

## Prayer Requests

Please let us know how we can be praying for you. Fill out the form below and drop it in the offering box on your way out or pass it along to a City Church pastor or staff member.

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Name

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Phone

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- Share with pastor(s) only
- Share with prayer team or staff
- Share with session

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## WHO WE ARE

We are broken people loved by God, continually restored by Christ, and sent out to worship God, serve Richmond, and work for its renewal.

## WEEKLY SERVICE

City Church of Richmond meets weekly for worship on Sundays at 4:00pm at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, located at 1627 Monument Avenue in Richmond, Virginia. Visitors are always welcome to join us for these services.

City Church of Richmond is a church of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) in partnership with other gospel churches around Richmond.

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CITY  
CHURCH  
*of Richmond*

## Welcome to City Church

We are so glad to have you with us today! If you'd like to learn more about City Church, please fill out the visitor's card on the back page and place it in the offering box on your way out.

## Before and After the Service

We hope you'll use the time before and after the service to meet with others in the Narthex, speak with our pastors, or spend time reading through the bulletin to familiarize yourself with the service. Coffee is available in the Parlor (head to your left when leaving the sanctuary via the main doors).

## City Church Kids

Children are welcome to stay with their parents for our worship service—please do whatever makes you and your family most comfortable.

- **Nursery** care is available for the duration of the service for children ages 0 through 3 years. Nursery rooms are located along the main hall of the church. Our Welcome Team is happy to direct you.
- Kids ages 4 through 2nd grade are welcome to participate in **Children's Worship**, which takes place during the sermon (except on the fifth Sunday of the month). The worship leader will dismiss the children following the announcements, and our Children's Worship teachers will be ready to greet them at the front of the sanctuary and escort them to their classroom (room 311). Children's Worship students will be escorted back down to the sanctuary at the end of the service.
- Note-taking worksheets are available on the welcome table for children staying in the sanctuary for the entire service. We hope you find these helpful in keeping your kids engaged as they join you in listening to today's sermon.
- On the first and third Sundays of the month kids in 3rd grade through middle school are welcome to join us in room 311 for **City Kids**, where they'll take part in an adult-led Bible study and enjoy a meal together. Please speak to or contact Jim Pulizzi ([jim@citychurchva.com](mailto:jim@citychurchva.com)) with questions.

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Doug McBride  
David Perks  
Blake Stack

*\*Currently on sabbatical*

## Welcome, Guests!

Please fill out the information below and place this tear-off in the offering box on your way out. We'll be in touch!

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State                      Zip

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Phone

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Email

- I would like to sign up for email updates
- I would like to be invited to a visitor's event
- I would like to connect to a City Group

Children's names and ages:

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## This Month's Prayer Needs

*At City Church we strive to be a community of prayer dependent on God for His purpose, protection, and provision. Please join us in praying for these community members and partners this month.*

### Everyday Doxologists: Lawyers and Legal Professionals

Please pray for members of City Church who serve as lawyers and legal professionals. Please pray that they: have discernment in advising and serving their clients; seek justice and represent truth; balance their time and energy between work and family; and accept the daily peace Christ offers in the midst of stressful cases and demanding workloads.

### Global and Local Mission Partners: Refugees Living Here and Abroad

At the core of who we are as followers of Christ is a commitment to care for the vulnerable, the marginalized, the abused, and the wanderer. Today, millions of people have had to flee homes, safety, families, and livelihoods due to threats of violence. According to the UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, 1 in every 113 people in our world today has been forcibly displaced from his or her home. We must admit our attention to this pressing issue often ebbs and flows more from controversy and headlines than from the fact that God cares for the refugee. Let us commit to praying for refugees this month, for basic needs, for safety, and for the many organizations serving them. Let us also ask God to direct us toward 'creative obedience'. We may not be in the position to host a family or become a foster parent to a refugee child, but there are ways to support those who do.

If you're looking for ways to serve refugees living in Richmond including donating goods, assisting with ESL classes, and providing rides, please contact:

- Shangwok Deng: West End Presbyterian Church, Neighborhood Outreach Director, shangwok@wepc.org
- Laura Jones: ReEstablish Richmond, Refugee Outreach Coordinator, laura@reestablishrichmond.org-or go directly to ReEstablish Richmond's website: reestablishrichmond.org/get-involved

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*The term 'Everyday Doxologist' reminds us that people of all vocations have the opportunity to glorify and praise God through our daily work.*

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*You are encouraged to prepare yourself for worship by quieting your mind and heart.*

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*God calls us to worship. Our worship is always a response to God's gracious initiative towards broken people and a broken world.*

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*Today's worship service is led by David Blanchard. Eric Jenvey is leading the music team.*

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*In the opening prayer, we ask God to be both present and favorable to us, as He meets us in our worship.*

