

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**  
**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Third Presbyterian Church**  
**Minister Ann Lamkey**

**Guest Preacher**

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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**

**Minster Ann Lamkey**

*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 Minister Ann Lamkey to the pulpit this morning.*

#### **PRELUDE**

“Shout to the Lord”  
(By: Darlene Zschech)

**Cory Brown, Pianist**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Minster Ann Lamkey**

*Leader: Let us tell the world what our great God has done.*

**People: We will praise the Lord and proclaim God's holy name.**

*Leader: Let our hearts rejoice and sing praises for all the wonders of our God.*

**People: With our hearts we will glorify the holy name of the Lord!**

#### **\*MORNING PRAYER**

**All: O God, as we immerse ourselves in your Word today, lead us in Your way, that we may serve You faithfully. Guide us as we celebrate our love for You, for You are the source of our joy. Amen.**

#### **\*OPENING HYMN**

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

**#564**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Minster Ann Lamkey**

*Leader: Please join me in the prayer of confession.*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Holy God Who speaks, we confess that we do not always recognize Your voice. In the noise of our lives, we mistake Your call for something else, or we ignore it altogether. We hesitate to say, "Speak, Lord," because we are unsure of what You might ask of us. Forgive us and give us listening hearts that are ready to answer when You call. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Minister Ann Lamkey**

*Leader: We don't have to work harder to find or earn the love of our God. There is a Savior that invites us to find our peace and our life in Him. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen*

**\*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**

J-O-Y

**Minister Ann Lamkey**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

**Chancel Choir**

(Traditional Irish Hymn, Arranged by: Russell Mauldin)

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Minister Ann Lamkey**

**PRAISE SONG**

**"Above All"**

**Praise Team**

(Words & Music by: Lenny Leblanc & Paul Baloche)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON (James 1:1-4) NIV**

**Minister Ann Lamkey**

"James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings. Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

**SERMON**

**"Choosing Joy"**

**Minister Ann Lamkey**

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

**Minister Ann Lamkey**

*Leader: Give us Your joy, Father, as we respond to Your grace by sharing our tithes, offerings, and alms.*

**PRAISE SONG**

**"All the People Said Amen"**

**Praise Team**

(Words & Music by: Paul Greer Moak, Trevor Morgan & Matthew Maher)

**\*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**

**Minister Ann Lamkey**

*Leader: Almighty God. As we come before You with our offerings, we are reminded of our constant need for You in our lives. You are our provider, our sustainer, our strength, and our joy. Without You, we are nothing. May these gifts be a symbol of our dependence on You, acknowledging that all we have comes from Your hand. Amen.*

**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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOYS & CONCERNS**

**Minister Ann Lamkey**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**"In This Very Room"**

**#612**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Minister Ann Lamkey**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**"Go, Make a Difference"**

(By: Steve Angrisano)

**Cory Brown, Pianist**

**\*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, Judy Graves, The Niece of Judy Graves, Art Heinold, Marilyn Houston, Lou Jordan, Rachel Krause, Mary Lou Landreth, Bill Lohman, Shirley McConnaughay, Donnie Monroe, The McDevitt Family, The Moss Family, Friends of Bill Moss, Jo Etta, Jim Rominger, Dorothy Rutherford, Wanda Saccaro, Dequan Stamps, Julie Vanderwater, and Dagmar West.*



Please Welcome Minister Ann Lamkey who will be the guest preacher at TPC today, March 22.



## 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



*Easter Morning Breakfast*

April 5th at 7:30 AM

Sign up in Narthex

*Maundy Thursday Service & Meal*

April 2nd at 6:00 PM

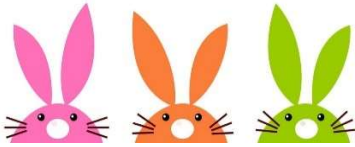
**Please RSVP by Thursday, March 26 for each meal**  
**We need to get an accurate attendance number to order food**  
**Sign up sheets in the Narthex or**  
**Call the church office at 217-528-0457**

## EASTER EGG HUNT 2026



Please place candy donations in the basket in the Narthex

Thank you!



Remember to invite family, friends, and neighbors  
11am -2pm

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



### *Volunteer Opportunities*

For bakers: Brownies and Rice Krispie treats are needed to be sold at the Easter Egg Hunt. No need to wrap them. Just drop them off at the church on Friday, March 27 between 8am-530pm



Other Chances to help: Fill plastic eggs with candy -  
Monday, March 23 from 10am to 1pm and 3 to 6pm.

**\*\*Thank you for any help you you are able to give\*\***



# Calendar/Announcements

## Today, Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00am—Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:15am—Sunday School Class-LLL (Hanahan Room)

## Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Church Office Closed*

10:00am-2:00pm—Volunteers filling Easter Eggs (Fellowship Hall)

4:00pm-6:00pm—Volunteers filling Easter Eggs (Fellowship Hall)

5:30pm—NCCL Board Meeting (Church Library)

## Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

8:00am—MOCN Adult Mental Health/First Aid Training (Fellowship Hall)

12:00pm—Interior Life Easter Centerpiece Assembly (Lower Classroom)

3:00pm—MOCN Parenting Class (Hanahan Room)

5:00pm—After Five CWC-Bible Study (Church Library)

5:30pm—New Life Committee Meeting (Hanahan Room)

## Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

4:45pm—After Five CWC Planning Committee (Church Library)

## Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

1:30pm—Club Compass (Various)

4:00pm—Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

5:00pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

8:00am—New Life Committee Set-Up for 11:00am Easter Egg Hunt

## Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

9:00am—Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:15am—LLL Sunday School Class (Hanahan Room)



## To reach office staff

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