

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.

Name

Phone

Email

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

Request:

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.

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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!

Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State Zip

Phone

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:

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: Law Enforcement

Please pray for members of City Church who work in law enforcement. Pray that they would: be deeply rooted in faith, making them strong leaders in the ways of God; boldly stand in loyalty to what is good and true, with their eyes on Christ; receive deep wisdom to make quick moral judgments in accordance with God's will; and find the peace of salvation in the midst of stressful job demands.

Local Mission Partner: Church Hill Academy

Church Hill Activities and Tutoring (CHAT) serves the youth of the East End of Richmond and equips them with the heart (life-giving relationships), head (healthy identity and vision for the future) and hands (genuine skills and opportunity) to make transformative life decisions. Church Hill Academy is an independent, Christian coed high school and part of the nonprofit organization CHAT. Please pray for both students and staff to finish the year strong. Also be praying for Church Hill Academy as they begin the search to bring in a new Head of School over the next year. Also pray that staff can be a source of consistency and hope for the students. And finally, **they are in need of 20 mentors for this upcoming year** who are willing to become a mentor for a high school student. If you feel called to volunteer in this capacity—and to hear more about the great work CHAT and Church Hill Academy are up to—please contact Mallory Hansen at mallory.hansen@churchhillacademy.org.

Global Mission Partner: Jenna Murphy

Jenna Murphy is a City Church member and missionary who is a few months into her five-year commitment to serve in Fort Portal, Uganda, where she works at Women of the Proverbs and Green Leaf Craft Studio. Jenna asks that we continue to pray for her the relationships with the women she teaches (and befriends) in her work. Please pray for Nicholas and Julius, two little boys on her street with whom she's become close—for their health, for their home life, and for Jenna as she discerns how to best love them. Pray that she continues to pursue friendships in her community and with fellow members of New Life Presbyterian, the church she is attending in Uganda. Also: Jenna would love to hear from you! Email her at murphy.jennaruth@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Today's worship service is led by Jim Pulizzi. Drew Miller is leading the music team.

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

Sunday, June 18th, 2017

"Let every heart prepare him room..." (Joy to the World, Isaac Watts)

Moment of Reflection

Call to Worship

From Psalm 100

(Please stand if you are able.)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Worship: Your Great Name

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Lost are saved; find their way;
At the sound of your great name
All condemned; feel no shame,
At the sound of your great name
Every fear; has no place;
At the sound of your great name
The enemy; he has to leave;
At the sound of your great name

CHORUS:

Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us,
Son of God and Man
You are high and lifted up;
That all the world will praise your great name

All the weak; find their strength;
At the sound of your great name
Hungry souls; receive grace;
At the sound of your great name
The fatherless; they find their rest;
At the sound of your great name
Sick are healed; and the dead are raised;
At the sound of your great name

New Testament Reading

Luke 15:11-32 (ESV)

¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’

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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.

Wednesday Summer Playdates

Join women and friends (big and small!) from City Church for playdates Wednesdays throughout the summer. Each week will be coordinated by a different person and details will be included in the City Church emails and Instagram posts (@citychurchrva). These gatherings will happen throughout the city and are a great opportunity to connect with friends mid-week! We will meet this Wednesday (the 21st) at 9:30 at Forest Hill Playground (4021 Forest Hill Avenue).

City Church: A Family at Rest

On Saturday, June 24th, from 9am to noon at All Saints Presbyterian Church (3000 Grove Avenue), Wade Bradshaw, pastor of spiritual formation at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville, will lead us in a morning of congregational renewal and exploration of rest. We will use this time to be together, as a church family, and learn about the spiritual habits that will maintain the health of our church as a body and as individuals. To register, please visit citychurchrva.com/rest. Childcare is free!

Summer City Kids: Pirates!

Arrrrrr you ready for a high seas adventure this summer?! Children from four years old through 5th grade are invited to explore God’s amazing grace through a one day, pirate-themed curriculum which reminds children that what God says about them is more important than what others say, and that it is God’s grace that makes us who we are. Children and parents are encouraged to invite their friends from outside of City Church to attend in this fun-filled day of games, singing, and teaching from the book of Ephesians! We’ll meet on Saturday July 8th at All Saints Reformed Presbyterian Church (3000 Grove Avenue) from 2-5pm with a dinner following. Registration is now \$5 per child. Go to piratesrva.eventbrite.com to register! Please email Jim (jim@citychurchrva.com) if you’d like to learn more AND if you’d like to volunteer.

Serving Our Community

Nursery Volunteers

We are still in need of 15 nursery volunteers so we are fully staffed for the June-September rotation. If you’re interested in serving in the church nursery (volunteers typically serve once every six weeks), please email Jennifer (jennifer@citychurchrva.com).

Visit 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 (citychurchrva.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. *Special note: City Church's fiscal year ends June 30th, and we are making a final push to reaching our goal of 20 percent growth in the 2016-2017 fiscal year.*

Prayer (Summer Schedule)

Join us on alternating Mondays (12-12:45pm) and Thursdays (6:45-7:30am) in the City Church office for corporate prayer. This coming week we will pray together on Monday. Please refer to the City Church calendar (citychurchrva.com/calendar) for our complete prayer schedule for the summer.

Happening This Week

Summer Bible Studies

Registration is still open for our summer Bible studies, *Who Is God? A Study on the Attributes of God*. Choose between: Women's Bible Study MONDAYS at 7:30pm at Grace Covenant; Co-Ed Bible Study TUESDAYS at 108 Strawberry Street (David Boyce's home); and Men's Bible Study WEDNESDAYS at 7:30pm at Grace Covenant. If you missed the first week of studies, please still join us! Email Meg Haden (meg@citychurchrva.com) or Joshua Earman (joshua@citychurchrva.com) with questions.

²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Confession of Sin

An Opportunity to be Honest with God

People: 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.

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:21-22 (ESV)

(Please stand if you are able.)

Leader: ²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

All: Thanks be to God.

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.

Notes

Song of Praise:

Jesus, Cast a Look on Me

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1. Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know

2. All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

3. Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might

4. Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood

5. In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

Song of Praise: Lord, I Need You

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Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

CHORUS:

Lord, I need You
Oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense
My righteousness
Oh, God how I need You

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

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, Lord
You're holding onto me...

Benediction

*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.*

*During the Prayers of the
People we pray for for the
needs of our church, our
city, and the world (know-
ing that God hears and
answers us).*

*These are the simple words
that Jesus gave his follow-
ers when they asked him
how to pray.*

*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.*

Where sin runs deep
Your grace is more
Where grace is found, is where You are
Where You are, Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Prayers of the People

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

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.)

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 16 (ESV)

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. ² I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

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⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸ I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Jon-Marc Haden

Prayer: The Pursuit of Our Heart

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.

Preaching today is Jon-Marc Haden, a City Church Ruling Elder.

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

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.

Communion Song: Revelation Song

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1. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

CHORUS:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You

2. Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lighting rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be
To You the only wise King

3. Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery

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: 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