

# Welcome!

We're glad you're here.

## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 121

- › I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?
- » **My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.**
- › He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber.
- » **Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- › The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
- » **The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

“THIS IS MY FATHER’S WORLD”

“O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH”

## 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

- › Hear these words of favor, O children of God:  
all these sins you have truly repented of,  
he has eternally forgiven.  
They will never be held against you.  
You are free to love and to serve him in joyful assurance,  
knowing his grace will always be more than sufficient  
to your own failings.

» **Thanks be to Christ for this glorious gift!**

## 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.**

## DOXOLOGY

## SCRIPTURE READING | 1 JOHN 3:10-18

## SERMON | "THE FAMILY THAT LOVES" (ED SATTERFIELD)

*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

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.**

"THE LORD'S PRAYER"

### COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM COLOSSIANS 3:12-14

- › Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
- » **Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.**
- › Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
- » **And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.**

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:

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## **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**

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## **Discover the Bible: Fellowship with the Holy Spirit**

*Led by Becky Bowers and Gabe Hochstetler*

Explore Jesus' promise to sustain and empower us through God's own Spirit of holiness. This is an open and casual group discussion-based class for all ages.

**CLASSROOM C/D**

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## **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**

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## **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**

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## **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**

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## **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)**

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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 our mission partner For Richmond, a nonprofit organization that connects and equips Christian leaders to collaborate for the transformation of metropolitan Richmond. They cultivate the space and focus for individuals to have a greater impact through unity of vision and resources.

## FOR OUR CITY

We pray for the churches and religious institutions of metropolitan Richmond: for a spirit of unity, mutuality, cooperation, reconciliation, reform, and common ministry within the faith community.

## FOR HEALTH

Kathie Cox, Bill Payne, Emily Oostdyk, Nan Clarke, Missy DeRegibus, Vickie O'Dell, Margaret Leith, 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

Evi Burgin . . . . . 12/4

# News & Events

## **TODAY! STUDENT MINISTRY DESSERT AUCTION**

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., *First Floor Gathering Space*

Come downstairs to bid on the amazing desserts made by our church family to raise funds for our student mission trip to Mexico. Winning bidders will be announced at 12:30 p.m. Cash, check or card accepted.

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## **REGISTRATION OPENS NEXT WEEK: FALL RETREAT AT SHRINE MONT**

*October 25–27, 2024*

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

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## **EL SHARABIA MATCHING GIFT FUND**

Our sister church in Cairo, El Sharabia, is leading their own church renovation project. Until June 15, any gifts given toward this project will be matched up to \$40,000. Give online at [thirdrva.org/give](http://thirdrva.org/give).

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## **GAYTON & LAUDERDALE PARISHES: CINCO DE MAYO PICNIC**

*Sunday, May 5, 4:30–6:30 p.m., Community West Pavilion*

If you live in the Gayton or Lauderdale parish, come join your neighbors for this springtime celebration. Bring your favorite Mexican dish to share, or a topping for the taco bar. Contact Kevin Jeffer ([kevin.s.jeffer@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.s.jeffer@gmail.com)) with questions.



# Notes