

# Welcome!

We're glad you're here.

## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 145

- › The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.
- » **The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.**
- › The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.
- » **The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.**
- › Our mouths will speak in praise of the LORD,
- » **Let every creature praise his holy name forever and ever!**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

“JESUS, THE MIGHTY ONE”

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD 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

## “NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD” (LOWRY; ARR. BRADLEY)

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

## WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE

- › What can wash away our sins?
- » **Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**
- › We are brothers and sisters through his blood.
- » **We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.**
- › In and through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

## 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.**

The Renew campaign is coming to a close today! If you did not bring a commitment card this morning, we invite you to fill out and tear off the back page of the bulletin, even if it's just to indicate that you have given, are planning to give, or will be committing to prayer. We are taking time to come forward with our commitments in unity, offer them to the Lord, and pray over them.

## DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | ROMANS 8:5-13

SERMON | "THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE" (COREY WIDMER)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We respond together:

- › 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.**

"WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION"

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | FROM GALATIANS 2:20

- › I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.
- » **The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

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 checking out one of the options listed below:

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## **People of the Word: Exodus**

*Led by Kyle Frayser, Gary VanBrocklin, 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 C/D**

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## **Discover the Bible: Galatians**

*Led by Becky Bowers and Rick Hutton*

This class will explore the letter of Galatians and the freedom we have in Christ. This is an open and casual group discussion-based class for all ages.

**CLASSROOM E**

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## **Metamorphosis: On Loneliness**

*Led by Mary Damon and Tom Ebel*

Join this safe community of curious souls for an open and honest conversation about loneliness, centered on Dr. Mark Mayfield's *The Path Out of Loneliness*.

**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 CARITAS as they assist the most vulnerable to overcome crises with dignity, respect, and compassion so they can regain their independence and experience long-term success.

## FOR OUR CITY

We pray for the coming of God’s realm in metropolitan Richmond: for the enhancement of our common life through the Holy Spirit, and for the resurrection of metropolitan Richmond as a modern city of hope for the world.

## FOR HEALTH

Greg Ellen, Dabney Harvey, Patrice Foster, Jean Sommerville, Judy Duarte, Susan Barr, Emily Oostdyk, Mary Hale, Ian Woie, Karen Tatti, Juan Ledon, Patrick Wallace, Bill Payne, Elaine Metcalf, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks

## FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Holly Smith (father, 2/13); Barbara Romanello (husband, 2/8);  
Jesse Kell (father, 1/4); Glenn Davis (mother, 1/4); Parker Hale (father, 12/8);  
Alex Bruce (mother, 12/1)

## BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Charles Hunter Brady Williams . . . 2/16  
Eva Hargrave Cave . . . . . 12/7  
Noa Callaghan Phillips . . . . . 11/13  
Andrew Berkley Frere . . . . . 11/13

## DEATHS

Evi Burgin . . . . . 12/4  
Gordon Sandridge . . . . . 11/11  
Jean Robinson . . . . . 11/9

We rejoice in the birth of **Charles Hunter Brady Williams** on February 16, 2024 to Lindsay Fisher and James Williams, and big sister Virginia. Please join us in praying for this family!

# News & Events

## **FLOURISHING IN THE THIRD THIRD OF LIFE**

*Wednesdays, March 6 – April 10, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

What does it look like to flourish in the later seasons of life? This six-session course will help you understand how to flourish in the third third of your life. Bring your lunch and join for good teaching and great community.

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## **WOMEN OF VALOR PRAYER GATHERING**

*Saturday, March 2, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.*

Come and be encouraged in this prayer group! Especially geared toward women who feel on the margins—single moms and women, those managing crises or working through a divorce or separation.

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## **CLUB 56 RETREAT**

*Friday and Saturday, March 22–23*

Our 5th and 6th grade students are invited to this overnight at Regency where they'll grow in relationship with God, connect more deeply with one another, and have lots of fun. Learn more and register online.



# renew

THE NEXT CHAPTER

*If you call Third your church home, we invite you to bring up your commitment to the Renew campaign during the service.*

*You can bring up a commitment card that you've already completed or fill out the form below to indicate how you'll participate.*

*Thank you!*

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Name(s)

By faith, I/we...

- Have already committed.*
- Plan to commit but are still prayerfully discerning.*
- Commit to faithfully pray for this church and campaign.*
- Commit to give a total of \$ ..... (fill out the following section)*

I/we commit to give to this next chapter of the Renew campaign by the end of 2025, over and above my/our annual giving and any pledge commitments I/we made to the first Renew campaign.

**I/we intend to give:**

- A one-time gift
- \$ ..... per year over ..... year(s)
- Other:
- I/we would like to donate stock or another asset.  
*Description and approximate value:*

Email ..... Phone .....

Address .....

City ..... State ..... Zip .....

*This is a statement of intent, not a legally binding agreement.*

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