

Welcome!

We're glad you're here.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP | PSALM 96:1-4

- › Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- » **Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.**
- › Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
- » **For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"ALMIGHTY GOD"

"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 | FROM ROMANS 8:1-2, 11

- › There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin and death. And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit, who lives in us.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

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 | "GOODNESS OF GOD"

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | 1 JOHN 1:1-4

SERMON | "THE WORD OF LIFE" (ELISABETH HAYES)

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!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION | FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23–26

- › “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.”

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

God, I am not sure what I believe and I have a lot of questions. But I hear the claim that you love me, that you are for me, that you have given yourself to me in the person of Jesus Christ. If this is indeed true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Help my unbelief. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Holy God, I don’t want to do life on my own anymore. I admit that I have often lived my life apart from you, even in rebellion against you. Yet I see that you love me. I believe that you gave your Son Jesus Christ to live, die and rise for me. I trust in his work on my behalf and receive your grace and forgiveness. Send your Holy Spirit into my life to help me follow Jesus and his way. Amen.

“PARADOX DIVINE”

“JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE”

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.**

“THE LORD’S PRAYER”

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM 1 JOHN 1:1–4

- › The Word of life was in the beginning,
- » **It is now, and will be forever.**
- › Go forth now as people who have fellowship with Jesus, the Word of life.
- » **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

The Ten O'Clock Hour

Join us in the Sanctuary today at ten o'clock to hear from author and speaker **Kaitlyn Schiess**. Plan to check out one of the following classes next week:

People of the Word: Exodus (CONTINUING NEXT WEEK)

Led by Kyle Frayser, Gary VanBrocklin, Paul White, Dave Beckmann, and others

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

Discover the Bible: Galatians (CONTINUING NEXT WEEK)

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

Households of Faith: Parenting (BEGINNING NEXT WEEK)

Led by Jera Nelson Cunningham

Using aspects of the Enneagram and Attachment Theory in conjunction with faith and Scripture, this class explores how the gospel influences the way we relate to our kids.

CLASSROOM G

How to Live Out Your Faith: Stories of Belief in Action (BEGINNING NEXT WEEK)

Led by Wael Melek and others

Through discussions of real-life examples and stories of service, this class explores how our faith translates into an active power for good in our lives and the world.

CLASSROOM H

Metamorphosis: Try Softer (BEGINNING NEXT WEEK)

Led by Mary Damon and Tom Ebel

Join this safe community of curious souls for an exploration of a fresh approach for living a joyous, connected life, centered on Aundi Kolber's *Try Softer*.

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 Murray Withrow and his family, with Servant Partners in Richmond’s East End. Pray for Murray as he focuses on shepherding boys to become men, and men to become better men through the power of the gospel by way of evangelism, discipleship, and mentoring. They minister in Richmond to the men in Church Hill and Mosby Court.

FOR OUR CITY

We pray for the churches and religious institutions of metropolitan Richmond: for all who seek God on behalf of others; for pastors, ministers, missionaries, lay leaders, congregants, intercessors, and other servants of Christ.

FOR HEALTH

Missy DeRegibus, Mary Hale, 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

Peyton Jenkins (father, 3/29); Brent Ballard (father, 3/27); 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)

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Kate Eleanor Hartson 3/18
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

News & Events

TODAY! SUNDAY FORUM AND LUNCH WITH KAITLYN SCHIESS

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary for forum, 12:30 p.m. downstairs for lunch

Author and speaker Kaitlyn Schiess has joined us today to share on spiritual formation, the tension of politics, and the big picture of God's kingdom to prepare us for this national election year.

STARTING THIS WEEK: EXPLORING COVENANT PARTNERSHIP CLASS

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.



IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RESOURCE FAIR

Tuesday, April 16, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

We're cohosting this resource fair at Regency with the Henrico County Adult Learning Center for our immigrant and refugee neighbors. Volunteers needed for hospitality, translation, and refreshments.



MEN'S MINISTRY SPRING COOKOUT

Thursday, April 18, 6:00–8:30 p.m., Community West Pavilion

Join the men of Third for burgers, brats and some outdoor fun. Sign up online.



WE'RE HIRING!

We have positions open for the roles of Facility Manager and Associate Director of Student Ministry. Apply online at thirdrva.org/employment.



CHARITY PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Sunday, April 21, 12:30 p.m., Performance Pickleball

Play for a good cause! We're raising money for El Sharabia (our sister church in Cairo) and their church renovation project. Sign up as a pair, or we will pair you up with a partner.



MARRIAGE WORKSHOP WITH MIRIAM BOTT

Saturday, April 20, 9:30 a.m. – Noon, Regency

Join counselor Miriam Bott for a marriage workshop where we'll look at small, tangible ways to cultivate weekly connection that will make a big impact on your relationship. More info and registration online.



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