

# WELCOME!

## WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

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### PRELUDE | "CHACONNE" (LOUIS COUPERIN)

### CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALMS 46, 47

- › God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.
- » **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.**
- › Clap your hands, all you nations;  
shout to God with cries of joy.
- » **For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing to him a psalm of praise.**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

"O WORSHIP THE KING" 2

"THE EVERLASTING"

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- » **Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify  
your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

## WORDS OF COMFORT

- › Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
- » **Only Christ.**
- › And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.  
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; the new life has begun!  
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

## THE JOINING OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS

### 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.**

### VIDEO | "COME & SEE: THIRD AT REGENCY"

### OFFERTORY | "YET NOT I, BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME" (ROBINSON, THOMPSON, FARREN/ARR. AMES)

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer;  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,  
For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh, how strange and divine; I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side the Savior he will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need, his power is displayed.  
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.  
Through the deepest valley he will lead.  
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread—I know I am forgiven.  
The future sure; the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh, the chains are released; I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
All the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

#### DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | ACTS 1:6–8

SERMON | “THE SENDING SAVIOR” (COREY WIDMER)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

- › 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 BENEDICTION | FROM HEBREWS 13:20–21

- › Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will.
- » **And may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever! Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE | “TOCCATA GIACOSA” (GILBERT MARTIN)

# 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

*This class concludes today.*

CHOIR ROOM | DREW CLEVELAND

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## Exploring Jonah

*This class concludes today.*

ROOM 217 | ELISABETH HAYES

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## Metamorphosis: A Book Study on *To Be Made Well* by Amy Julia Becker

*This class will take a break next week and then continue until December 18.*

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, 500 FOREST AVE | MARY DAMON

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## Psalms: Wisdom of God for Everyday Life

*This class will be continuing until December 18.*

ROOM 213/215 | DAVID CARROLL, DAVID SKOVE

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### THESE CLASSES WILL BEGIN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6:

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#### Households of Faith: Marriage

CHOIR ROOM

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#### Exploring Philippians

ROOM 217

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#### Discipleship Pathways: Community & Mission

FELLOWSHIP HALL

# 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, who we cannot name for security reasons. Pray for this couple as they help create Bible stories in the languages of unreached or remote people groups, primarily in Central Asia. These partners train people to share God's word in story format and form discipleship groups and churches. They also provide personal discipleship and group studies for children returning to the US and facilitate programs for international partners to encourage and equip them for effective ministry.

## FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in metropolitan Richmond: for emergency shelters, women's shelters, clinics, and feeding programs; for recreation programs, youth programs, juvenile counseling, and young people's shelters.

## FOR HEALTH

Carrie Henaghan, 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

Jane Fields (husband, Jim, 10/7); 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

Jim Fields..... 10/7  
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

## IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

We are changing our worship schedule next week while a large portion of our community is at the Fall Retreat. 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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## TODAY! EGYPT MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING

10:00 a.m., Parlor

From March 29 to April 7, 2023, we'll be visiting our Egyptian sister church, El Sharabia, and serving their community in a few different ways, including medical care. Come to this interest meeting to learn more!

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## "THE GOSPEL IN CENTRAL ASIA" – A MISSION WOMEN'S GATHERING

Monday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.

Come meet Helen, a woman involved in coordinating many strategic efforts to share the good news of Jesus among the nations of Central Asia. More information and RSVP on our website.

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## TIES THAT BIND: A LOCAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Friday–Sunday, November 11–13

At this conference we'll look at some of the ways sin has broken apart metro Richmond, and how God and God's people are at work in the rebuilding.

- **Friday night:** Ties That Bind lecture with Shekinah Mitchell and Ted Elmore
  - **Saturday afternoon:** Bus tour with Urban Hope in the East End
  - **Sunday morning:** Guest preacher Dr. Amy Sherman
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## SUPPORT OUR REFUGEE FAMILY

We are looking to raise funds to support the Ukrainian refugee family, the Veremchuks, in their rent and asylum case throughout 2023. Consider giving to this special fund.

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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