



Mark 8:36

*For what shall it profit
a man, if he shall gain
the whole world, and
lose his own soul?*

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Third Presbyterian Church

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thank you for silencing your phone and other electronic devices.

Please complete prayer requests, as legibly as possible, and place them on the offering plate.

WELCOME

Rev. Kerry Bean

Welcome to Third Presbyterian Church this morning. We ask that you please sign the attendance pad at the end of each pew and pass it along to your neighbors.

We welcome the Rev. Kerry Bean to the pulpit this morning.

PRELUDE

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

(Arranged by: Marianne Kim)

Cory Brown, Pianist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Kerry Bean

Leader: Christ died for our trespasses but was raised for our justification.

People: Thanks be to God. Let us worship the Lord our God!

***MORNING PRAYER**

All: God, your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him. Through his grace may we accept the cost of faithful discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Kerry Bean

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples but are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Kerry Bean

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES “Lent’s Color is Purple. Isn’t That Grape?” **Rev. Kerry Bean**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Come to the Table”
(By: Joel Nagy & Russell Nagy)

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Kerry Bean

PRAISE SONG

“Praise Song”

Praise Team

SCRIPTURE LESSON (Mark 8:31-38)

Rev. Kerry Bean

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

SERMON

“Cross-Eyed Optimists”

Rev. Kerry Bean

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Rev. Kerry Bean

Leader: We respond to God's grace by setting aside a portion of our financial resources to do the work of God here and now. Come with your tithes, offerings, and alms.

PRAISE SONG

“Praise Song”

Praise Team

***DOXOLOGY**

#815

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, Ye Heavenly Host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Kerry Bean

Leader: Almighty God, we thank you for the covenant you established with Abraham and Sarah, which you have opened to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept these offerings with the dedication of our lives, that we may be for the world a sign of your abiding love and a testament to your enduring promise. Amen.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Kerry Bean

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good thing, to give you thanks and praise, O God.... you did not give up on us.

People: Turn us toward your light.

Leader: When we were distracted by many things...we praise your name, saying:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you, O God, and holy is Jesus Christ...All glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 forever. Amen.

SHARING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Leader: Having been fed by grace, where will we turn now?

People: We turn toward our neighbors with compassion and courage.

Leader: What will guide our steps?

People: The light of Christ, shining even in the shadows.

Leader: Go from this table ready to notice, ready to turn, ready to follow.

People: We will not look the other way. We will walk in the light. Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOYS & CONCERNS

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***CLOSING HYMN**

“Here I Am, Lord”

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***BENEDICTION**

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***POSTLUDE**

“Take Up Your Cross”
(By: J S Bach)

Cory Brown, Organist

***Please stand in body or in spirit**

This church welcomes you, no matter who you are, where you are from, or why you are here. We are Christ’s people, and this is Christ’s place with its doors open. If you are passing through Godspeed; if you are looking for a home, please stay; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often. We are so glad you are here!

If you know of anyone who is in hospital and would like visitors or to be placed on the prayer list, please pass this information along to another church member or call the church office at 217-528-0457 as the hospitals can no longer share this.
Thank you.



Below is a list of the ongoing prayer requests for this week. Certainly, God knows each person and each request and simply calls upon us to lift the name in prayer. Call the Church Office, 217-528-0457, to have a name added or removed.



All people experiencing natural disasters and other devastating weather events...may God ease their pain, loss, and feelings of uncertainty as they rebuild their lives and homes, All those experiencing conflict in their homeland...for peace, Citizens of Our Country, State, and City, Third Presbyterian Church and its Members, Ted Bishop, Janet Bottoms, Lucy Collebrusco, Michelle Davidson, Janice Dawson, Linda Farley, Wanda Sue Freeman, Damaris Fritz, The Garst Family, The Guthrie Family, Art Heinold, Marilyn Houston, Lou Jordan, Rachel Krause, Mary Lou Landreth, Bill Lohman, Shirley McConnaughay, Donnie Monroe, The McDevitt Family, The Moss Family, Jo Etta, Jim Rominger, Dorothy Rutherford, Wanda Saccaro, Dequan Stamps and his Mother, Dagmar West, The Family and Friends of Jack Zucco, and Zack.



Please Welcome Rev. Kerry Bean who will be the guest preacher at TPC today, February 22.

Rev. Kerry Bean is originally from Quincy and is a graduate of Monmouth College. He attended Louisville Presbyterian Seminary (where he met and married his wife Cindy Allmen Bean) after completing other graduate studies in Speech Communication and Theatre. Kerry recently retired from 35 years of active ministry in the PCUSA and is now living in Farmington. He has two sons and three grandchildren and serves on the faculty at Parkland College in Champaign. Kerry has written more than two dozen plays, including many, many murder mysteries.



MARCH

- 4 – Donna Gardiner
- 6 – Steve VanHook
- 10 – Patsy Rader
- 16 – Diane Sawyer
- 17 – Debbie Gill; Diana Nevitt
- 19 – Alicia Houston
- 20 - Paula Klickna; Lori Fernandez
- 22 – Robert Suttie



Join us Today for a special celebration during Fellowship Time for TPC members who are having a 65th Birthday this year.

Cake, ice cream, and punch will be served.

Trustee's Spring Clean Up Day Saturday, March 21st, 8:00am



If you are able, please join us.
We are grateful for all help.

Candy will be collected for this year's Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for **Saturday, March 28**. Please place your donations in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you!



Remember to invite family, friends, and neighbors to this event

11am -2pm

Free entry (optional free will offering) and free lunch--baked items will be available for sale



PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED LETTER FROM GRACE LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY THAT EXPLAINS HOW YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TRULY HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE COMMUNITY.



**Remember to "Spring Forward" next Sunday, March 8*

Calendar/Announcements

Today, Sunday, March 1st

- 9:00am—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:15am—Fellowship Time - 65th Birthday Celebration (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:15am—Blood Pressure Checks (Print Room)
- 10:15am—Sunday School Class-LLL (Hanahan Room)

Monday, March 2nd

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, March 3rd

- 12:00pm—Interior Life Committee Meeting (Church Library)
- 3:00pm—MOCN Parenting Class (Hanahan Room)
- 5:00pm—After Five CWC-Bible Study (Church Library)
- 5:00pm—MOCN board of Directors Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, March 5th

- 1:30pm—Club Compass (Various)
- 4:00pm—Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:00pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 8th

- 9:00am—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:15am—LLL Sunday School Class (Hanahan Room)
- 10:15am—Financial Team Meeting (Church Library)
- *Begin Daylight Savings Time*



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