

# WELCOME!

## WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

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### PRELUDE (11:00 SERVICE) | "NOEL X" (LOUIS DAQUIN)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 24:7-10

- › Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up,  
you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- » **Who is this King of glory?**
- › The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.
- » **Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up,  
you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**
- › Who is he, this King of glory?
- » **The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.**

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

"COME LIGHT OUR HEARTS"

"LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE" 821

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › O promised Christ: We are a world at war.
- » **Our peace depends on your coming.**
- › We are a sinful people.
- » **Our pardon depends on your coming.**
- › We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises.
- » **Our only hope of doing God's will  
is that you should come and help us do it.**
- › Lord Christ, Word made flesh,
- » **Our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace.  
Even so: come, Lord Jesus.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

## WORDS OF COMFORT

- › The Lord, the Light of light, descended and vanquished the powers of hell on the cross. He will come again to clear the gloom of hell away.

» **Thanks be to God!**

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | MCKENNA BALLARD (8:45 SERVICE)

McKenna Faye Ballard is the daughter of Brent and Mallory Ballard. Penn Pendleton is representing the Session as the elder holding the font. Gina Maio is the prayer sponsor.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | MAE ESSEX (8:45 SERVICE)

Mabel Anne (Mae) Essex is the daughter of Erik and Victoria Essex. Ashley Hall is representing the Session as the elder holding the font. Virginia Koontz is the prayer sponsor.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | DECK DIERINGER (11:00 SERVICE)

Deck Thomas Dieringer is the son of Kurt and Alex Dieringer. Mark Mendez is representing the Session as the elder holding the font. Kate Mendez is the prayer sponsor.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | SONNY STEHLE (11:00 SERVICE)

Harrison (Sonny) Maxwell Stehle is the son of Evan and Calli Stehle. Bill and Becky Edwards are representing the Session as elders holding the font. Jessie Allen 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 these parents as they seek to raise their children in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

## 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.**

**"GABRIEL'S MESSAGE (THE ANGEL GABRIEL)" (TRADITIONAL/ARR. ALONSO)**

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame.  
"All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

"How blest among all women you shall be,  
Whom every age will praise continually.  
Your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head.  
"To me be as it pleases God," she said.  
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."  
Most highly favored lady. Gloria!

Of her Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn.  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

**DOXOLOGY**

**SCRIPTURE READING | LUKE 1:46-56**

**SERMON | "MARY: A SONG OF TRUST" (COREY WIDMER)**

**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.**

**"GOD WITH US" / "SOON AND VERY SOON"**

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING | FROM PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11**

- › God has exalted Jesus to the highest place  
and has given him the name that is above every name,
- » **That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth, and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

**POSTLUDE | "FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME" (MICHAEL BEDFORD)**

# 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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## **Special Advent Class: Explore the Music of Christmas**

This week, we'll discover the Christmas hymns from the Gospel of Luke, and then next week we'll look at music written over the past 800 years that celebrates the birth of Jesus.

ROOM 213/215 | BILL PAYNE, DAVID SKOVE

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# 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 partner Jonas Kinda with World Horizons, who serves seven different areas of Burkina Faso to plant churches, minister through a mission hospital, and proclaim the gospel at the risk of violent opposition.

## FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for the families of metropolitan Richmond: for the homeless and the hungry, for the provision of safe, affordable housing and low cost nutritious food, for the personal safety, dignity, and well-being of those who are unable to work.

## FOR HEALTH

David Lynch, Randee Massey, Lauren Earley, Addy Allen, Susan Jenkins, Carrie Hengaghan, 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

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES: DECEMBER 24 AND 25

Join us on **Christmas Eve** for one of our services in the Sanctuary: 3:30, 5:00, 7:30, and 9:00 p.m. Communion will be served at the 9:00 service. Childcare available for kids three and younger during 3:30 and 5:00 services (please RSVP to Susan: susanb@thirdrva.org). Then join us on **Christmas morning** at 11:00 a.m. for a casual service of carol singing, prayer, and a brief message.

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## MEET OUR MISSION PARTNER: JONATHAN AND MIKA HICKS

*Sunday, December 18, 12:15 p.m., Office Building at 500 Forest Ave.*

The Hicks work together with a small Japanese congregation to reach the people of Fukuoka, Japan. Learn more and join us for lunch. No RSVP needed.

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## HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN

*Friday, December 16 – Saturday, December 17*

Join us for an inflatable obstacle course, games, food, and lots of fun in our building before we leave. Register (\$20) online.

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## NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Due to our move, we will not have in-person worship services on Sunday, January 1. Instead, we will provide an at-home worship guide with pre-recorded message to use with your family, friends, or on your own that morning.

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## THIRD OFFICE CLOSURES

Please note that our office will be closed on Monday, December 26, Friday, December 30, and Monday, January 2. Any tithes sent to Third should be postmarked by December 31, or hand delivered by Thursday, December 29.

# 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.