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WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

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PRELUDE | "PRELUDE ON 'HYFRYDOL'" (RAYMOND HAAN)

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 130:5-7

- › I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.
My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.
- » **There is no darkness with you, O Lord.**
- › O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plenteous redemption.
- » **There is no darkness with you, O Lord.**
- › Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- » **There is no darkness with you, O Lord.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"HOW LONG?"

"COME LIGHT OUR HEARTS"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › Lord God, our lives are filled with sin. We forget our neighbor's needs
and do not love you above all else. We need a Savior. Help us to be ready
for Jesus in our own hearts. O come, O come, Savior of the world.
- » **Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT | FROM PSALM 103:11-13

- › The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life.
Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.
- » **Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us,
setting us free to love and serve.**

DEDICATION OF ESTHER AND ISAIAH HOCHSTETLER (11:00 SERVICE)

Esther Jean Hochstetler and Isaiah Martin Hochstetler are the children of Gabriel and Leah Hochstetler. Scott and Sarah Copeland, Rick and Caroline Hutton, and Ian and Andrea Woie are the prayer sponsors.

» **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!*

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.**

"AFRICAN NOEL" (ARR. THOMAS)

Sing Noel, sing Noel, Noel, Noel.

Sing we all Noel, sing we all Noel, sing we all Noel, sing we all Noel.

O sing!

Come, ye people, gather here to hear the news of good cheer.

The King of kings, the Lamb of God is born today in Bethlehem.

Sing Noel, sing Noel, Noel, Noel.

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | ISAIAH 9:1-7

SERMON | "ISAIAH: A SONG OF WAITING" (JUSTIN EARLEY)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We'll respond together after each prayer:

- › He is...
- » **With us.**
- » **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.**

"COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS"

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM ROMANS 13:10-12

- › Now go forth to live a life of love.
And do this, understanding the present time:
The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber,
because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.
- » **The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.**
So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

POSTLUDE | "LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YOU MIGHTY GATES" (WILBUR HELD)

FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION

TODAY AT 10:00 A.M.

Families are invited to usher in the Advent season together this morning at 10:00 a.m. Parents, bring your children (3-year-olds through 4th grade) to the Fellowship Hall join us for singing, a short Advent lesson and a craft.. **Note:** Sunday school classes for ages four and up will resume next Sunday, December 4.

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

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

Please be praying for the families of metropolitan Richmond: for families going through divorce and for all in the midst of life transitions; for peace, reconciliation, and forgiveness among family members, whatever the distance and however old the hurt or grievance.

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

Betty Olson (mother, 11/14); William Muangala (grandmother); Joy Orteza (father, 10/31); Jane Fields (husband, Jim, 10/7); Russell and Richard Brooks (mother, wife, 9/30); Sarah Hale (father, 9/10); Alex Bruce (grandmother, 9/3)

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Lillian "Lily" Beth O'Keefe 11/14
Josephine "Josie" Beverly Wright . . 11/5
Owen Patrick Cherry 10/31
Robert Rhodes Gardiner 10/5
John Watson Henderson 9/26
Wren Carter Blackwell 9/24
Jane Crosby Kochard 9/19

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

LESSONS & CAROLS: ANNUAL ADVENT SERVICE

Next 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.



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.



CELEBRATE JEFF HUMMEL

Next Sunday, December 4, 10:00 a.m., Parlor

Thank our organist, Jeff Hummel, for his leadership at Third and express well wishes for his retirement, happening after Christmas! Coffee and refreshments provided.

ORDER POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Order a red poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one to grace our Sanctuary this Advent season. Contact Rebecca Hatton by December 1 to order (\$15.00/ea): 804-282-4645 or rebeccah@thirdrva.org.

LAST CALL! APPLICATIONS FOR THE EGYPT MISSION TRIP DUE

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.



PICK UP AN ADVENT DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Our friends at Langham Partnership created a wonderful daily Advent devotional that you can find around the church. Pick one up today!

SUPPORT OUR REFUGEE FUND

We are looking to raise funds for our remaining commitments to our refugee families for 2023, such as rent and fees for securing asylum. Consider giving to this special fund.



NOTES



Our first Sunday at Regency will be January 8.

Join us as we fill our temporary space with our people and our praise!
Sunday morning services at 8:45 & 11:00.



Help us prep our space! We've compiled a number of workdays over the next few weeks to help us paint, prep, and organize our space. Find a time you can stop by or commit a full day.