



Sunday, January 4, 2026
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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

“The First Nowell”
(English Melody, bef. 1833)

Cory Brown, Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come! The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Leader: The mystery of the ages is revealed; the eternal plan of God is known to all.

People: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

***OPENING HYMN**

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Pastor Krummel

All: God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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***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

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PRAISE SONG

“How Many Kings”
(By: Marc Martel & Jason Ingram)

Praise Team

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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Leader: Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love

People: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON (Matthew 2: 1-12)

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¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

SERMON

“The Gift of the Magi ”

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THE OFFERING

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PRAISE SONG

“King of Kings”

Praise Team

(By: Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ugertwood & Jason Ingram)

*DOXOLOGY

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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

All: O God, we come before you with grateful hearts, reflecting on the gifts you have so graciously given us. Just as the Israelites brought their first fruits as an offering of thanksgiving, we, too, bring our lives, our time and our resources to you in humble gratitude. May we never forget that every blessing we enjoy comes from your hand. Teach us to live with open hearts, giving freely of ourselves, trusting in your continued provision. Amen.

*COMMUNION HYMN

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Leader: By your power you created all that is, making a universe out of chaos, and ruling over all things in love. Throughout the ages you called your people to love and serve you, and to be your light among the nations.

People: When we failed you, you did not fail us and sent prophets to call us back to your ways.

Leader: We praise you that in the fullness of time, you revealed your love by sending your Son, Jesus to be the Light of the world. He came to heal our brokenness and to set before us the ways of justice and peace. He lived for you, spoke your truth, and showed your love.

People: Lavished with gifts from the magi, he gave his life for others.

Leader: Baptized by John in the Jordan, he poured out his mercy for all. Turning water into wine at a wedding, he transformed sorrow into joy. In his death on the cross, he overcame death. Rising from the tomb, he raised us to eternal life and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

People: Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: God of majesty and light, you hold the world in your hand. We thank you for revealing Jesus to be your Son, and for claiming our lives in baptism to be his glad disciples.

People: By your Spirit, may peace descend upon us that we may follow him with grateful hearts. Take us and all we have to be useful in your service, God of all nations, in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son, by the power of your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ JOYS & CONCERNS

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***CLOSING HYMN**

“We Three Kings”

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***BENEDICTION**

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***POSTLUDE**

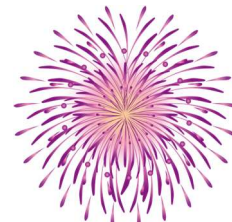
“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”
(African-American Spiritual, 19th Century)

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!

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 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, Those suffering from food inequity, Citizens of Our Country, State, and City, Third Presbyterian Church and its Members, Ted Bishop, The Family of Margaret Black, Harold Bly, Janet Bottoms, Lucy Collebrusco, Michelle Davidson, Helen Ely, Faith, Linda Farley, Kristin Fletes, Wanda Sue Freeman, A Friend, Damaris Fritz, The Garst Family, Art Heinold, Marilyn Houston, Lou Jordan, The Family of Judy, Rachel Krause, Mary Lou Landreth, Bill Lohman, Judy and Lou Marcy, Elliot McKinley, Jo Etta, Jim Rominger, Dorothy Rutherford, Wanda Saccaro, Dequan Stamps, Tom Turnbull, and Dagmar West

Peace and Blessings to all in the New Year



- 3 – Norma Moss
- 14 – Donnie Monroe
- 15 – Jerry Davenport
- 18 – Lisa Hafer
- 21 – Darcy Contri
- 22 - Rebecca Moss
- 30 – Urlis Farley

2026 Contribution Envelopes

Please pick up your contribution envelopes for 2026 in the Narthex. There are still a few left.

WELCOME TO TPC, CORY!

I am delighted to announce that **Cory W. Brown** will serve as the next Organist/Pianist at TPC beginning today!

The Search Committee included Dee Cook, Debbie Gill as Chair, Mitchell McDevitt, Jeff Prince, Patsy Rader and Pastor Frosty as an Ex-officio member.

Cory is a very gifted musician, most recently serving as Assistant Director of Music and Technology Director at Christ the King Catholic Parish. He has also served as Director of Music & Liturgy at Dominican Sisters of Springfield. In addition, he is currently the Owner/Operator of Music by Cory Brown.

He holds an Associate of Arts in Music degree from Lincoln Land Community College and an Associate of Applied Science (Mortuary Science) from Carl Sandburg College.

With Cory's gifts, we will continue to have excellent music that will have the power to reveal the beauty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our calling of Cory to serve with us begins an exciting chapter for the music ministry at TPC.

Please plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following our Worship Service today, to meet and welcome Cory. Refreshments will be served.

Debbie Gill, Chair, Personnel & Organist/Pianist Search Committee

If you have some extra time
Today Sunday, January 4,
please stay after Worship to
help take down the Christmas
decorations.
Thanks Very Much for your
help



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.

CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, Sunday, January 4th

- 9:00am—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:15am—Welcome Reception for Cory Brown (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:15am—Sunday School Class-LLL (Hanahan Room)
- 10:15am—Blood Pressure Checks (Print Room)
- 10:30am—Take down Christmas Decorations (Various)

Monday, January 5th

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 6th

- 12:00pm—Interior Life Committee Meeting (Church Library)
- 3:00 pm—MOCN Parenting Class (Hanahan Room)
- 5:00pm—MOCN Board of Director's Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30pm—Trustees Meeting (Hanahan Room)

Wednesday, January 7th

Thursday, January 8th

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

Sunday, January 11th

- 9:00am—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:15am—LLL Sunday School Class (Hanahan Room)
- 10:00am—Orientation Session Meeting (Fellowship Hall)



TO REACH OFFICE STAFF

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