

# 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 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

"IL M'A SAUVÉ"

"CHRIST IS LOWER STILL"

## 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 AND ASSURANCE | FROM LAMENTATIONS 3:21–23

- › But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
- » **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,**  
**his mercies never come to an end.**  
**They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!**
- › Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
- » **Thanks be to God!**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | ELIZABETH NIX (11:00 SERVICE)

Elizabeth Sophia Nix is the daughter of Koleman and Heather Nix. Rich and Bradley Crawford are the prayer sponsors, and Doug Kinard 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 Koleman and Heather as they seek to raise Elizabeth 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.**

“GRACE” (HAYES)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch, a wretch like me;  
I once was lost but now am found;  
I once was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And that same grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already safely come;  
’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far  
And surely grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the glorious sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise  
Than since the day we first begun.

## DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | PHILEMON 8–16

SERMON | “GRACE CHANGES RELATIONSHIPS” (COREY WIDMER)

“BROTHER”

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.**

“FATHER, LET YOUR KINGDOM COME”

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM COLOSSIANS 3:13–14

- › Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
- » **And over all these virtues let us put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.**

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 attending one of the classes 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 A/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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## **Missions & Prayer**

*Led by the Missions Team*

Join us for stories and current questions from mission partners and faithful saints as we learn to pray for God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

**CLASSROOM G**

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## **Intergenerational Wisdom**

*Led by Drew Cleveland with Al and Donna Davis*

In our intergenerational church family, there is so 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 H**

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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: Finding and Fostering Connection to God, Ourselves and One Another*.

**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 Shelter of Love, a home in Cambodia for disadvantaged and displaced children that seeks to train them to love and serve Jesus Christ to impact their country for him.

## FOR OUR CITY

We pray to overcome in Christ’s name the heritage of racism: for the elimination of discrimination in housing, policing, education, employment, transportation, and churches in metropolitan Richmond.

## FOR HEALTH

Erik Hendrickson, Susan Barr, Richard Brooks, Emily Oostdyk, Mary Hale, Ian Woie, Karen Tatti, Juan Ledon, Patrick Wallace, Bill Payne, Elaine Metcalf, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks

## FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Jesse Kell (father, 1/4); Glenn Davis (mother, 1/4); Parker Hale (father, 12/8); Alex Bruce (mother, 12/1); Brennan Morrissett (mother, 11/9), Mason Robinson (wife, Jean, 11/9)

## BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Eva Hargrave Cave. . . . . 12/7  
Noa Callaghan Phillips. . . . . 11/13  
Andrew Berkley Frere . . . . . 11/13  
Lucy Hansen Ballard . . . . . 10/31  
Lilly Jael Sawyer . . . . . 10/26  
Margaret Richmond Mattingly. . . . 10/1

## DEATHS

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

We rejoice in the birth of **Noa Phillips** on November 13, 2023 to Gordon and Sarah Phillips. Please join us in praying for this family!

# News & Events

## JOIN OUR MASS CHOIR FOR "TOTAL PRAISE"

On February 11 a newly formed mass choir will lead our church in a song of praise from the Black American church. We need many voices of all ages, so please join us. Rehearsals on February 3 and 10 from 9:00–10:30 a.m.

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## BIRDS & BEES

*Saturday, January 20, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

We're talking about *the talk!* Learn practical steps on how to begin and continue this conversation throughout the childhood of our kids. Content geared toward parents with young kids. Sign up online (free!).

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## BARNABAS TRAINING BASIC WORKSHOP

*Saturday, February 10, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

Join the counselors from the Barnabas Center for this important and helpful workshop on how to have deeper conversations with others; especially over the struggles of life. Register online, scholarships available.

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## EGYPTIAN PARTNERSHIP VISIT & LUNCHEON

*Sunday, February 4, 12:15 p.m.*

A small group from our Egyptian sister church, El Sharabia, will be with us in services on Sunday, February 4. Please join us afterwards for a celebratory luncheon. All are encouraged to attend! More information online.

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## SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

Mark your calendar! This year Vacation Bible School will be held June 10–14. Registration will open in the coming months.

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

# Notes