

# 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

"YESU AZALI AWA/JESUS CHRIST IS WITH US"

"CHRIST IS LOWER STILL"

### WORDS OF COMFORT | FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

- › For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

» **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.**

### BUDGET UPDATE

"TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, THE SAVIOR SAID" (EVEREST, ARR. HELVEY)

Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
If you would my disciple be;  
Take up your cross with willing heart,  
And humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight  
Fill your weak spirit with alarm.  
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up,  
And brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross; heed not the shame,  
And let your foolish heart be still.  
The Lord for you accepted death  
Upon a cross on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength,  
And calmly every danger brave:  
It guides you to abundant life  
And leads to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
Nor think till death to lay it down;  
For only those who bear the cross  
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

## DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | JOHN 1:1–5, 14

HOMILY | "THE WORD BECAME PROXIMATE" (ELISABETH HAYES)

INTERVIEW WITH TIM SOERENS

**Tim Soerens** is the co-founding director of the Parish Collective, a growing network and global movement of Christians reimagining what it means to be the Church in, with, and for the neighborhood.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

"I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME"

COMMISSION AND BEDICTION | FROM 1 JOHN 4:19 (MSG)

› First we were loved, now we love. He loved us first!  
» **In spite of everything, we are going to love—love and be loved.**

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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## **Collective Discipleship**

*Led by Tim Soerens*

Come and hear from Tim Soerens he shares about the importance of why our rhythms of life matter so much for our neighbors and our journey with Jesus.

**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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## **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 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 (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 Richard Haney and Frontier Fellowship as they connect churches of various denominations, to engage and establish new churches among indigenous people groups around the world.

## FOR OUR CITY

We pray for the families of metropolitan Richmond: for an end to child abuse; for healthy relationships between children and their caregivers; for the care and protection of infants, children, and youth; and for the intimate knowledge that each one is a beloved child of God.

## FOR HEALTH

Eli Cox, Emily Oostdyk, Mallory Ballard, Tom Ebel, Mary Hale, Kathy White, Ian Woie, Karen Tatti, Juan Ledon, Patrick Wallace, Jim Slate, Bill Payne, Elaine Metcalf, Evi Burgin, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks

## FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Brennan Morrisett (mother, 11/9), Mason Robinson (wife, Jean, 11/9); Linda Foster (husband, Al, 10/22); Brad Houff (mother, 9/13); Will and Elisabeth Hayes (son, 9/12); Tom Hayes (mother, 8/18)

## BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Lucy Hansen Ballard . . . . . 10/31  
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

Gordon Sandridge . . . . . 11/11  
Jean Robinson . . . . . 11/9  
Ann Kooiman . . . . . 7/30  
Mary Ann Hancock. . . . . 7/21  
Tom Morgan. . . . . 5/31  
Elizabeth Flanary. . . . . 4/14

# Budget Update

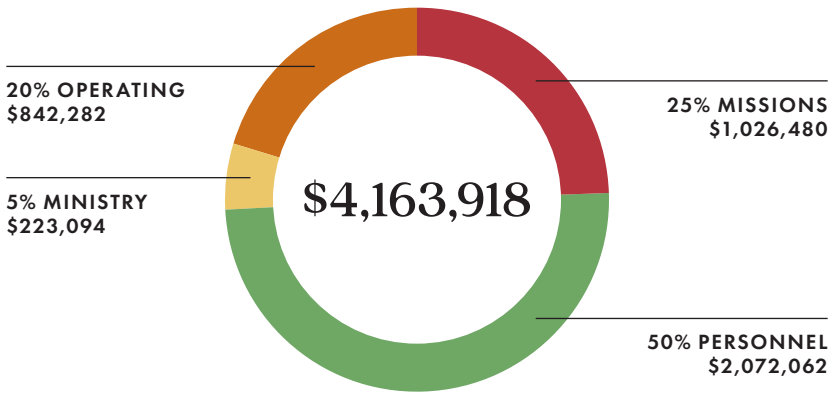
## 2023 BUDGET NEEDS

In order to finish the year strong and position us well for 2024, we rely on gifts in November and December to make up **29% of total projected giving** for the year.



We are in need of and praying for gifts totaling **\$1.2 million before the end of the year** to meet our 2023 budget projection. We invite you to consider including Third in your giving this season. As always, we continue to thank God for his faithful provision and trust that he will continue to meet our every need.

## 2024 BUDGET OVERVIEW



Look for a letter and commitment card in the mail this week. Pray and consider how you can give next year and bring your card to worship on **Faith Commitment Sunday, December 3**. We will make our commitments and pray over them together.

For more information, contact Geof Stiff, Treasurer and Elder ([stiffgs1@gmail.com](mailto:stiffgs1@gmail.com)) or Ed Satterfield, Executive Pastor ([eds@thirdva.org](mailto:eds@thirdva.org)).

# News & Events

## **FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION**

*Sunday, November 26, 10:00 a.m., Downstairs Gathering Area*

Celebrate the start of Advent together by learning about this special season and enjoying fellowship, crafting, and singing together. For kids ages 3 through 4th grade, accompanied by their adults. No Sunday school for this age group that day.

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## **LESSONS AND CAROLS**

*Sunday, December 3, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m., Regency*

Usher in the Advent season with this special service that tells the full story of God through the reading of Scripture and the singing of both traditional and modern carols. Childcare available at 4:30 service with reservation to Blair.

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## **LAST CALL! DONATE TOYS TO STEP'S CHRISTMAS STORE**

Donate new, unwrapped children's gifts for STEP's Christmas store in Gilpin Court, where prices are marked half off (or more). Bring donations to bins in Regency or the office lobby during business hours by November 27.

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## **WOMEN OF VALOR PRAYER GATHERING**

*Saturday, December 9, 9:00–10:30 a.m., Regency*

For any women who want to come and pray in community: come and be encouraged. Particularly well suited for women who feel on the margins. Childcare available with reservation.

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## **WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER**

*Tuesday, December 5, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Regency*

Join us for this beloved gathering with women of Third as we share a meal, worship together, and hear from covenant partner and poet Lauren Medina. RSVP online and bring a dish to share.

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## **DONATE POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

Donate a poinsettia to beautify our Sanctuary during Advent and Christmas, and then enjoy it at home. Poinsettias are \$15 each in memory or honor of a loved one. Contact Rebecca by December 6 to order: [rebeccah@thirdrva.org](mailto:rebeccah@thirdrva.org). Poinsettias may be claimed at the conclusion of the Christmas Eve services.

# Notes