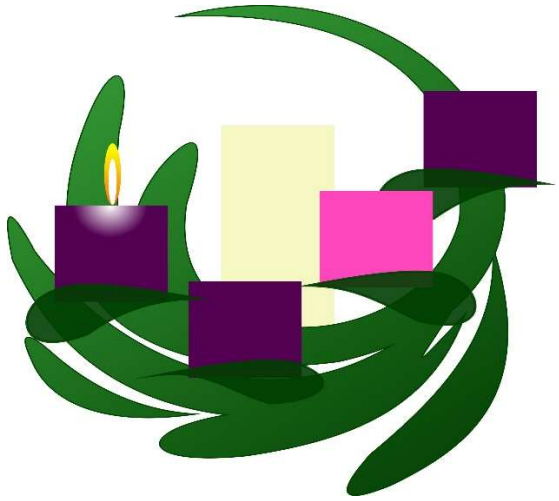

Sunday, November 30, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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 "Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" **Helen Ely, Organist**
(Arranged by: Ryan L Patterson)

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH **Judy Marcy, Stephanie and Sydney Geyston**

RESPONSE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 1) **#245**

MORNING ADVENT PRAYER
All: O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the hope and longing you instill in us through the promise of our baptism—a voice crying out in the wilderness, a messenger to prepare the way, the day of redemption drawing near. By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, keep us awake and make us ready for the coming of your glorious realm of righteousness, justice, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus **# 244**

***CALL TO CONFESSION** **Pastor Krummel**
Leader: A voice is crying out in the wilderness: Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near. (Matthew 3: 2 & 3) Trusting in God's grace, join your voices in confessing our sin and the sin of the world.

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

People: God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

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

Leader: The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom. The people of God will return with joy and singing. (Isaiah 35: 1,10)

People: Thanks be to God.

***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 **Pastor Krummel**

CHOIR ANTHEM "O Come, All Ye Faithful" **Chancel Choir**

(Melody by: John Francis Wade)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Pastor Krummel**

Leader: Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON (II Samuel 23: 1-7; Ephesians 5: 15-20) **Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel**

II Samuel--These are the last words of David the son of Jesse. The God of Jacob chose David and made him a great king. The Mighty God of Israel loved him. When God told him to speak, David said: "The Spirit of the Lord has told me what to say. Our Mighty Rock, the God of Jacob, told me, 'A ruler who obeys God and does right is like the sunrise on a cloudless day, or like rain that sparkles on the grass.' I have ruled this way, and God will never break his promise to me. God's promise is complete and unchanging; he will always help me and give me what I hope for. But evil people are pulled up like thornbushes. They are not dug up by hand, but with a sharp spear and are burned on the spot.

Ephesians--Act like people with good sense and not like fools. These are evil times, so make every minute count. Don't be stupid. Instead, find out what the Lord wants you to do. Don't destroy yourself by getting drunk but let the Spirit fill your life. When you meet together, sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, as you praise the Lord with all your heart. Always use the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to thank God the Father for everything.

SERMON "The Final Scene" **Pastor Krummel**

HYMN "Lo! How A Rose E'er Blooming **#255**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY **Pastor Krummel**

Leader: Let us magnify the Lord, rejoicing in the one who scatters the proud, lifts up the lowly, and fills the hungry with good things. (Luke 1: 46-47) Let us offer our lives to the Lord. Freely come to this time of worship with your tithes, offerings, and alms.

PRAISE SONG "Raise A Hallelujah" **Praise Team**

(Jake Stephens, Johathan David Helser, Mellissa Helser, & Molly Skaggs)

***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**

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** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 2 & 3) **#245**

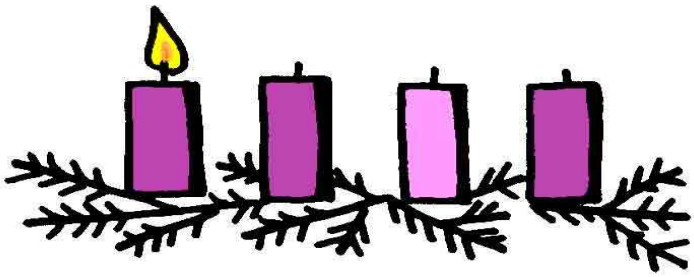
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** **Pastor Krummel**

***POSTLUDE** "Overture from 'Nutcracker Suite'" **Helen Ely, Organist**

(By: Peter Tchaikovsky)

***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, Sharon Funderburk, Lee Garfat, Marilyn and Shelia Garst, 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, Susie Mudd's Family, Jo Etta, Blake Roderick, Jim Rominger, The Rudolph & Baughman Families, Dorothy Rutherford, Wanda Saccaro, Dequan Stamps, 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

ALL LADIES (AND MEN) ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL NIGHT OUT (includes dinner, speaker, laughter, and fun)

(BRING A FIRST-TIME GUESTand RECEIVE A GIFT)

$18

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 | 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Third Presbyterian Church
1030 North 7th Street
Springfield, Illinois

Speaker

Jon Page
"A Humanist-So What?""

Special Feature

Jason - Representative from the Fire Department

Jason will be discussing Fire Safety

RESERVATIONS DUE BY FRIDAY December 5 2025
CANCELLATION BY SUNDAY December 7 2025
CALL OR TEXT LINDA at 217-971-1642
OR EMAIL AT threeinone62@comcast.net

NO-SHOWS WITHOUT CANCELLING NEED TO PAY FOR TH
DINNER, AS WE NEED TO PAY THE CATERER.

AFTER FIVE CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION

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

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.

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.

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

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

The Sound Celebration Chorus will present a free Christmas concert <u>Today Sunday, November 30</u>
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</u> <u>optional.</u>

Calendar/Announcements

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

Monday, December 1st
Church Office Closed
4:45pm—After Five Christian Women's Connection-Prayer Connection (Church Library)

Tuesday, December 2nd
2:30pm—MOCN Parenting Class (Hanahan Room)
5:00pm—MOCN Board of Directors Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, December 4th
1:30pm—Club Compass (Various)
4:00pm—Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:00pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, December 6th
8:00am—Cookie Walk (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, December 7th
9:00am—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00am—Fellowship Time (Sanctuary)
10:15am—Blood Pressure Checks (Print Room)
10:15am—LLL Sunday School Class (Hanahan Room

To Reach Office Staff:

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