

# 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 62

- › Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.
- » **Truly he is our rock and our salvation;  
he is our fortress, we will never be shaken.**
- › Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.
- » **Truly he is our rock and our salvation;  
he is our fortress, we will not be shaken.**
- › My salvation and honor depend on God;  
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
- » **Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts  
to him, for God is our refuge.**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

"JESUS, THE MIGHTY ONE"

"THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › Let us come with humble and repentant hearts to the Lord.
- » **We all, like sheep, have gone astray.  
Each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

## 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!**

SECOND GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION (8:45 SERVICE)

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 | "THE MAJESTY AND GLORY OF YOUR NAME" (FETTKE)

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers,  
The moon and stars suspended in space,  
Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?  
You have given man a crown of glory and honor,  
And have made him a little lower than the angels.  
You have put him in charge of all creation:  
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.  
But what is man? Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?

○ Lord our God, the majesty and glory of your name  
Transcend the earth and fill the heavens.  
○ Lord our God, little children praise you perfectly,  
And so would we, and so would we.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
The majesty and glory of your name.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
The majesty and glory of your name.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | ECCLESIASTES 11:1–6

SERMON | “INVEST YOUR LIFE” (COREY WIDMER)

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.**

“HE WILL HOLD ME FAST”

COMMISSION AND BLESSING | FROM MARK 8:34–35

- › Jesus said,  
“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves  
and take up their cross and follow me.”
- » **For whoever wants to save their life will lose it,  
but whoever loses their life for Jesus  
and his kingdom will save it.**

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 attending one of the classes listed below:

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## **People of the Word: Exodus**

*Led by Kyle Frayser, Gary Van Brocklin, 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**

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## **Discover the Bible: Sermon on the Mount**

*Led by Rick Hutton and Becky Bowers*

This class will explore the central teachings of Jesus found in Matthew 5–7.

This is an open and casual group discussion-based class for all ages.

**CLASSROOM C/D**

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## **What Did You Expect? Marriage Class**

*Led by Rob and Kathie Cox*

Guided by a series of video lectures by Paul Tripp, we'll discuss ways to strengthen your marriage through the grace of the gospel.

**CLASSROOM G**

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## **Delta: Young Adults**

*Led by Drew Cleveland*

Join us as we explore a vision for life with God in this unique season of life.

College age/20-30s, singles and couples are welcome.

**CLASSROOM H**

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## **Metamorphosis: Making Sense of God**

*Led by Gina Maio and Tom Ebel*

Join this safe community of curious souls for an open and honest conversation about faith, doubt, and Tim Keller's book *Making Sense of God*.

**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 partners, whom we cannot name for security reasons. Pray for this couple as they help create Bible stories in the languages of unreached or remote people groups, primarily in Central Asia. These partners train people to share God’s word in story format and form discipleship groups and churches. They also provide personal discipleship and group studies for children returning to the US and facilitate programs for international partners to encourage and equip them for effective ministry.

## FOR OUR CITY

We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in metropolitan Richmond: for emergency shelters, women’s shelters, clinics, and feeding programs; for recreation programs, youth programs, juvenile counseling, and young people’s shelters.

## FOR HEALTH

Mary Hale, Kathy White, Sarah Hale, Ian Woie, Karen Tatti, Juan Ledon, Patrick Wallace, Jim Slate, Bill Payne, Elaine Metcalf, Al Foster, Evi Burgin, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks

## FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Brad Houff (mother, 9/13); Will and Elisabeth Hayes (son, 9/12); Tom Hayes (mother, 8/18); Kim Gordon (father, 7/10); Kim Garrett (mother, 7/6); Marybeth Lawrence (husband, 6/26); Karen Tatti (sister, 6/15)

## BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Margaret Richmond Mattingly . . . . 10/1  
Lily Marie Northcutt. . . . . 9/23  
June Marie Henry . . . . . 9/9  
Elisabeth Louise (Libbie) Bowman . . 9/7  
Wilder Valor Allen . . . . . 8/23  
Novian Lamont Mattox . . . . . 8/19  
Elliot William Young. . . . . 8/9  
Ruby James Bruce . . . . . 8/6  
Emmaline Kate Sadler . . . . . 8/1

