

# 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

#### "GOOD, GOOD FATHER" REFRAIN

- » ***You're a good, good Father.***  
*It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are,*  
*And I'm loved by you.*  
*It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.*

- › Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
 blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.  
 Fear the LORD, you his holy people,  
 for those who fear him lack nothing.  
 The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;  
 he delivers them from all their troubles.  
 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted  
 and saves those who are crushed in spirit. <sup>1</sup>

#### » (Sing refrain)

- › Come, all you who are thirsty,  
 come to the waters;  
 and you who have no money,  
 come, buy and eat!  
 Come, buy wine and milk  
 without money and without cost.  
 Why spend money on what is not bread,  
 and your labor on what does not satisfy?  
 Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,  
 and you will delight in the richest of fare.  
 Give ear and come to me;  
 listen, that you may live. <sup>2</sup>

#### » (Sing refrain)

› Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>3</sup>

» **(Sing refrain)**

“PSALM 131”

**CALL TO CONFESSION | “KNOW MY HEART” (HARLAN)**

Lord, you have searched me; you know everything I do.

When I rise, when I lie down, you are with me.

Before I speak, you hear me;

Your presence follows day by day.

O know my heart, O God.

If I ascend into heaven, you are there on the wings of the morning

Or in my deepest despair.

His hand shall lead me, his right hand will guide me,

Though darkness should cover me, light shall surround me.

And I will praise the Lord, I will praise the Lord,

I will praise him with my whole heart!

Lord, you have searched me; you know everything I do.

When I rise, when I lie down, you are with me.

Before I speak, you hear me;

Your presence follows day by day.

O know my heart, O God.

**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.**

### INTERVIEW WITH MISSION PARTNER JONAS KINDA

### DOXOLOGY

### SCRIPTURE READING | ECCLESIASTES 7:8-18

### SERMON | "HOW TO SUFFER WISELY" (COREY WIDMER)

“ALWAYS WITH ME”

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.**

“WE ARE PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY”

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM 1 PETER 1:3–7

- › Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
- » **In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.**
- › This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.
- » **In all this we greatly rejoice, though now for a little while we may have to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.**
- › These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

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 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**

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## **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**

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## **What Did You Expect? Marriage Class**

*Led by Rob and Kathie Cox*

Guided by a series of video lectures by Paul Tripp, we'll discuss ways to strengthen your marriage through the grace of the gospel.

**CLASSROOM G**

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## **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**

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## **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**

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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

Please be praying for Jonas Kinda with World Horizons, who serves seven different areas of Burkina Faso to plant churches, minister through a mission hospital, and proclaim the gospel at the risk of violent opposition.

## FOR OUR CITY

We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in metropolitan Richmond: for all who suffer from addiction, dependency or co-dependency of any sort; for twelve-step programs, recovery programs, therapists, and addiction counselors.

## FOR HEALTH

Kathy White, 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

Brad Houff (mother, 9/13); 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)

## BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Margaret Richmond Mattingly . . . . 10/1  
Lily Marie Northcutt. . . . . 9/23  
June Marie Henry . . . . . 9/9  
Elisabeth Louise (Libbie) Bowman .. 9/7  
Wilder Valor Allen . . . . . 8/23  
Novian Lamont Mattox . . . . . 8/19  
Elliot William Young. . . . . 8/9  
Ruby James Bruce . . . . . 8/6  
Emmaline Kate Sadler . . . . . 8/1

## DEATHS

Ann Kooiman . . . . . 7/30  
Mary Ann Hancock . . . . . 7/21  
Tom Morgan. . . . . 5/31  
Elizabeth Flanary. . . . . 4/14

# News & Events

## MEXICO MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING

October 22, 12:15 p.m., Classroom C/D

We're organizing an all-ages (10 years old and up!) mission trip to Mexico this summer, June 30 – July 6. Come to this interest meeting to hear more about what we'll be doing.



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## TODAY! MEET OUR MISSION PARTNER: JONAS KINDA

12:15 p.m., First Floor Gathering Space

A missionary and church planter in Burkina Faso, Jonas is doing important work training and recruiting leaders for reaching the unreached throughout West Africa. Learn more at this free lunch.



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## IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR OCTOBER 29

On the morning of Sunday, October 29, the Live Red Foundation is hosting a Kids Mile Race around Regency. The Live Red Foundation is a local nonprofit offering fitness programs for kids in low-income communities.

We are hosting **only one worship service at 11:00 a.m.**

Please **park on the bottom level** in the garage (the second floor of our parking deck will be closed, but Holly Hill Drive will remain open).



### How you can be involved:

1. **Race...** Race heats are broken up by age brackets for kids of all ages (as well as a race for parents).
2. **Cheer...** Cheer on the racers while enjoying coffee and snacks by our second floor entrance.
3. **Volunteer...** Contact Ed Satterfield (eds@thirdrva.org) to help staff our host table by the registration area.

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.