

September 2023

# Third Presbyterian Church



## Serving God by Serving Others by Molly Howard

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” — Mark 10:45, NIV

It is an unfortunate truth that people are often self-centered and form habits that serve themselves, sometimes even at the cost of others. This is due to our sinful nature that convinces us that serving ourselves is what is best and will make us happiest. However, as Christians, we are called to live differently, not like the rest of the world. Instead of looking to serve ourselves, we should look to serve Jesus Christ foremost as well as others.

Jesus is the perfect example of service towards others. He came to the world and rather than be served by others he himself served others with kindness and humility. From healing those who were sick or possessed and washing the disciple’s feet to dying a gruesome death on the cross, Jesus shows us what real love and the heart of a servant truly looks like.

### *Serving in Love*

“You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.” —Galatians 5:13, NIV

Serving others involves more than simply our actions. Rather, it involves our hearts and attitudes towards each other while we are serving; it involves love. Once again, we can look to Jesus as an example for this. He did not serve begrudgingly but instead showed true humility and love while he helped people from different backgrounds and social standings.

“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.” — 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, NIV

How can we love and serve others? Here are a few ways to serve others:

- Pray for each other (Ephesians 6:18)
- Share and give to those in need (Hebrews 13:16)
- Give encouragement (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Work with intention and joy (Philippians 2:14-15)
- Spread God’s Word (Psalm 96:3)

### ***Honor One Another***

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” — Romans 12:9-13, NIV

Serving one another like Christ served involves treating others with honor and respect. Romans 12 tells us to “be devoted to one another in love.” Our actions and service should be a reflection of Christ and how he loves.

### **Annual Church Picnic**

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship  
Come and join us for our Annual Picnic. Bring your family, friends and neighbors.  
We ask that you bring a side dish to share. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided.

### **Join Us For Worship Every Sunday In-Person and Live Stream at 11 am**

Below is the Zoom link where you will be able to see those leading worship and along with parts of our liturgy. Below is the most updated link, phone number and password.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/605837516?pwd=V0R5VmNCQ2Mraml1TFdOVXpGMEpiQT09>

If you do not have computer access, you can call in with your home or cell phone using Zoom’s dial in option.

**Meeting ID: 605 837 516**

**Password: 23518**

**Phone: 312-626-6799**

### **UPCOMING PULPIT SUPPLY SCHEDULE**

September 10<sup>th</sup> - Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass

September 17<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Don Martin

September 24<sup>th</sup> – Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass

October 1<sup>st</sup> – Rev. Don Martin

October 8<sup>th</sup> – Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass

October 15<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Don Martin

October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass

October 29<sup>th</sup> – Commissioned Pastor Sid Etherington

Beginning September 10<sup>th</sup> and through the month of December, we will be welcoming to our pulpit  
Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays,  
the Rev. Don Martin on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays,  
and Commissioned Pastor Sid Etherington on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

### Most Asked For Addresses

Peggy Russell  
Aspire at West End  
5020 Sulky Drive, # 415  
Henrico, VA 23228  
Phone: 757-387-9301

Patricia Basnight  
Lake Taylor Hospital  
1309 Kempsville Road  
Room 29A  
Norfolk, VA 23502

Lexi White & Marc Cahill  
89 Winchester Dr.  
South Kingstown, RI  
02879

Judy & Tim Cook  
5079 Easy Street  
Mobile, Alabama  
36619-1763

Brandon & Laura Griffin  
7521 Ripplepointe Way  
Windermere, FL 34786

Carter Griffin  
Pearson Hall East  
Room B037  
260 Alumni Mall  
Blacksburg, VA 24061

### Prayer List

Please remember the following people and families in your prayers, that they might be lifted up through your conversations with God:

- Claudia Cary
- Ruth Bray
- Di Ricks
- Chuck Olejasz
- Gini & Sandy Campbell
- Fred Holtz
- Christopher Roberts
- Jessica and Ray Fitzgerald
- Ginny Davis
- Steve & Claudia Glover
- Carol Maxwell's Mom
- Larry McKinney
- Patricia Basnight
- Darlene Pick
- Kitty Ribaud
- Holly Gaff
- Nancy & Steve Babor
- Toy Hefner
- Our Church
- The Session
- Our Community



- Sep 9—Samuel Smith
- Sep 12—Brenda Maxwell
- Sep 12—Lauren Maxwell
- Sep 18—Samantha McKinney
- Sep 25—Vernon Barham
- Sep 29—Kelly Hughes



Ron & Inda Ratcliff

### Offerings

- August 6—\$1,240.00
- August 13—\$1,360.00
- August 20—\$1,505.00
- August 27—\$805.00

### Office Hours

Monday - Friday from 9am - 1pm.  
Please feel free to call 757-587-7576 or send an email ([thirdpc@hrcoxmail.com](mailto:thirdpc@hrcoxmail.com)), if you need any assistance. Thank you!

