

# WELCOME!

## WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

New here? Learn about Third on our website at [thirdrva.org](http://thirdrva.org) and sign up for our ministry emails at [thirdrva.org/signup](http://thirdrva.org/signup). Looking to get plugged in and find community? Find a parish group meeting near you at [thirdrva.org/parish-life](http://thirdrva.org/parish-life).

### PRELUDE | "DIADEM" (ELLOR)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 118

- › Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
- » **His love endures forever.**
- › Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.
- » **The stone the builder rejected has become the capstone;  
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- › This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- » **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.**

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

"PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- » **Jesus Lord, in your mercy,  
by your holy life that heals us,  
by your holy death that saves us,  
by your Holy Spirit with us,  
come to cleanse these sinners that we are.  
Set us free to obey you;  
make us clear to stand before you;  
then, for your mercy, we will praise you.  
Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

“PSALM 103 (THE LORD IS MERCIFUL)”

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE | FROM LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24

- › But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
- » **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!**
- › Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
- » **Thanks be to God!**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | CYRUS HENSON (8:45 SERVICE)

Cyrus Riggsbee Henson is the son of Andrew and Sydney Henson. Paul Murphy is representing the Session as the elder holding the font. Jeff Henson is the prayer sponsor.

- » **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 Andrew and Sydney as they seek to raise Cyrus in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

JOINING OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS (11:00 SERVICE)

David Avula, Luka Avula, Vivien Broughton,\* Lydia Ellen, Sarah Fuller, Madeleine Garrett, Jenna Lanphear, Lauren Lanphear, and Caroline Piepgrass.

*\*indicates students also being baptized*

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.**

OFFERTORY (8:45 SERVICE) | “BREAK US BY THE POWER OF YOUR GRACE”

OFFERTORY (11:00 SERVICE) | "KEEP YOUR LAMPS" (THOMAS)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
The time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary,  
Children, don't get weary,  
Children, don't get weary  
'Til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over,  
Christian journey soon be over,  
Christian journey soon be over,  
The time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
The time is drawing nigh.

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | LAMENTATIONS 3:21-24

SERMON | "THE WAY OF TOV: MERCY" (AMY SHERMAN)

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.**

"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS" 348

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM ROMANS 10

› This is what the Lord says: Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches,

» **But let the one who boasts boast about this: that they understand and know the Lord, who exercises mercy, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these the Lord delights.**

# 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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## **Discipleship Pathways: Community & Mission**

Together, we'll explore the God who is community and sends us into communities of practice, which can include parishes, acts of service, pursuits of justice, and sharing the gospel.

FELLOWSHIP HALL | DREW CLEVELAND, LJ JAWORSKI, ELISABETH HAYES, JASON SNOOK

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## **Households of Faith: Marriage**

Join us as we talk about 6 gospel principles that will strengthen a marriage, based on Paul Tripp's book, *Marriage: 6 Gospel Commitments Every Couple Needs to Make*.

CHOIR ROOM | KATHIE AND ROB COX

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## **Exploring Philippians**

All are welcome to participate in this accessible and energetic class as it engages the letter to the Philippians as a community.

ROOM 217 | ADRIENNE WRIGHT

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## **To Be Made Well Book Study**

Join this safe and authentic community as we study Amy Julia Becker's recent book, *To Be Made Well*.

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, 500 FOREST AVE | MARY DAMON

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## **Psalms: Wisdom of God for Everyday Life**

Join us for expository Bible teaching as we study selected Psalms in a search for the ways of wisdom as taught by God throughout the Bible.

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 partners, The Christian Arabic Church (CAC) and El Sharabia in Cairo, Egypt. We have a sister-church relationship between our three churches that helps deepen our relationship with our brothers and sisters from Egypt. This partnership strengthens our Christian discipleship as we embrace the global church community.

## FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for the families of metropolitan Richmond: for persons who are lonely or have no family; for persons who are estranged from their families; for persons who are grieving the loss of a loved one; and for all who need to feel the love of God.

## FOR HEALTH

David Lynch, Randee Massey, Lauren Earley, Addy Allen, Susan Jenkins, Carrie Henaghan, Carolyn Oakley, 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

Joy Orteza (father, 10/31); 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)

## BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Josephine "Josie" Beverly Wright . . . 11/5  
Owen Patrick Cherry . . . . . 10/31  
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

## TODAY! ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

12:15 p.m., Sanctuary

The Session is calling this meeting to elect officers and 2023 nominating committee, approve changes in call (salary increases) for associate and lead pastors, and share updates on Renew and Regency move.

