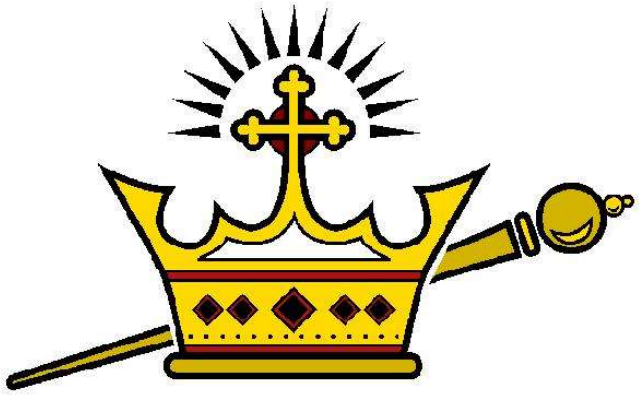

Sunday, November 23, 2025
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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 **Pastor Krummel**

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.

PRELUDE "We Gather Together" **Praise Team Ringers**
(Arranged by: H. Ely)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Pastor Krummel**

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the One who is, who was, and is to come (Revelation 1:8)
People: We come to worship the One who rules justly. (2 Samuel 23:34)
Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth! (Revelation 1:5)
People: Bread of heaven, God with us! (John 6:51, Matthew 1:23)
Leader: Good shepherd, True vine! (John 10:11; 15:1)
People: Eternal Word, great I am. (John 1; 8:58)
Leader: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! (Isaiah 9:6)
All: We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen. (Revelation 19:16) (Revelation 1:6)

***MORNING PRAYER** **Pastor Krummel**

All: God of Eternity, we stand with the courage of those who insisted, even in perilous times, that not even the most powerful rulers of this earth hold our eternal destiny in their hands. We are secure in Christ, whose reign is just, whose power is endless, and whose love is unfathomable. God of Eternity, we join the chorus of saints who continue to declare that Christ is our King. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" **#300**

***CALL TO CONFESSION** **Pastor Krummel**

Leader: We come to worship, to remember, and to acknowledge Jesus the Lord and Sovereign of our lives. We come to worship, to renew our affirmation and commitment, always willing to listen and to pay attention to those whose needs are great. In our moments of honest reflection, we realize how often we fall short of our goal. In that knowledge, let us confess our shortcomings to God.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** **Pastor Krummel**

People: Merciful God, we confess that far too often we do not want a savior who is a king. We would prefer Jesus to be subject to us, rather than the other way around. We are not keen for a redeemer who has any claims on us and certainly not one who makes demands of us. We have our own plans and agendas, after all. We are happy for Jesus to rubberstamp them for us, but a savior who is a king to whom we owe allegiance and obedience? No thanks. Forgive our foolishness, O God! Forgive our arrogance and selfishness. We know that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from you, but we are forgetful, rebellious, and stubborn. Thank you for not giving up on us. We ask for forgiveness and restoration, not because of anything we have or have not done, but only for the sake of Christ the King. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** **Pastor Krummel**

Leader: We have been given a pardon from God.

People: "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins".

(Colossians 1:13-14)

Leader: Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, proclaiming Jesus as Lord of all.

All: 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.

PRAISE SONG "Praise Song" **Praise Team**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES **Pastor Krummel**

CHOIR ANTHEM "A Song of Praise and Thanksgiving" **Chancel Choir**

(By: Allen Pote)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Pastor Krummel**

SCRIPTURE LESSON (Luke 1: 68-79) **Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel**

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on[a] his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus, he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break[c] upon[d] us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

SERMON "Benedictus: A Song Born of Silence" **Pastor Krummel**

HYMN "Be Still, My Soul" (vs. 1 & 2) **#712**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY **Pastor Krummel**

Leader: Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom, curing disease, pouring out his compassion. Through Christ, the kingdom of heaven draws near. As we have received, so shall we give — freely, generously, joyfully, wholeheartedly!

