 partners Lyle and Diana Thomas who normally serve in St. Petersburg, Russia. There they endeavor to equip Christians through training and coaching leadership teams to reach their city. They are currently stateside during this time of upheaval in Russia.

## 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 mental health services, all mental health workers, counselors, and treatment facilities.

## FOR HEALTH

Bob McCray, 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

Russell and Richard Brooks (mother, wife, 9/30); Sarah Hale (father, 9/10); Chipper Via (grandfather, 8/31); 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

# NEWS & EVENTS

## TODAY! MEET YOUR ELDERS

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

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## 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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## 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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## IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

While a large portion of our community is at the Fall Retreat, we will be changing our worship schedule for that Sunday, October 30. We'll host one service at 11:00 a.m., with childcare for kindergarten and younger. With the exception of the Psalms class, all classes for adults, students, and children will pause until November 6.

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## EGYPT MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETINGS

*Thursday, October 20, 7:00 p.m., Third Office Building or*

*Sunday, October 23, 10:00 a.m., Parlor*

We are partnering with the Christian Arabic Church to visit and serve our Egyptian sister church, El Sharabia, March 29–April 7, 2023. We'll have a ministry and care group as well as a medical team. Come to an interest meeting to learn more!