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## PRAYER GATHERING AT REGENCY

Tuesday, November 15, 5:30 p.m.

Join this time of prayer over our Regency space, then consider grabbing dinner with friends in a neighboring restaurant!

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## MEN'S ANNUAL FALL OUTDOOR GATHERING

Saturday, November 19, 3:00-8:00 p.m.

Gather with the men of Third for outdoor fun; relax, fish and enjoy good BBQ. Kids can come with their dads. Spots are limited! Sign up online.

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## STEP CHRISTMAS STORE: NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS!

Donate new, unwrapped children's items to our mission partner STEP's Christmas Store, where families in Gilpin Court can buy gifts at a discount. Donation bins by Fellowship Hall and in church office.

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## LESSONS & CAROLS: ANNUAL ADVENT SERVICE

Sunday, December 4, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Mark the beginning of Advent and prepare your hearts to welcome our Savior with this special Lessons & Carols service in our Sanctuary.

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## WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.

Join the women of Third for this cherished gathering as we share a meal, worship together, and usher in the Advent season. RSVP online.

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## EGYPT MISSION TRIP: APPLICATIONS DUE SOON

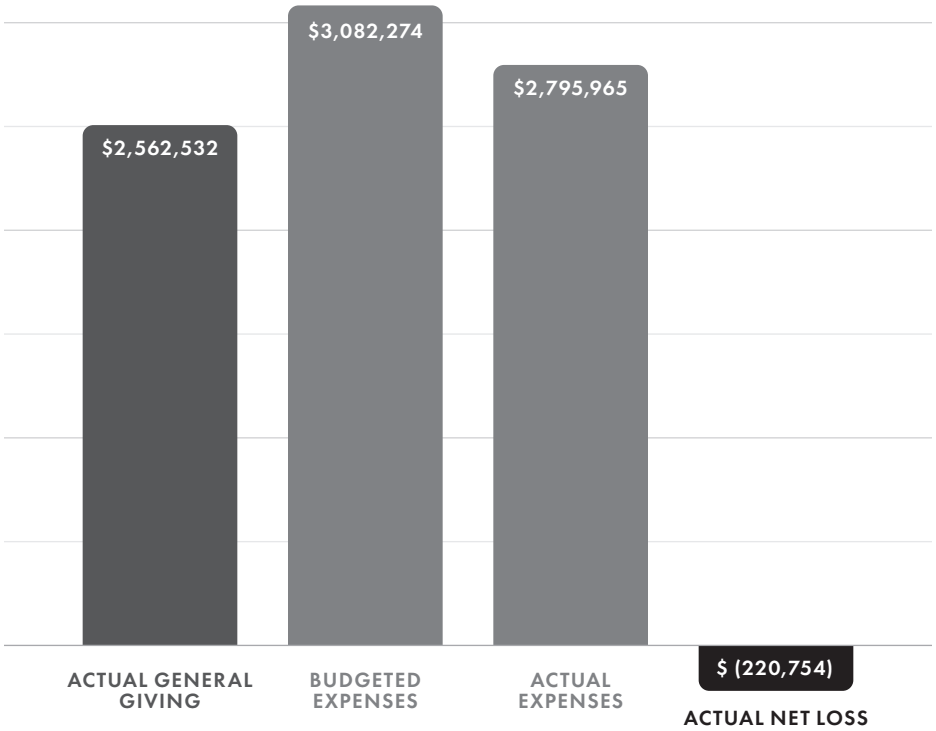
Applications due November 30 for this short-term mission trip to Egypt from March 29 – April 7, 2023. Email Rebecca to learn more and apply: [rebeccah@thirdrva.org](mailto:rebeccah@thirdrva.org)



# BUDGET UPDATE

We will regularly share in our bulletin a look at our year-to-date budget and giving. We strive to be transparent with you, our congregation, in our finances and want to keep you fully informed on how the year is going.

## THIRD CHURCH 2022 YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIALS



Just a reminder that our budget this year is an **expense budget**, and it is higher than the amount of total giving that came in last year. Therefore, we are trusting God and encourage you to continue to give generously and sacrificially!