

Welcome!

We're glad you're here.

PRELUDE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | "THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE" (KIRKPATRICK)

The Lord is in his holy temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before him.
Keep silence, keep silence, keep silence before him.

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 66:1-2, 4

- › Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.
- » **All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"JESUS IS MY LORD, MY MASTER, AND SAVIOR"

Jesus is my Lord, my Master, and Savior,
Jesus is my Lord, my Master, and Savior,
Jesus is my Lord, my Master, and Savior.
Now and forevermore, hallelujah, now and forevermore.

Praise you, Jesus, Son of God,
And the blood of the Lamb;
King of kings and Lord of lords,
God of Abraham, hallelujah, God of Abraham.

Jesus is the One who delivers me daily,
Jesus is the One who delivers me daily,
Jesus is the One who delivers me daily,
From all my sin and shame, hallelujah, from all my sin and shame.

Praise you, Jesus, Son of God,
And the blood of the Lamb;
King of kings and Lord of lords,
God of Abraham, hallelujah, God of Abraham.

“JESUS, THE MIGHTY ONE”

“CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS”

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 PSALM 103:11–13

- › For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.
- » **As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**
- › As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.
- » **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 | “TRINITY SONG”

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | 1 JOHN 2:28-3:3

SERMON | "CHILDREN OF THE FATHER" (RICK HUTTON)

Our lead pastor, Corey Widmer, is currently on sabbatical. Please pray for him and his family as they experience rest and refreshment. We look forward to Corey's return in August.

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.**

"HE WILL HOLD ME FAST"

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM EPHESIANS 5:1-2

- › Let us follow God's example as dearly loved children.
- » **May we walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

POSTLUDE

The Ten O'Clock Hour

Get some coffee downstairs between services and introduce yourself to someone new today! You can also check out one of the following classes:

People of the Word: Exodus

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

Led by Becky Bowers and Rick Hutton

This class explores 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

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

Led by Wael Melek and others

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

CLASSROOM H

Metamorphosis: Try Softer

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 Beth Baleke with Scripture Union (Uganda), which is a Christian organization that nurtures children and youth holistically, helping people engage with God through the Bible so that they may follow Jesus Christ and be instrumental in transforming Africa.

FOR OUR CITY

We pray for the churches and religious institutions of metropolitan Richmond: for seminaries, Bible colleges, and schools training persons for vocations in ministry; for the students, faculty, and staff of these institutions.

FOR HEALTH

Bill Payne, Emily Oostdyk, Nan Clarke, Missy DeRegibus, Betty Schwarten, Mary Hale, Vickie O’Dell, Margaret Leith, Greg Ellen, Jean Sommerville, Susan Barr, Juan Ledon, Patrick Wallace, Elaine Metcalf, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks

FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Lee Zulauf and Heather Heah (father, grandfather, 4/10); Becca Payne (grandmother, 4/9); Margarete Jeffer (father, 4/3); 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)

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

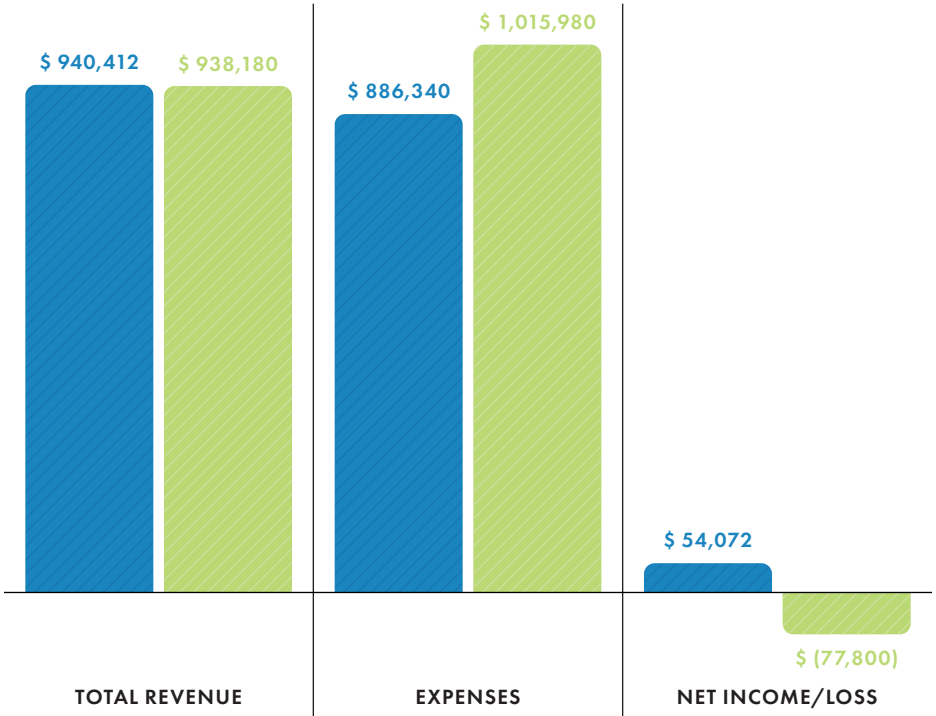
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Budget Update

We regularly share in our bulletin a look at our year-to-date budget and giving. We strive to be transparent with you, our congregation, in our finances and want to keep you fully informed on how the year is going.

THIRD CHURCH 2024 FINANCIALS (YEAR-TO-DATE)

● ACTUAL ● BUDGET



News & Events

STUDENT MINISTRY DESSERT AUCTION

Next Sunday, April 28, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Downstairs at Regency

The most delicious Sunday of the year! Come out to bid on the amazing desserts made by our church family to help fund our student mission trip to Mexico. Sign up to bring a dessert for auction.



REGISTRATION OPENS NEXT WEEK: FALL RETREAT AT SHRINE MONT

October 25–27, 2024

We're going back to Shrine Mont! Registration opens for our Fall Retreat on Tuesday, April 30, at 10:00 a.m. Space is limited, so be sure to snag a spot.



EL SHARABIA MATCHING GIFT FUND

Our sister church in Cairo, El Sharabia, is leading their own church renovation project. We are excited to partner with them through a matching gift campaign which will support this work. Until June 15, any gifts given toward this project will be matched up to \$40,000. All funds raised during today's Pickleball Tournament will go toward this fund as well. Give online at thirdrva.org/give.

