

Called¹ together² for the renewal³ of all things⁴ through Jesus Christ.

1 We are *called* by the grace of God in Jesus Christ from darkness to light, from death to life, from isolation to relationship. This grace saves us through faith and compels us to offer the whole of our lives in worship to the triune God. We come before him weekly to worship, seek training and embrace spiritual practices in our everyday lives.

2 We are called *together* as a new community through the gospel of Jesus Christ. We seek to live as an authentic spiritual family that crosses generational, cultural, and vocational lines. In this, we bear witness to the power of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection to reconcile us to both God and neighbor. We cultivate community within our parishes across metro Richmond, through neighborhood and small groups, and by enabling our people to exercise their spiritual gifts in service to one another.

3 We are called together *for the renewal of all things*. Anticipating the ultimate renewal when Jesus establishes his kingdom forever, we submit our lives to a renewing relationship with Jesus Christ and serve as agents of renewal in our neighborhoods, workplaces, city and, indeed, the whole earth. We join the work of Jesus through sharing the good news and doing works of love and justice, through vocational stewardship, through prayer and through partnering with brothers and sisters in mission across the world.

4 We are called together for the renewal of all things *through Jesus Christ*. All that we do in worship, community, and mission are in him and through him. With the reformed tradition and ECO polity as a foundation, our confessions and creeds, essential tenets and beliefs provide the unwavering filter through which we view, engage, and bring renewal to our culture, city, and world. In Christ alone we live, move and have our being.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM HEBREWS 4:14 AND REVELATION 5:12

- › Jesus Christ has ascended into heaven and is at God’s right hand— with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.
- » **Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven— Jesus, the Son of God—let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Let us praise his holy name!**
- › Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!
- » **Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength be to our God forevermore!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

“PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY”

“NOTHING”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.
- » **You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**
- › Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.
- » **Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT | FROM ROMANS 8:31–39

- › Who then is the one who condemns?
- » **No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life— is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.**
- › Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
- » **I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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.**

OFFERTORY | “TOTAL PRAISE” (SMALLWOOD/CYMBALA)

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills,
Knowing my help is coming from you.
Your peace you give me in time of the storm.
You are the source of my strength.
You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to you.

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Amen.

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | EPHESIANS 4:1–6

SERMON | “WALKING WORTHILY OF OUR CALLING” (COREY WIDMER)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Respond in song together:

- » ***You hear us call, you hear us call, Abba Father.
You hear us call, you hear us call, Abba Father.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy.***
- » **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.**

“BE THOU MY VISION”

COMMISSION AND BEDICTION | FROM EPHESIANS 4:4–6

- › There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
- » **One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all!**

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:

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

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

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

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

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 H

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 Tim Cole at Strategies To Elevate People (STEP). STEP exists to connect the poor and the marginalized in the inner city with the people and resources of the church. Through practical, relational programming in the areas of employment, education and evangelism to break the bonds of physical and spiritual poverty.

FOR OUR CITY

We pray for the coming of God’s realm in metropolitan Richmond: for healthy economic development which enhances the metropolitan community, employs the unemployed, and contributes to the common good.

FOR HEALTH

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

Jesse Kell (father, 1/4); Glenn Davis (mother, 1/4); Parker Hale (father, 12/8); Alex Bruce (mother, 12/1); Brennan Morrisett (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

DEATHS

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

News & Events

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 14, 7:30 p.m.

In our Ash Wednesday service, we confront the reality of our finitude, that from dust we came and to dust we will return. Join us for prayer, worship, reflection, and the imposition of ashes.



ASH WEDNESDAY OPEN PRAYER AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Wednesday, February 14, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We're opening our Sanctuary for open prayer and the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Drop by anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and invite friends, family, or neighbors.

LAMENT WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 24, 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Did you know there are many ways to practice lament? Come discover this ancient practice with us during the Lenten season. More info and sign-up online. Childcare available with registration.



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.



MAKE AN OFFICER NOMINATION

We're seeking nominations for the roles of deacon, trustee, and elder from our Covenant Partners for the coming year. Who do you know who should serve in one of these ways? Learn more and nominate online.



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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THE NEXT CHAPTER

Come have lunch with us today!

Join us today for a free lunch **in Classroom C/D at 12:15 p.m.**
as we share more about this next chapter of Renew.



See renovation photos, floor plans, renderings, and FAQs at renew.thirdrva.org.