

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 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

“THE EVERLASTING”

“JESUS, STRONG AND KIND”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › We praise you, Holy God, for your steadfast love given to us in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hold us by your grace, even as we have sinned against it and marred our relationship with you and our neighbor. We repent of our sins and long for you to restore us.
- » **In your great love come, cleanse, heal and help us, that we may live out our days to the praise of your grace and to the glory of your holy Name.**
Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT

- › May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from your hearts and minds,
forgive you your sins, grant you the joy of his kingdom,
and raise you to new and everlasting life.
- » **Amen.**

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.**

"GRATITUDE"

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | MATTHEW 5:13-16

"THE POWER OF INFLUENCE" (EMILY ELLEN, MOHEB RIAD, DANIEL MURPHY)

THE 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.**

"THE LORD'S PRAYER (IT'S YOURS)"

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | FROM EPHESIANS 5:8

- › At one time we were in darkness, but now we are light in the Lord.
- » **May we walk as children of light.**

POSTLUDE

The Ten O'Clock Hour

Join us between our morning services today to grab some coffee or tea downstairs and visit with a friend. Also, consider checking out one of the options listed below:

People of the Word: Exodus

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

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 A/B

Discover the Bible: Galatians

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

Intergenerational Wisdom

Led by Drew Cleveland

There is much to learn from one another's experiences of the world and God's grace. Join us as we hear a different story from a different generation each week.

CLASSROOM G

Missions & Prayer

Led by the Missions Team

Join us for stories and current questions from mission partners and faithful saints as we learn to pray for God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

CLASSROOM H

Metamorphosis: On Loneliness

Led by Mary Damon and Tom Ebel

Join this safe community of curious souls for an open and honest conversation about loneliness, centered on Dr. Mark Mayfield's *The Path Out of Loneliness*.

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 Linda Lemon with Cru. Her ministry is focused on offering “member care” to a national staff located in the different cities where Agapé France has workers. Linda comes alongside those who may be struggling with a variety of issues, such as burnout, bereavement, conflict, or culture shock. She also serves as a consultant to the French national leadership with regard to more sensitive personnel situations.

FOR OUR CITY

We pray to overcome in Christ’s name the heritage of racism: to overcome ignorance, indifference, resentment, and bitterness with regard to race in both private and public life; and to proclaim in word and deed the establishment of a beloved community in metropolitan Richmond.

FOR HEALTH

Erik Hendrickson, Susan Barr, Emily Oostdyk, Mary Hale, Ian Woie, Karen Tatti, Juan Ledon, Patrick Wallace, Bill Payne, Elaine Metcalf, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks

FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Jesse Kell (father, 1/4); Glenn Davis (mother, 1/4); Parker Hale (father, 12/8); Alex Bruce (mother, 12/1); Brennan Morrissett (mother, 11/9), Mason Robinson (wife, Jean, 11/9)

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Eva Hargrave Cave 12/7
Noa Callaghan Phillips 11/13
Andrew Berkley Frere 11/13

DEATHS

Evi Burgin 12/4
Gordon Sandridge 11/11
Jean Robinson 11/9

News & Events

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 14, 7:30 p.m.

In our Ash Wednesday service, we confront the reality of our finitude, that from dust we came and to dust we will return. Join us for prayer, worship, reflection, and the imposition of ashes.



LAST CALL! JOIN OUR MASS CHOIR FOR "TOTAL PRAISE"

On February 11, a newly formed mass choir will lead our church in a song of praise from the Black American church. We need many voices of all ages, so please join us. Rehearsals on February 3 and 10 from 9:30–11:00 a.m.



BARNABAS TRAINING BASIC WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 10, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Join the counselors from the Barnabas Center for this important and helpful workshop on how to have deeper conversations with others, especially over the struggles of life. Register online; scholarships available.



EGYPTIAN PARTNERSHIP VISIT & LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 4, 12:15 p.m.

A small group from our Egyptian sister church, El Sharabia, will be with us in services on Sunday, February 4. Please join us afterwards for a celebratory luncheon. All are encouraged to attend! More information online.



renew

THE NEXT CHAPTER

The Renew Campaign was first launched in 2020 to address the urgent needs of our aging church home. Today, we face the last hurdle: raising the last funds to finish the project and move back to our home!

RENEW CAMPAIGN VISION FORUMS

Sunday, February 11, 12:15 p.m. or Sunday, February 18, 10:00 a.m.

Come learn more about the campaign, what the renovation will be like, and how you can be a part of finishing this work.

Notes



NOMINATE YOUR CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2025

This year's Nominating Committee wishes to invite members and staff of Third Church to nominate candidates for the offices of elder, deacon and trustee.

HOW TO MAKE A NOMINATION

1. Begin by studying Bible passages that delineate qualifications for elders/overseers and deacons, found in 1 Timothy 3:2–13 and Titus 1:1–9.
2. Pray and ask God to illuminate those people who may be biblically gifted and spiritually equipped for serving. Candidates must be faithful believers, covenant partners of this church, and marked by humility and a desire to serve.
3. **Make your nomination(s) by February 21.**
You are welcome to submit multiple nominations!



To submit nominations online and learn more about the role descriptions, visit our website at thirdrva.org/nominate.

As we trust the Spirit to move among and speak through the Body of believers, the committee will honor and prayerfully consider all nominations.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: *Beth Sprinkle and Kathy White (elders), Aaron Mullins (deacon), Andy Burgess, Ashley Hall, Stephanie Holt, and Chris Payne.*