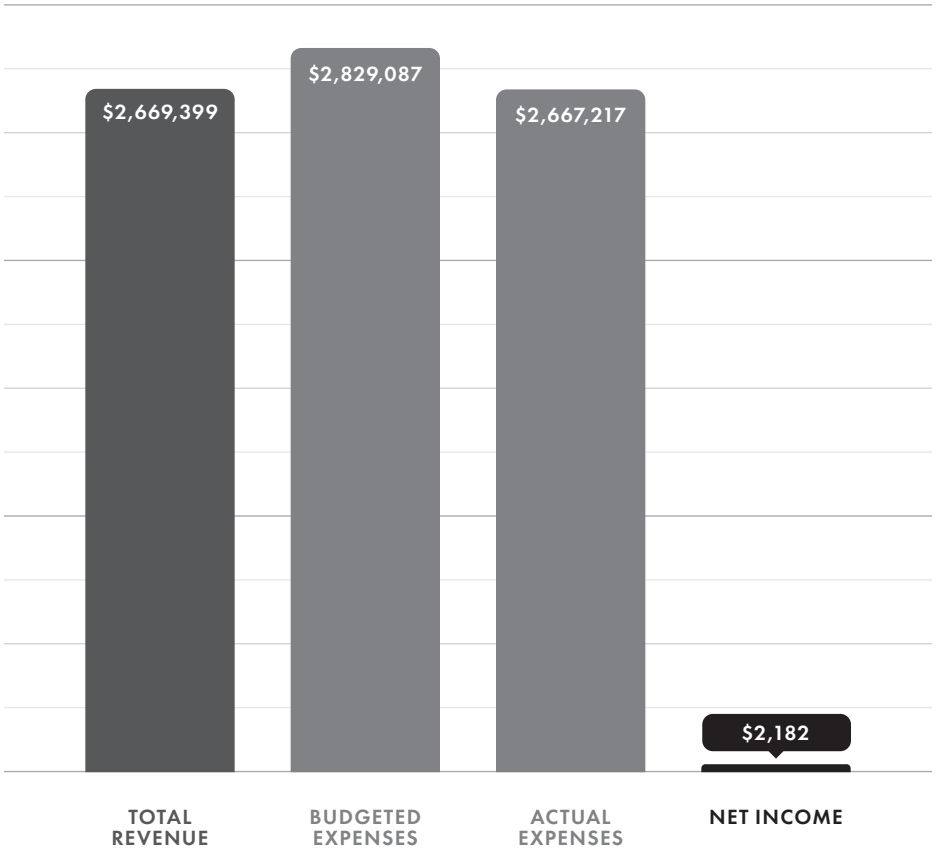
## DEATHS

Ann Kooiman . . . . . 7/30  
Mary Ann Hancock. . . . . 7/21  
Tom Morgan. . . . . 5/31  
Elizabeth Flanary. . . . . 4/14

# 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. We are trusting God and encourage you to continue to give generously and sacrificially!

## THIRD CHURCH 2023 YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIALS



# News & Events

## IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR NEXT WEEK



On the morning of Sunday, October 29, the Live Red Foundation is hosting a Kids Mile Race around Regency. The Live Red Foundation is a local nonprofit offering fitness programs for kids in low-income communities.

We are hosting **only one worship service at 11:00 a.m.** and all Sunday school will be canceled for the day.

Please **park on the bottom level** in the garage (the second floor of our parking deck will be closed, but Holly Hill Drive will remain open).

### How you can be involved:

- **Race...** Race heats are broken up by age brackets for kids of all ages (as well as a race for parents).
- **Coffee & Cheer...** Cheer on the racers while enjoying coffee and snacks by our second floor entrance.

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## MEXICO MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING

*October 22, 12:15 p.m., Classroom C/D*



We're organizing an all-ages (10 years old and up!) mission trip to Mexico this summer, June 30 – July 6. Come to this interest meeting to hear more about what we'll be doing.

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## PROXIMITY: OUR LOCAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE

*Saturday and Sunday, November 18–19*



Author and speaker Tim Soerens will be with us the weekend of November 18–19 to help us explore what it means—and what it would look like—to live in proximity with our neighbors. We're hosting events on Saturday and Sunday; check out the full schedule and join us.

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*Sunday, November 12, 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary*



Together, we'll elect officers, hear an update on the renovation project, and more. Stay tuned for a full agenda.

For more information and to register for these events, scan the QR codes above or visit [thirdrva.org/events](https://thirdrva.org/events) to see all upcoming events.