Sunday, December 28, 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 "In Dulci Jubilo" **Helen Ely, Organist**
(Written by: J S Bach)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: I will proclaim the gracious deeds of God;
People: the steadfast love of the Lord is great. (Isaiah 63:7)

MORNING PRAYER
All: Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" **#249**

***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**

All: Redeeming God, You seek us out, You gather us, You bring us in, You hold us. And we, Your people, so often seek to stray. We seek the lazy way. We seek the way that benefits some at the expense of others. Trusting in Your loving kindness we come to You and ask that we might change not just in performance but in substance. May we change to be seekers of justice, to be followers of truth, to be witnesses of redemption. and to be speakers of goodness in our world. We ask this because we live in this beautiful world created by You, for us. May we give to You our work, our words, and our witness. Amen.

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

Leader: God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might have the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3: 6-7) Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, in Christ we experience God's forgiveness and reconciliation.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: In light of God's forgiveness--

People: Have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

***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 "Joseph's Lullaby" **Chancel Choir**

(Written by: Bart Millard & Brown Bannister)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Pastor Krummel**

SCRIPTURE LESSON (Matthew 2: 13-23) **Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel**

13Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take
the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to
search for the child, to destroy him." 14Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night,
and went to Egypt 15and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been
spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." 16When Herod saw
that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and
around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from
the magi. 17Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:
18"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." 19When Herod died, an angel of the Lord
suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 20"Get up, take the child and his mother,
and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." 21Then Joseph got
up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. 22But when he heard that Archelaus
was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a
dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. 23There he made his home in a town called Nazareth,
so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene."

PRAISE SONG "Joseph's Song" **Praise Team**
(By: Michael Card)

SERMON "The Dance" **Pastor Krummel**

HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" **#139**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY **Pastor Krummel**

Leader: From the fullness of God, we have received grace upon grace. (John 1:16) Freely come to this time of worship with your tithes, offerings, and alms.

***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**

Leader: Generous and gracious Savior, we offer our gifts and our lives in response to the extravagant gift of your redeeming love. With joy and thanks we make this offering, grateful for the privilege of taking part in your salvation story. 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** "Joy to the World" (vs. 1, 2, & 5) **#270**

***BENEDICTION** **Pastor Krummel**

***POSTLUDE** "Forest Green" (Old English Melody) **Helen Ely, 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!

Wishing Everyone a Safe and Happy New Year!

2026

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, Third Presbyterian Church and its Members, Ted Bishop, Margaret Black, Janet Bottoms, Lucy Collebrusco, Michelle Davidson, The Family of Sue Davidson, Linda Farley, Kristin Fletes, Wanda Sue Freeman, Damaris Fritz, Art Heinold, Marilyn Houston, Lou Jordan, Judy, Rachel Krause, Mary Lou Landreth, Bill Lohman, The Family of Larry Mitts, Jo Etta, Blake Roderick, Jim Rominger, Dorothy Rutherford, Wanda Saccaro, Rev. Steve Smith, Dequan Stamps, The Family of Connie's Father, Tom Turnbull, Vickie & Family, and Dagmar West

If you have some extra time next **Sunday, January 4**, please stay after Worship to help take down the Christmas decorations.

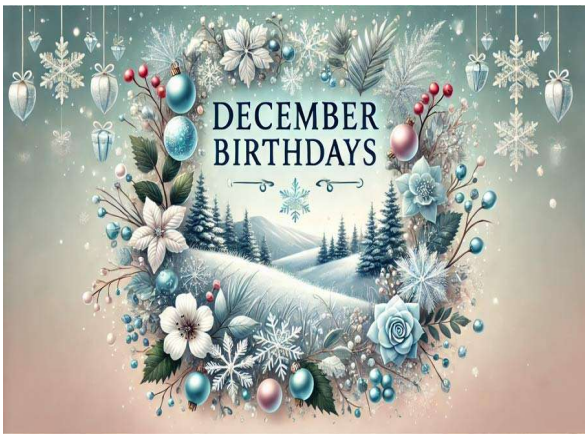
Thanks Very Much for your help

Congregational Meeting – Today, December 28, 2025

Following Worship

This meeting is to act on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and Session to elect two active members of the congregation to fulfill two unexpired terms on the Session and a recommendation to amend the congregation's bylaws to be in alignment with the PC(USA) Book of Order

Attention Committee Chairs:
2025 Annual Reports
(due 12/31/25)
Thank you



1 – Kathy Harrison
3 – Dawn Hollis
6 – Bill Bermel
10 - Linda Pease
11 – Carol Hood
12 – Dee Cook
14 – Debra Krick
15 – Sean Davidson
20 – Zack Whitlow
26 – Andy Wilson
30 - Karen Geever, Edward Hafer, Scott Houston

2026 Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes for 2026 have been received and will be distributed on **Sunday, December 28th**. Please plan to stop by the table in the Narthex on that Sunday to pick yours up.

2025 Contributions

Contributions dated after December 31st, cannot be posted to your 2025 giving. End of Year Statements will be mailed the first week of January.

****THERE WILL BE A BRIEF SESSION MEETING TODAY IN THE LIBRARY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP****

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.

After many years of musical excellence, this is Helen Ely's last service as TPC's organist. We appreciate her talent and dedication and wish her well in her upcoming retirement.
Thank you, Helen!

CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, Sunday, December 28th
9:00am—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15am—Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
10:15am—Sunday School Class-LLL (Hanahan Room)
10:30am—Session Meeting (Library)

Monday, December 29th
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 30th
2:30pm—MOCN Parenting Class (Hanahan Room)

Wednesday, December 31st
Church Office closed at Noon in observance of New Year's Eve

Thursday, January 1st
Church Office closed in observance of New Year's Day

Sunday, January 4th
9:00am—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15am—Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
10:15am—Blood Pressure Checks (Print Room)
10:15am—LLL Sunday School Class (Hanahan Room)
10:15am—Take down Christmas Decorations

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