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** **Pastor Krummel**

All: Gracious God, accept these gifts as signs of our desire to serve you. Make our offerings to be instruments of peace and grace in the world. Use them to heal the sick, and to bring comfort to the brokenhearted, comfort for the afflicted, justice for the oppressed, and good news to all. And let all that we do be a foretaste of your reign on earth. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ JOYS & CONCERNS **Pastor Krummel**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION **Pastor Krummel**

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.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart " **#231**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** **Pastor Krummel**

***POSTLUDE** "Thanksgiving Joy" **Helen Ely, Organist**
(By: Paul Davis)

***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!

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 devasting 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, Those suffering from food inequity, Citizens of Our Country, State, and City, Ted Bishop, Margaret Black, Janet Bottoms, Cory, Lucy Collebrusco, Michelle Davidson, Chuck Davis, Julie Dirksen, Dylan & Family, Linda Farley, Urlis Farley, Linda Fisher, Kristin Fletes, Wanda Sue Freeman, Damaris Fritz, Lee Garfat, Marilyn and Shelia Garst, Debbie Gill, Family and Friends of Baby Baker Gillingham, Jeanne Hanson, Gary Havey, Art Heinold, Marilyn Houston, Toney Jackson, Jacob, Lou Jordan, Willie Kirkwood, Rachel Krause, Mary Lou Landreth, Liam, Bill Lohman, Shirley McConnaughay, Dream McDevitt, Sharon Miller, Jo Etta, Blake Roderick, Jim Rominger, Dorothy Rutherford, Wanda Saccaro, Tom Turnbull, Third Presbyterian Church and its Members, Vickie & Family, Dagmar West, and Nick Williams.

12 – Lucy Collebrusco
14 – Mary Jane Hinkle
17 - Eddy Pease
20 – Mitchell McDevitt
24 – Helen Ely
25 – Bill Moss
28 – Susan Mudd
29 – Barbara Monroe
30 – Mardana Beatty

Congregational Meeting
Today, Sunday, November 23, 2025
Please stay after the service to vote

Third Presbyterian Church will have their annual congregational meeting to elect individuals to the Session, Board of Deacons, and Board of Trustees immediately following worship on **Sunday, November 23, 2025**. The Nominating Committee will submit the following names:

Session, Class of 2028--Debbie Gill, Susan Mudd, Marilyn Rhoades
Session, Class of 2027--Stephanie Geyston

Deacons, Class of 2028--Darcy Contri, Judy Graves, Stephenie McDevitt
Deacons, Class of 2027--Rhonda Davenport

Trustees , Class of 2028--Louis Marcy, Patsy Rader, Jerry Davenport

Pastor Frosty will serve as Moderator of the meeting.

The church office will be ordering poinsettias from Flowers by Kathy

Small/Medium - $20
Large - $45

Red, white, or red glitter (red with white specks)
Order forms are available in the Front Office or you can call the Church office at 217-528-0457

Orders are due by December 8

They will be on display from Sunday December 14 to Wednesday December 24

Bathroom Renovations are nearly complete! During this time, the downstairs bathrooms near the cave and the staff bathroom can be used. The lift is available if needed

Bring a Friend to Movie Night

'The Journey to Bethlehem'

The New Life Committee is hosting a Movie Night on **Friday, December 12, 2025, from 6:00 to 8:30pm.** Caroling and Fellowship will begin at 6:00 with the Movie showing at 6:30. Drinks and popcorn will be provided. A $3.00 free will donation is requested.

Bring your family and friends to relax and enjoy and get into the Christmas Spirit.

Feel free to bring sleeping bags, blankets, and lawn chairs to be comfortable.

More information is attached.

Julie Vanderwater, a long-time member of TPC moved to Missouri and has recently found a new church home. She sends her love and gratitude and will keep all of you in her thoughts, prayers, and memories.

