

# Welcome!

We're glad you're here.

## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 62

- › Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.
- » **Truly he is our rock and our salvation;  
he is our fortress, we will never be shaken.**
- › Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.
- » **Truly he is our rock and our salvation;  
he is our fortress, we will not be shaken.**
- › My salvation and honor depend on God;  
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
- » **Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts  
to him, for God is our refuge.**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

“COME AWAY FROM RUSH AND HURRY”

“PSALM 45 (FAIREST OF ALL)”

“BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR (FAIREST LORD JESUS)”

## 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

**WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE | FROM EPHESIANS 2:13**

- › Hear the good news: now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: MOLLIE HEYMAN | 8:45 SERVICE**

Mollie Katherine Heyman is the daughter of JR and Stacie Heyman. Nicole Unice is the prayer sponsor, and Val Kling is representing the Session as the elder holding the font.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: VIRGINIA WILLIAMS | 8:45 SERVICE**

Virginia Frances Williams is the daughter of James Williams and Lindsay Fisher. Brook Tribble is the prayer sponsor, and Danny Avula is representing the Session as the elder holding the font.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: EMMALINE SADLER | 11:00 SERVICE**

Emmaline Kate Sadler is the daughter of Will and Abbie Sadler. Anna Brown is the prayer sponsor, and Melissa Lincoln is representing the Session as the elder holding the font.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: EVA CAVE | 11:00 SERVICE**

Eva Hargrave Cave is the daughter of Elliot and Darden Cave. Ashley Steele is the prayer sponsor, and Jane Mims is representing the Session as the elder holding the font.

» **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**



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.**

## OFFERTORY | "O LOVE" (HAGENBERG)

O Love, O Love, O Love that will not let me go,  
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, O Joy, O Joy that seeks me through the pain,  
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O Love, O Love, O Love that will not let me go,  
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe  
And in thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be.

## DOXOLOGY

### SCRIPTURE READING | ROMANS 8:18-27

### SERMON | "GROANING AND GLORY" (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.**

"YOUR KINGDOM KNOWS NO END"

### COMMISSION AND BLESSING | 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18

- › Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.
- » **So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.**

## 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 B**

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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 C/D**

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## **Prayer Room**

Our prayer room is open to all those who need a place to pray or desire to join with others to pray for each other, the life and mission of the church, and our world.

**CLASSROOM F**

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## **Intergenerational Wisdom**

*Led by Drew Cleveland*

There is much to learn from one another's experiences of the world and God's grace. Join us as we hear a different story from a different generation each week.

**CLASSROOM G**

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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)**

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# 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 Rise Richmond (formerly CHAT), a Christian community development organization that seeks to build community as they educate, tutor, and provide life skills and leadership training, seeking to provide good opportunities for growth and development for the youth and children of the Church Hill area.

## FOR OUR CITY

We pray for the power of the resurrection to transform metropolitan Richmond: for the redeeming power of God to remove any spirit of contentiousness, prejudice, greed, jealousy, or enjoyment of others' troubles; for humility, respect, and appreciation of the gifts and contributions of all.

## FOR HEALTH

Betty Schwarten, Vickie O'Dell, Margaret Leith, Greg Ellen, Patrice Foster, Jean Sommerville, Judy Duarte, Susan Barr, Ian Woie, Karen Tatti, Juan Ledon, Patrick Wallace, Bill Payne, Elaine Metcalf, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks

## FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Randy Harrison (mother, 2/21); 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

Caleb Daniel Olson . . . . . 3/5  
Thomas Jennings Hiltz . . . . . 3/2  
Peter Scott Copeland . . . . . 2/27  
Charles Hunter Brady Williams . . . 2/16

## DEATHS

Evi Burgin . . . . . 12/4

We rejoice in the birth of **Thomas Jennings Hiltz** on March 2, 2024 to Patrick and Lila Hiltz and big sister Charlotte.

We rejoice in the birth of **Caleb Daniel Olson** on March 5, 2024 to Laura and Daniel Olson and big brothers Samuel and Isaac.

Please join us in praying for these families!

# News & Events

## 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.

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## DONATE EASTER LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY

Donate a lily to help us decorate our Sanctuary for Easter. Donations can be made in honor or memory of a loved one. Contact Rebecca Hatton to donate (\$20): [rebeccah@thirdrva.org](mailto:rebeccah@thirdrva.org).

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## WOMEN'S SPRING GATHERING

*Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 p.m., Regency*

Share a meal with the women of Third, and hear from three covenant partners who lead impactful nonprofits in our community. Sign up online and bring a dish to share.

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## YOUNG ADULT: LUNCH AND PICKLEBALL

*Sunday, March 24, 12:30 p.m.*

Looking to connect with other young people at Third? Join us for lunch and pickleball at a nearby home right after the second service. Sign up online.

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## EXPLORING COVENANT PARTNERSHIP

*Friday and Saturday, April 12-13*

Looking to invest in community at Third and considering joining as a covenant partner? Join this class! More info, full schedule, and registration online.

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**HOLY WEEK: MARCH 24–31**



# renew

THE NEXT CHAPTER

*If you call Third your church home, we invite you to make a commitment to the Renew campaign if you haven't yet done so.*

*You can drop this completed form in the offering plate or commit online at [renew.thirdrva.org/commit](https://renew.thirdrva.org/commit).*

*Thank you!*

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## Next week is Celebration Sunday!

*You can still make a commitment this week before we announce the total amount committed next week.*

Name(s)  
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By faith, I/we 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.*