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Sunday, February 19th, 2017

*"Christ dwelling in us by his Spirit is a guarantee that we can and will change. We are adopted into God's family, and not in name only. The Spirit in us now guides and forms us more and more into the family likeness...Do you realize what resources you carry around with you?" (Rankin Wilbourne)*

## Moment of Reflection

### Call to Worship

From Psalm 145

*(Please stand if you are able.)*

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

**People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.**

## Prayer of Invocation

### Song of Worship:

### All Creatures of Our God and King

*Public Domain. Words: Saint Francis of Assisi. Music: German tune.*

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

REFRAIN  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rushing morn in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening find a voice,

3. All ye men of tender heart  
Forgiving others take your part  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care

4. Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness.  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:3-10 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.  
<sup>4</sup> Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."  
<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup> then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
<sup>8</sup> And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.  
<sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.  
<sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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*God's Word is central to every worship service. God speaks to us and His word transforms those who will listen.*

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### Conversation for the Common Good

On Thursday, March 16th, at 7pm, Common Good RVA will host Conversation for Common Good, a panel discussion during which we'll work to unpack the following questions: "How can dialogue in Richmond be shaped for the common good of all who live here?" and "What kind of conversations does it take to help Richmond become a city on a hill?" This panel event will include John Inazu, author of *Confident Pluralism: Surviving and Thriving Through Deep Difference*. We'll meet at The Fourhundred (400 W. 32nd Street). Admission is free!

### Serving Our Community

#### Welcome, Baby Radcliff!

Maxwell Craig Radcliff was born on Friday, February 10th, weighing in at 8 pounds, 15 ounces! We'll provide meals for Katie and Zach for several weeks as they adjust to life at home with their new baby boy. If you're interested in caring for them in this way, please visit [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com) to sign up; the log-in and password are Radcliff.

#### Jobs for Life

This Spring City Church will partner with Grace Covenant and STEP to host Jobs for Life, a 12-week, Christ-centered class dedicated to helping those in need of work. Weekly champions (peer mentors), prayer leaders (off-site), childcare providers, business professionals, and meal prep volunteers are all needed starting on Thursday, March 2nd. To learn more—and to sign up to help to provide a one-time meal or childcare—contact Eric Morgan ([ericrichardsmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:ericrichardsmorgan@gmail.com)) and/or Blake Stack ([blakestack@icloud.com](mailto:blakestack@icloud.com)).

#### Benefit for Freedom

Richmond Justice Initiative will be celebrating anti-human trafficking accomplishments with a Benefit for Freedom dinner on Tuesday, March 21st, at Stony Point Presbyterian Church. During this event we will honor the achievements of local heroes in the anti-trafficking community and support youth human trafficking prevention initiatives. All proceeds from the benefit will serve to directly reach more at-risk teens by equipping schools and youth programs with the tools needed to safely and effectively prevent, identify, report, and intervene in human trafficking situations. To attend, sponsor, or volunteer for the event, visit [freedom2017.rvaji.com](http://freedom2017.rvaji.com). With other questions you can also contact Marjorie Blanton at [volunteer@rvaji.com](mailto:volunteer@rvaji.com) or Megan Lowe at [MeganRLowe@gmail.com](mailto:MeganRLowe@gmail.com).

Visit [citychurchrva.com](http://citychurchrva.com) to learn more about our church, sign up for email updates, and find out about other opportunities to connect with the City Church community.

## Announcements

### Getting Connected

#### If You're Visiting

It's great to have you with us today! If you are interested in getting involved with what's happening at City Church, please fill out the visitor's card located on the back cover of this bulletin. Tear it off and pass it along to a City Church pastor or staff member—or just drop it in the offering box on your way out.

#### Giving

We encourage all members and regular attenders at City Church to give as part of your worshipful gratitude to God *and* as an opportunity to partner tangibly with all that God is doing at and through City Church. You can place your contribution in the offering box by the main sanctuary doors or visit our website ([citychurchva.com](http://citychurchva.com)) for online giving options. If you are visiting City Church, please don't feel any compulsion to give. God wants our hearts far more than He needs our money.

#### Summer Internships

The application process for our Summer Ministry Intern Program for is underway! We have need for ministry help in several areas of church life: Women's Ministry, Children's Ministry, and Men's Discipleship Ministry. To find out more visit [citychurchva.com](http://citychurchva.com).

### After Today's Service

#### Enriching Marriage (Part 2)

The second part of our Christian Formation course Enriching Marriage will take place this evening in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45pm to 6:30pm. A light dinner is provided. Parents with children pre-registered for childcare: please bring your kids to rooms 101 and 102 immediately after the service.

### Coming Up Soon

#### Visit to Black History Museum & Cultural Center of Virginia

As part of our celebration of Black History Month we are organizing a group visit to Richmond's new Black History Museum & Cultural Center of Virginia on Saturday, February 25th at 11am. Please email Val Catrow ([val@citychurchva.com](mailto:val@citychurchva.com)) if you're interesting in joining us!