### Shepherd's List 2023



**Amy Griffin**

**757-618-3006**

Claudia Cary

\*Dee Glover

\*Steven and Claudia Glover

Ginny Davis

Jessica Fitzgerald & Family

Nancy and Vernon Barham

Dorothy Grandstaff

Marguerite Duke

Betty Hart

Susan Howlett

Peggy Russell

**Tom Maxwell**

**757-531-9851**

\*\*Brittany French

Dave and Jenni Joyce

Kitty Ribaud

Shelli Quales

Holly Gaff and CJ Jones

T.J. and Larry McKinney

Lexi White and Marc Cahill

Deb King

The Rapacon Family - Amanda,  
Manny, Christian, Samantha, Rachel,  
and Peter

\*no email-please call

\*\*Text

**Red+Shut-in**



**Teri Howard**

**757-274-3311**

Susan Mayo

\*Dolores Ominski

Darlene Pick

Debbie and Ray Platte

Amy and Dennis Griffin

Ginny Keisel

Di Ricks

Sybil Crooks

**\*Anne Basnight**

**Stacy Apelt**

**757-583-5872**

Jennifer Lavalley & Family

Ron and Ina Ratcliff

Tim Green & Family

Nancy Babor

Jim Rudiger

Malinda Hanna Davis

Carol and Tom Maxwell

Mary Ann Shepard

Kayla and Bryson Shepard

Margaret Chewning & Dan Cudney

**Jim Rudiger**

**757-588-5311**

Cheryl and Fred Holtz

Teri Howard

Michael and Teresa Gibbs

Joseph Bray

Ruth Bray

\*Chuck Olejasz

Artie and Milinda Derrenbacker

Stacy Apelt and Judy Floyd Apelt

Meghan Powell and Geno Morgan

**Calvin Presbyterian Church**

2901 E Little Creek Rd, Norfolk, VA  
23518 (757) 587-1591

**• Food Pantry Hours**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

• Third Saturdays of the month  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**The food pantry serves Norfolk  
zip codes 23518 and 23503.  
Those in need of assistance  
may obtain a referral from any of  
the participating churches.**


**Pantry Wish List:**

- 25 oz Apple Sauce
- 16 oz Baked Beans
- 24 oz Beef Stew
- 15 oz Peas
- 15 oz Green Beans
- 1 lb 13 oz Canned Fruit
- 32 oz Jelly
- 18 oz Peanut Butter
- 32 oz Pancake Mix
- 24 oz Syrup
- 1 lb Rice
- 8.25 oz Tuna Helper
- 6 oz Tuna
- 15 oz Spaghetti O's
- 15 oz Thick Soup
- 64 oz Juice
- 12 oz Luncheon Meat
- 7.25 oz Macaroni & Cheese
- 13.75 oz Mashed Potatoes
- 13.7 oz Oatmeal Individual Packs
- 16 oz Spaghetti Noodles
- 26.5 oz Spaghetti Sauce
- Dry Milk, Individual Packs

*Please, no baby food, coffee, tea, sugar, pickles, olives, condiments, tomatoes, cranberries, canned milk, crackers or mushrooms.*



# LABOR Day *September 2023*

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat                               |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| 3<br>Communion<br>11am In-Person &<br>Virtual Worship                 | 4<br><i>Labor Day</i>   | 5<br>6:30-10pm Dance<br>Group-C. Crofford-<br>FH     | 6<br>7pm- Choir<br>Practice<br>7pm AA Meeting | 7<br>7-9:30pm—Square<br>Dance                  | 8<br>10am—Clothes<br>Closet  | 9<br>6:30pm Square<br>Dance Group |
| 10<br>11am In-Person &<br>Virtual Worship<br>12 Noon—Church<br>Picnic | 11<br>Noon—Presbyterian<br>Women Bible Study<br>6:30-10pm Dance<br>Group-C. Crofford-<br>FH | 12<br>12<br>7pm- Choir<br>Practice<br>7pm AA Meeting | 13<br>7pm Civic League<br>Meeting             | 14<br>7-9:30pm—Square<br>Dance                 | 15<br>7pm- Choir<br>Practice<br>7pm AA Meeting  | 16<br>7-9:30pm—Square<br>Dance    |
| 17<br>11am In-Person &<br>Virtual Worship                             | 18<br>6pm Session Mtg.<br>6:30-10pm Dance<br>Group-C. Crofford                              | 19<br>7pm- Choir<br>Practice<br>7pm AA Meeting       | 20<br>7-9:30pm—Square<br>Dance                | 21<br>7pm- Choir<br>Practice<br>7pm AA Meeting | 22<br>7-9:30pm—Square<br>Dance  | 23<br>7-9:30pm—Square<br>Dance    |
| 24<br>11am In-Person &<br>Virtual Worship                             | 25<br>6:30-10pm Dance<br>Group-C. Crofford-<br>FH   | 26<br>7pm- Choir<br>Practice<br>7pm AA Meeting       | 27<br>7-9:30pm—Square<br>Dance                | 28<br>7pm- Choir<br>Practice<br>7pm AA Meeting | 29<br>7-9:30pm—Square<br>Dance  | 30<br>7-9:30pm—Square<br>Dance    |



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### **CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor (Vacant)  
Debbie Platte, Secretary  
Lexi White, IT Facilitator  
Joseph C. Bray, III, Organist/ Choir Director  
Clara Barnes, Sexton  
Teri Howard, Clerk of Session  
Holly Gaff, Treasurer  
Teri Howard, Financial Secretary

### **SESSION**

#### **Building & Grounds**

Stacy Apelt

#### **Stewardship**

Teri Howard

#### **Witness & Outreach**

Tom Maxwell

#### **Worship**

Amy Griffin

### **Administration and Personnel**

Jim Rudiger

### **Presbyterian Women**

#### **Presbyterian Men**

Tom Maxwell, President

Fred Holtz, Vice-president

### **Memorial Committee**