

Welcome!

We're glad you're here.

Stop by the Welcome Desk downstairs to learn more about Third Church, find ways to connect to our community, and ask any questions that you may have.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 66:1-4

- › Shout for joy to God, all the earth!
Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!
- » **Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.**
- › "All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you,
they sing the praises of your name."

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY"

"GREAT ARE YOU, LORD"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- » **Almighty God,**
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify
your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT

- › May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from your hearts and minds,
forgive you your sins, grant you the joy of his kingdom,
and raise you to new and everlasting life.
- » **Amen.**

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 | "PSALM 126 (ALTHOUGH WE ARE WEEPING)"

"GLORIA PATRI"

SCRIPTURE READING | EXODUS 14:21-31

SERMON | "MOSES AND THE PROMISE OF RESCUE" (ELISABETH HAYES)

Our lead pastor Corey Widmer is currently taking time out of the pulpit for rest, refreshment and study. We are excited to hear from other preachers this summer, with Corey preaching occasionally until his full return to the pulpit in August.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

- › Christians, what do you believe?
- » **I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sits
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- › Lift up your hearts!
- » **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- › Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- » **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, you have made us in your image and for yourself. You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy.
God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

- › You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you. You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home. God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

- › You have sent your Son to bring us home to you. By his Incarnation—
- » **You have found us.**
- › By his Death—
- » **You have forgiven us.**
- › By his Resurrection—
- » **You have freed us.**
- › God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

- › In union with Jesus Christ of Nazareth, our Great High Priest, and with all who worship you, both in heaven and on earth, we offer you our praise, singing:
- » ***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he, blessed is he
Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ, reconciled to you and to each other by his blood. By your Holy Spirit make us—
- » **One with Christ, one with each other, and one in mission to all the world,**
- › Until Christ shall come in final victory
and we feast together at his heavenly banquet. We cry,
- » **Maranatha! Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen!**

> “The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

“HOW BEAUTIFUL” (PARIS, ARR. GREER)

How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long, dusty roads and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful, how beautiful,
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

FOR OUR GUESTS

The Lord’s Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It’s one of the most important things we do when we gather together, because the bread and juice are concrete signs of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. When we come forward to receive them, we believe that Jesus is actually present through the Holy Spirit, extending his grace and forgiveness to us. We welcome anyone to the table who is willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion, we invite you to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Lead me into the light and life you promise. Amen.

Adapted from prayers written by Rev. Scot Sherman

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more blind and sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete acceptance. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

How beautiful the heart that bled,
That took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful, how beautiful,
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

And as he laid down his life
We offer this sacrifice:
That we will live just as he died,
Willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the radiant bride
Who waits for her Groom with his light in her eyes.
How beautiful when humble hearts give
The fruit of pure lives so that others may live.

How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King!
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth!

How beautiful is the body of Christ!

“ALWAYS WITH ME”

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.**

“DOXOLOGY”

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM EXODUS 14:13–14

- » Don't be afraid. Stand firm and see the Lord's salvation that he will accomplish for you today.
- » **The Lord will fight for us, and we must only keep still.**

POSTLUDE

The Ten O'Clock Hour

Grab some coffee and meet someone new downstairs! Our regular Sunday school won't resume until next week, but we encourage you to stick around at 10:00 a.m. to connect with your church community.

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, our world, the life and mission of the church, and the will of God to be done in our midst.

CLASSROOM F, UPSTAIRS

Starting Next Week: Pursuing Kingdom Renewal

Running from July 9–August 13, this class will be led by international and local mission partners who will lead us in exploring the practical work of pursuing God's renewal in our city and around the world. This intergenerational class will welcome all ages!

CLASSROOM C/D, UPSTAIRS

Third Kids

CHILDCARE

Childcare is available for children *kindergarten and younger* for the entire morning. Please check them in and drop them off before the service.

- Infants through 2-year-olds will be in their dedicated spaces.
- 3-year-olds through Kindergarten will in the Little Lions classroom.

WIGGLE ROOM

There are lots of wiggle areas around our Regency space. At the back of the Sanctuary there are comfortable areas to hang with an infant or if you need to step out for any other reason. You'll still be able to hear worship, but may be just out of eyesight.

If you need more privacy, we have a Family Room on the first floor in the dedicated children's area. This is a good option for nursing mothers who are looking for a quiet space to nurse.

Prayer Needs

FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Please be praying for our mission partner in India, Joseph Kishore, as he plants churches, ministers through a mission hospital, and proclaims the gospel through television programming and in-person evangelism.

FOR OUR CITY

We pray for governments and governing bodies of metropolitan Richmond: for the mayor and city council of Richmond, the city administrator, and all city employees.

FOR HEALTH

Richard Haney, David Arroyo, Peggy Harvey, Patrick Wallace, Cindy Vogel, Jim Slate, William Higgins, Bill Payne, Don Floyd, Ann Kooiman, Drew Cleveland, Ross Little, Keith Byers, Susan Drumwright, Elaine Metcalf, Mary Ann Hancock, Al Foster, Evi Burgin, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks

FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Marybeth Lawrence (husband, 6/26); Karen Tatti (sister, 6/15); Mary Morgan (husband Tom, 5/31); Frank Flanary, Andrea Woie (wife, mother Elizabeth, 4/14); Maggie Tuckley (mother, 4/10); Sunny Rosebro (brother, 4/4)

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Rowan Isaiah Ng. 4/7
Kennedy Evelyn Steele 4/3
Asher Layne Headley 2/19
Elizabeth Sophia Nix 2/4
Owen Immanuel Porter 1/27

DEATHS

Tom Morgan. 5/31
Elizabeth Flanary. 4/14
Velo Christian. 2/20
Billie McCray 2/2
Dorothy Jones. 1/30
Jimmie Massie 1/25
Christie Geraty. 1/21
Doug Kinney. 1/15

News & Events

NOW HIRING AT THIRD

We are currently searching for an Assistant Pastor for Parish Life and Mission. Please be in prayer for this important process. Learn more online.



Starting July 9 — Summer Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

“PURSUING KINGDOM RENEWAL”

Classroom C/D, Upstairs

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FOR KIDS

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 - Little Lions–Kindergarten will meet in the Little Lions classroom
 - 1st–4th will be combined in the 4th Grade classroom
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INFO SESSION FOR LEADING ALPHA SMALL GROUPS

Next Sunday, July 9, 10:00 a.m., Classroom G

Interested in volunteering with this interactive group that explores the basics of the Christian faith? Join us on July 9 to learn more about Alpha (starting this fall) and how you can serve.

For more information and to register for these events, scan the QR codes above or visit thirdrva.org/events to see all upcoming events.