

# Welcome!

We're glad you're here.

## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 66:1-4

- › Shout for joy to God, all the earth!  
Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!
- » **Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.**
- › "All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you,  
they sing the praises of your name."

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

"O WORSHIP THE KING"

"THE LION AND THE LAMB"

"I LOVE YOU, LORD"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- » **Jesus Lord, in your mercy,  
by your holy life that heals us,  
by your holy death that saves us,  
by your Holy Spirit with us,  
come to cleanse these sinners that we are.  
Set us free to obey you;  
make us clear to stand before you;  
then, for your mercy, we will praise you.  
Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## WORDS OF COMFORT

- › Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
- » **Only Christ.**
- › And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.  
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; the new life has begun!  
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
- » **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.**

"LET US BE KNOWN BY OUR LOVE"

## DOXOLOGY

## SCRIPTURE READING | 1 JOHN 4:7-21

## SERMON | "LOVE IS, LOVE DOES" (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.*

## 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.***

## 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.

## 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.”

## “HOW BEAUTIFUL” (PARIS, ARR. GREER)

How beautiful the hands that served  
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.  
How beautiful the feet that walked  
The long, dusty roads and the hill to the cross.  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled,  
That took all my sin and bore it instead.  
How beautiful the tender eyes  
That chose to forgive and never despise.  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

And as he laid down his life we offer this sacrifice:  
That we will live just as he died, willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the radiant bride  
Who waits for her Groom with his light in her eyes.  
How beautiful when humble hearts give  
The fruit of pure lives so that others may live.

How beautiful the feet that bring  
The sound of good news and the love of the King!  
How beautiful the hands that serve  
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth!

How beautiful is the body of Christ!

“COME, ALL WHO ARE WEARY”

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.**

“LET US BE KNOWN BY OUR LOVE”

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM JOHN 13:34–35

- › Jesus gives us a new command, that we are to love one another. Just as he has loved us, we are to love each other.
- » **By this, all people will know that we are his disciples, if we love one another.**

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 global mission partners serving in closed countries, where sharing the gospel puts their lives at risk. Please pray for the 309 million Christians in the world who experience high levels of persecution and discrimination for their choice to follow Christ. Pray for deliverance for Christians detained without trial, arrested, sentenced, harmed, or imprisoned in countries where Christian persecution is rampant.

## FOR OUR CITY

We pray for health care in metropolitan Richmond: for persons living with terminal illnesses and for their families, friends, and communities, and for persons working to find cures for diseases.

## FOR HEALTH

Anna DeJarnette, Nan Clarke, Roseanne Adams, John Morrissett, Kathie Cox, Bill Payne, Emily Oostdyk, 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

# News & Events

## **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.



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