#### Ash Wednesday Service

We will hold a service in observance of Ash Wednesday on March 1st at 7pm at Beth Ahabah (1117 W. Franklin Street). Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

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*In confessing our sins,  
the Holy Spirit reveals  
those places in our hearts  
where we are worshipping  
something other than God.  
But Jesus, in his goodness,  
leads us from sorrow over  
sin to the sweetness of  
grace and forgiveness.*

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## Confession of Sin

An Opportunity to be Honest with God

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:9-10 (ESV)

*(Please stand if you are able.)*

Leader: <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## Song of Praise: We Are Not Overcome

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1. Flesh will fail and bones will break;  
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake,  
Night will fall, the light will fade;  
The Lord will give and take away:

CHORUS:  
Because of His great Love, we are not overcome!  
Because of His great Love, we are not overcome!

2. Put no trust in the earth,  
In the sod you stand upon.  
Flowers fade into dust;  
The Lord will make a place for us.

3. Have no fear for your life,  
Turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!  
Bear the yoke of love and death;  
The Lord will give all life and breath.

## Notes

### **Song of Praise: I Will Boast**

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#### CHORUS:

I will boast in only Jesus Christ,  
I will boast in only Jesus Christ.  
To this world I have been crucified,  
So I will boast in only Jesus Christ.

1. Money cannot save, talent cannot save,  
Position cannot save my soul from death.  
Knowledge cannot save, and learning cannot save,  
Even wisdom cannot save my soul from death.

2. Religion cannot save, service cannot save,  
Surely good deeds cannot save my soul from death.  
Preaching cannot save, singing cannot save,  
No, even Scripture cannot save my soul from death.

### **Receiving New Members**

Chloe Abrams; Alycia Bailey; Katie Betts; Liza Clark; Eva Earman;  
Chris Garzon; Ben George; Jordan Greene; Anna Herr; Justin  
and Rachel Hill; Eric Messmore; Drew and Claire Parrish; Carolyn  
Schmutz; Kemp Weibe; and Alix Young

### **Baptisms**

Anna Herr  
Chloe, June, and Bear Abrams  
Harry, Annie, and Palmer Crawford  
Elliott Nicholas

### **Announcements**

### **Greeting One Another**

*(Children ages 4 to 2nd grade may meet the Children's Worship teachers at the front of the sanctuary at this time.)*

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*Greeting each other  
reminds us that Christianity  
is the message of God  
greeting a people He loves.  
It allows us to embody our  
welcoming God.*

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5. But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way,  
Alleluia, Allelu...

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Benediction**

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*Just as God initiates  
worship, so He gets the  
final word, too. For those  
with faith in Jesus Christ,  
these are always words of  
blessing.*

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## **New Testament Reading**

Acts 4:8-22 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

<sup>13</sup> Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup> But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. <sup>15</sup> But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, <sup>16</sup> saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. <sup>17</sup> But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” <sup>18</sup> So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, <sup>20</sup> for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” <sup>21</sup> And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. <sup>22</sup> For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Erik Bonkovsky**

“What We Have Seen and Heard”

## Communion

*Please note: Gold trays contain wine, silver trays contain juice. All of our communion bread is gluten-free.*

If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on the following prayers. All are also welcome to come forward to receive prayer from our volunteers standing near the outer pews at the front of the sanctuary.

### *Prayer for Those Searching for Truth.*

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me a convincing understanding of you that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

### *Prayer of Belief.*

I admit that I am broken and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. Knowing that you have paid my debt on the cross and that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sin and receive you as my Rescuer and Lord. Amen.

## Communion Song: God's Highway

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1. My feet are strong,  
My eyes are clear  
I cannot see the way from here  
But on we go,  
He knows the way  
And in His arms  
He keeps me safe.

CHORUS:  
Fear not, keep on  
Watch and pray  
Walk in the light of God's highway

2. The shadows flee,  
The valley is deep  
But evil cannot conquer me  
Your rod and staff,  
They protect me  
You give me rest,  
You give me peace

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*We celebrate the Lord's Supper every week to remind us of our weekly hunger and God's weekly provision. He happily provides the continual nourishment we need. All baptized Christians are invited to this Christ's table to receive His grace.*

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*Having received God's grace through His word preached and through the body and blood of Christ, we respond together in faith.*

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3. I see the shore  
From troubled seas  
This tiny ship that carries me  
It is not yet,  
But it will be  
So heaven come,  
It's You we need

### BRIDGE:

I'm holding onto you, Lord  
You're holding onto me...  
I'm holding onto you, Love  
You're holding onto me...

## Our Response to God's Grace

*(Please stand if you are able.)*

**All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory.**

## Song of Commitment: For All the Saints

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1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
To Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

3. O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

4. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.  
Alleluia, Allelu...