The following items are available:

- Commode with 1-1/2 boxes of liners
- Wheelchair
- Toiler Riser
- Chair Riser

If you are interested, please contact Patsy Rader

WHITE GIFT OFFERING

Each year we observe White Gift Sunday, when the Sunday School Classes and other groups give special offerings. Several people have asked "What is White Gift Sunday, and why do we do it?" Mrs. Louise Hildebrandt wrote the following in the December 1932 Beacon.

"This strange country is called Cathay, and the ruler thereof is one Kublai Khan, a mighty warrior, who, by reason of his strong will and trusty sword, has made himself lord of the whole land. His government is both wise and just, and is administered for rich and poor, alike, without fear or favor. On the king's birthday the people observe what is called the White Feast.

Then are the king and his court assembled in a great room of the palace, which is all white, the floor of marble and the walls hung with curtains of white silk. All are in white apparel and they offer unto the king white gifts, to show that their love and loyalty are without stain. The rich bring to their lord pearls, carvings of ivory, white chargers, and costly embroidered garments. The poor present white pigeons and handfuls of rice. Nor doth the great king regard one gift above another so long as all be white. And so do they keep the king's birthday."

Cookies, Cookies, Cookies
Cookie Walk Reminder

This year's cookie walk is **Saturday, December 6, 2025**.

Remember that the drop off day is **Friday, December 5, 2025** from **9:00am until 3:00 pm**.

Forms for each item are available in the Narthex or when you bring your items. We can only have a Cookie Walk if you donate your special goodies. It takes a village to do anything and we really appreciate YOUR help with this event.

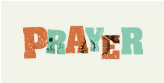
Please remember that we CANNOT accept items containing liquor.

Thanks,
Dee Cook, Chair

YOU make the Cookie Walk great!

Thanks,
Dee Cook, Chair

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.

The item below will not be placed back in the restroom. If it is not claimed, it will be donated. Please contact Darcy Contri or the church office. Thank you.

The Sound Celebration Chorus will present a free Christmas concert Sunday, November 30 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2477 W. Washington, Springfield IL at 2:00pm.
TPC member Linda Sowers is part of this group.

Begin your holiday season by taking an hour to relax and enjoy listening to music of the season.

There is no admission, but a free will donation or a food or non-food donation will be accepted -- <u>all of which are optional.</u>

The first Sunday of Advent is November 30. We will need groups of at least three people who would like to do the Advent readings and light the Advent Candles.
Groups have signed up for December 14 and 21.
The Sundays of November 30 and December 7 & Wednesday, December 24 are still available.
If you would like to participate, please call the church office at 217-528-0457. Thank you.

On Sunday, November 23, immediately following the Worship Service, the Sanctuary, Narthex, and Fellowship Hall will be decorated for the Christmas Season.
Volunteers will be needed to get on the ladder, decorate the tree, assemble the nativities, etc. If you are able to help, please call the church office at 217-528-0457.
The more the merrier! Thank you for your help!

If anyone can stay a few minutes after the service to help carry totes for the Cookie Walk from the Sunday school building to the fellowship hall, it would be greatly appreciated.

The Third Presbyterian Church family has been blessed by the ministry of our organist and accompanist Helen Ely. she recently told the Session that she will be retiring at the end of this year.

The Personnel Committee has put together a job description (attached) and have begun their search. But we need your help. If you know of someone, please do not hesitate to pass the name along to the church office or Debbie Gill.
Thank you

Calendar/Announcements

Today, Sunday, November 23rd
9:00am—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00am—Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
10:15am—Sunday School Class-LLL (Hanahan Room)
10:15am—Decorating for Christmas (Sanctuary/Various)

Monday, November 24th
Church Office Closed
5:30pm—NCCL Board Meeting (Church Library)

Tuesday, November 25th
2:30pm—MOCN Parenting Class (Hanahan Room)
6:30pm—New Life Committee Meeting (Hanahan Room)

Wednesday, November 26th
Church Office closed at Noon in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 27th
Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 28th
Church Office Closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday

Sunday, November 30th
9:00am—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15am—LLL Sunday School Class (Hanahan Room

To Reach Office Staff:

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