

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 113

- › Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, you his servants; praise the name of the LORD.
- » **Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.**
- › From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised. The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.
- » **Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?**
- › He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people.
- » **Praise the LORD!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"COME AWAY FROM RUSH AND HURRY"

"ALMIGHTY GOD"

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 these words of favor, O children of God:
all these sins you have truly repented of,
he has eternally forgiven.
They will never be held against you.
You are free to love and to serve him in joyful assurance,
knowing his grace will always be more than sufficient
to your own failings.

» **Thanks be to Christ for this glorious gift!**

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.**

“GOODNESS OF GOD”

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | ECCLESIASTES 11:7-12:8

SERMON | “EMBRACING YOUR DEATH” (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

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.

"SHALOM" (FORREST)

Peace. Peace. Shalom.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you: Peace.

Not as this world gives, I give to you; do not be afraid.

Shalom.

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.**

"REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING"

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM PHILIPPIANS 4:4-5, 7

- › Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.
- » **May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.**

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:

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

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

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

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

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 (DOWNSTAIRS)

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 our global mission partners serving in closed countries, where sharing the gospel puts their lives at risk. Today is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Please pray for the 309 million Christians worldwide who experience high levels of persecution and discrimination for their choice to follow Christ. Pray for deliverance for Christians detained without trial, arrested, sentenced, harmed, and imprisoned in the countries where Christian persecution is rampant.

FOR OUR CITY

We pray for the families of metropolitan Richmond: for single-parent families, adoptive families, foster families, and for households that are communities of friends; for elderly persons living in their own homes, in retirement communities, and in nursing institutions.

FOR HEALTH

Mary Hale, Kathy White, Sarah Hale, Ian Woie, Karen Tatti, Juan Ledon, Patrick Wallace, Jim Slate, Bill Payne, Elaine Metcalf, Evi Burgin, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks

FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Linda Foster (husband, Al, 10/22); 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)

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Lilly Jael Sawyer 10/26
Margaret Richmond Mattingly 10/1
Lily Marie Northcutt. 9/23
June Marie Henry 9/9
Elisabeth Louise (Libbie) Bowman . . . 9/7

DEATHS

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

Lilly Jael Sawyer was born to Alex and Hannah Sawyer on October 26, 2023. Please join us in praying for this family!

News & Events

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 12, 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary

Together, we'll elect officers, hear an update on the renovation project, and more. Stay tuned for a full agenda.



MEXICO MISSION TRIP: APPLY NOW!

We're organizing an all-ages (10 years old and up!) mission trip to Mexico this summer, June 30–July 6. Applications to join the trip are due November 17. Visit our website for more information.



PROXIMITY: OUR LOCAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Saturday and Sunday, November 18–19

Author and speaker Tim Soerens will be joining us for a weekend to help us explore what it means—and what it would look like—to live in proximity with our neighbors.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Hear from Tim Soerens about loving and caring for our neighbor

6:30 p.m. Movie night at Regency

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

10:00 a.m. Special Sunday school class with Tim Soerens

12:30 p.m. Lunch with Tim Soerens

2:00 p.m. Bus tour led by Urban Hope through historic Richmond neighborhoods

Notes



