

# 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 115

- › Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
- » **For the sake of your steadfast love and mercy!**
- › The idols of the people are silver and gold, the work of human hands.  
They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.  
They have ears, but do not hear; feet, but do not walk.
- » **Those who make them become like them;  
so do all who trust in them.**
- › But we trust in the LORD; he is our help and our shield!
- » **We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.  
Praise the LORD!**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

"IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE"

"ALMIGHTY GOD"

## 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

"I SURRENDER ALL"

**WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE | FROM 1 TIMOTHY 1:15**

- › “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:  
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”  
May Almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever.
- » **Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | JANE KOCHARD (8:45 SERVICE)**

Jane Crosby Kochard is the daughter of Christopher and Carolyn Kochard. Lauren Luck is representing the Session as the elder holding the font. Kim Benson is the prayer sponsor.

- » **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 Christopher and Carolyn as they seek to raise Jane in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

**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 | “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 | JOHN 9:1-7; 13-17; 35-41**

**SERMON | "COME AND SEE: THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS" (ELISABETH HAYES)**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

**"HE IS AMONG US"**

**COMMISSION AND BEDICTION | FROM EPHESIANS 5:8**

- › For we were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
- » **Let us live as children of light.**

**POSTLUDE**

# The Ten O'Clock Hour

Join us between our morning services today to grab some coffee or tea downstairs, make a friend, and attend one of the classes listed below.

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## **How to Pray: Learning to Live Your Life with God**

*Led by a variety of teachers*

Prayer is not just about our words; it's about living a life of communion with God. Hearing and responding to God's voice define the Christian life. So why is it so hard to pray? And why do we often avoid it? Using Pete Grieg's book *How to Pray* as a guide, come learn about prayer as a way of life. Together, we'll practice living in closer communion with the triune God.

**CLASSROOM H (FRONT LEFT OF THE SANCTUARY)**

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## **Letters of John 1–3**

*Led by Dave Skove and David Carroll*

John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, wrote 5 books of the Bible. In his letter called I John, he wrote about both recognizing false teaching and giving believers assurance of their salvation. Join us as we explore how these timeless themes apply to you in 2023!

**CLASSROOM B**

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## **Six Impacts of Faith on Your Work**

*Led by Roxanne Crosby and Jeremy Woltz, mission partners with Needle's Eye Ministries*

Do you ever wonder how your faith impacts your work life or vice versa? Join us as we explore the realities of our faith in the workplace and get practical tools and encouragement for how to move more deeply into your God-given purpose, identity, influence and mission at work.

**CLASSROOM G**

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## **Men's Fellowship Hour**

*Led by the men of Third Church*

Join other men from Third as we enjoy each other's good company and share our questions, struggles and earned wisdom on how to be faithful, ambitious, humble, strong, vulnerable friends and followers of the way of Jesus.

**CLASSROOM I**

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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*. 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 be in the 3-year-olds' room.

### 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 and walk them to their room.
- Grades 5–6: meet in the Club 56 room on the first floor.
- Grades 7–12: meet in the main Student Ministry room on the second floor.

## 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 Church Hill Activities and Tutoring (CHAT), a Christian community development organization that seeks to build community as they tutor, provide life skills and leadership training as they work to transform the environment of the Church Hill area.

## FOR OUR CITY

We pray for health care in metropolitan Richmond: for all the sick and their caregivers, doctors, nurses, hospice workers, home healthcare workers, and all who minister to the health of others. For clinics, medical personnel, and all institutions that serve persons who are uninsured or underinsured.

## FOR HEALTH

Bill Payne, Don Floyd, Michael Collins, Ann Kooiman, Geof Stiff, Amber Anthony, Drew Cleveland, Elizabeth Conner, Ross Little, Holly Kinard, Donna Davis, Kathryn Keller, Keith Byers, Barbara Satterfield, Lauren Earley, Addy Allen, Susan Drumwright, Elaine Metcalf, Stan Smith, Mary Ann Hancock, Al Foster, Jerry Dearmon, Evi Burgin, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks

## FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Missy DeRegibus (mother, 2/26, father, 1/3); Carol Broaddus (daughter, 2/27); Harrison Higgins (mother, Susan, 2/25); Boyd Clarke (sister, 2/14); Bob McCray and Caroline Hutton (wife and mother, Billie, 2/2); Elizabeth Massie (husband, Jimmie, 1/25); Kevin Geraty (wife, Christie, 1/21); Leslie Brewer (mother, 1/5)

## BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Elizabeth Sophia Nix . . . . . 2/4  
Owen Immanuel Porter . . . . . 1/27  
Halle Joanne Eiswerth . . . . . 11/27  
Lillian "Lily" Beth O'Keefe . . . . . 11/14  
Josephine "Josie" Beverly Wright . . 11/5

## DEATHS

Veloa 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

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## REGENCY PRAYER WALKS IN LENT

*Thursday, March 23, 5:30–6:30 p.m.*

*Saturday, March 18 and Saturday, April 1, 9:00–10:00 a.m.*

Start a new habit of prayer in Lent by joining our prayer walks at Regency.

All are invited!

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## PARENT AND CHILD COMMUNION CLASS

*Sunday, March 26, 10:00 a.m., Room TBD*

Is your child ready to take communion? Bring them to this class taught by one of our pastors to explore what it means to participate in this sacrament. Please RSVP by emailing Blair: [blairb@thirdrva.org](mailto:blairb@thirdrva.org).

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## WELCOME COFFEE

*Sunday, March 19, 10:00 a.m., Parlor, 2nd Floor*

If you're new to Third, come to this casual gathering to learn more about our community, what we believe, and how to get connected!

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## WOMEN'S SPRING POTLUCK

*Tuesday, March 28, 6:30 p.m., Regency Gathering Space*

Gather with the women of Third for a potluck! Bring a dish to share and a donation to Young Lives. RSVP online.

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## MEET OUR MISSION PARTNER: RAY HEINEN, SAT-7

*Sunday, March 19, 12:15 p.m., Classroom G*

SAT-7 is a family of five Christian satellites in the Middle East and North Africa, broadcasting God's love in three languages: Arabic, Farsi and Turkish. Learn more about this unique ministry at this free lunch!

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

*June 19–22, 9 a.m. – Noon; June 23, 9–11 a.m.*

Join us for a BIG week of fun learning about the BIG God Story.

Register today, ages 3 through rising 5th grade! Volunteers needed.

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## DONATE EASTER LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY

Donate a lily to help decorate our Sanctuary for Easter! Lilies can be taken home after Easter services. Contact Rebecca Hatton to donate (\$15) and please signify if it is in honor or memory of a loved one: [rebeccah@thirdrva.org](mailto:rebeccah@thirdrva.org).

# Notes