

WELCOME

We're so glad you've joined us for Christmas Eve! If you're new with us, we hope to meet you soon. If you'd like to learn more about Third Church and how you can be a part of our community, visit thirdrva.org/new-here.



We invite you to gather with us for a casual Christmas morning service tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome!

Starting January 8, 2023, we will be meeting at our temporary location at Regency Mall while our church building undergoes major renovations.

Learn more about our transition at thirdrva.org/regency.

If you need more space, please feel free to make use of our overflow space. Exit out the back of the Sanctuary and enter the door across the breezeway.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

PRELUDE



WELCOME *and* CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Away in a Manger” (7:30 and 9:00 services only)

CALL to WORSHIP

*All God’s people — boys and girls, women, men:
let us worship Jesus, the Lord.*

O come, let us adore him!

Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:

O come, let us adore him!

All who need a Savior,

O come, let us adore him!

All whose hearts overflow with gratitude and hope,

O come, let us adore him!

All who long for comfort,

O come, let us adore him!

Through the grace of God’s Holy Spirit,

O come, let us adore him!

PRAYER of ADORATION



“O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”

#76 in the hymnal

“ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH”

#82 in the hymnal

“HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING”

#80 in the hymnal



CHILDREN’S SERMON

(3:30 and 5:00 services only)

GREETING of PEACE

OUR OFFERINGS

*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

“O Holy Night”

DOXOLOGY



SERMON

“The Angels: A Song of Joy” (Corey Widmer)

Luke 2:8–20



PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and the LORD’S PRAYER

*Lord, in your mercy,
Peace to those on whom your favor rests.*

**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.**

COMMUNION

(9:00 service only)

“SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT!”

#85 in the hymnal

BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World” (Michael Bedford)



POINSETTIA CONTRIBUTIONS

LIZ FORMAN, given in memory of her husband, GREG FORMAN.

*ELIZABETH and JESSE KELL, in honor of their parents,
NANCY and LAWRENCE LOYD and BUZZ and JANET KELL.*

*Given in honor of BOB and BILLIE McCRAY from their children and grandchildren,
CHRIS, GRACE, CAREY, RICK, CAROLINE, McCRAY, and WILLIAM.*

ELIZABETH CONNER in memory of her dad, BILL.

AGNES SMITH, to the glory of God and in honor of all of our mission partners.

PAULA HARRISON, in memory of her parents.

SARAH WINFIELD, in loving memory of her parents, JEAN and BOB WINFIELD.

FRANK and DIANE ATKINSON, in memory of our parents and grandparents.

*JOHN, JENNY and ELIZABETH DANIEL, to the glory of God
and in loving memory of MISS MARIAN CARTER.*

*JOHN and JENNY DANIEL, to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents,
MR. and MRS. C.H. PEAKE and MR. and MRS. ZACH C. DANIEL.*

*JAN KESSEL, in memory of her family,
MR. and MRS. AUBREY KESSEL and DON KESSEL.*

JAN KESSEL, in honor of MR. COREY WIDMER.

*HEIDI METCALF LITTLE, in loving memory of LARA BROWN FERRY
and in honor of BOB and ELAINE METCALF.*