



Sunday, February 1, 2026

Third Presbyterian Church

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Guest Pastor

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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

Rev. Gray Marshall

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 the Rev. Gray Marshall to the pulpit this morning.

PRELUDE

“How Great Thou Art”

(By: Stuart K. Hine)

Cory Brown, Pianist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Gray Marshall

Leader: Jesus walks into places of shadow and fear, proclaiming good news.

People: Turn us around, O God.

Leader: Jesus calls ordinary people to leave what binds them and follow.

People: Turn us around, O God.

Leader: The kingdom of heaven has come near; the light is already shining.

People: Turn us around, O God.

Leader: Come, follow Christ, and worship the living God.

All: Turn us around, O God.

***MORNING PRAYER**

All: You call us, O God, to turn from our predictable paths to follow You into the unpredictable footsteps of the kingdom. As we wait, in our simple, sometimes crazy, constantly uncertain lives, speak to us, Spirit of Grace: of that hope which is our anchor; of that peace which is our rock; of that grace which is our refuge. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Jesus Calls Us”

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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Gray Marshall

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

People: Gracious and loving God, you call us to turn around, but we stick to our familiar ways. You call us toward your kingdom, yet we follow paths shaped by fear, comfort, and self-interest. Turn us around. You proclaim good news to the poor and the weary, but we ignore cries that unsettle us. You invite us to follow Jesus, yet we hesitate, distracted by nets we refuse to drop. Turn us around. Forgive us, O God, for the ways we resist your call. By your Spirit, loosen what binds us, open our hearts to your grace, and give us courage to follow where Christ leads. Turn us around, O God, and lead us into new life.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Gray Marshall

***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

Rev. Gray Marshall

CHOIR ANTHEM

“This Cup of Grace”
(Words & Music by: Mark Patterson)

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Gray Marshall

SCRIPTURE LESSON (Matthew 4: 12-23)

Rev. Gray Marshall

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

PRAISE SONG

“Whom Shall I Fear?”
(Words & Music by: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, & Scott Cash)

Praise Team

SERMON

“Alright, Turn It Around”

Rev. Gray Marshall

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Rev. Gray Marshall

Leader: We respond to God's grace by setting aside a portion of our financial resources to do the work of God here and now. Come with your tithes, offerings, and alms.

PRAISE SONG

“Same God”
(Words & Music by: Emma Klein, Hunter Leath, & Hannah Kerr)

Praise Team

***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**

Rev. Gray Marshall

Leader: Gracious God, as Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and follow, we offer now the gifts we have brought. Receive these offerings as signs of our trust and gratitude. Use them to shine your light in places of need, to proclaim good news to the poor, to bring healing, hope, and new life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Gray Marshall

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Gray Marshall

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good thing, to give you thanks and praise, O God.... you did not give up on us.

People: Turn us toward your light.

Leader: When we were distracted by many things...we praise your name, saying:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you, O God, and holy is Jesus Christ...All glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

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.

SHARING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Having been fed by grace, where will we turn now?

People: We turn toward our neighbors with compassion and courage.

Leader: What will guide our steps?

People: The light of Christ, shining even in the shadows.

Leader: Go from this table ready to notice, ready to turn, ready to follow.

People: We will not look the other way. We will walk in the light. Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Gray Marshall

*CLOSING HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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*BENEDICTION

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*POSTLUDE

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”
(By: Omer Westendorf)

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.

PRAYER list

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, The Citizens of Minneapolis, Third Presbyterian Church and its Members, Ted Bishop, Eric Clanton, Lucy Collebrusco, Michelle Davidson, Janice Dawson, Linda Farley, Wanda Sue Freeman, Damaris Fritz, The Garst Family, Art Heinold, Marilyn Houston, Lou Jordan, Rachel Krause, Mary Lou Landreth, Bill Lohman, Shirley McConnaughay, The McDevitt Family, The Moss Family, Jo Etta, Denny Pope, Jim Rominger, Dorothy Rutherford, Wanda Saccaro, Andrew, Tom Turnbull, and Dagmar West



Please Welcome Pastor Gray Marshall who will be the guest pastor at TPC today, February 1.



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

- 1 – Sharen Bucari
- 2 – Louella Jordan
- 6 – Peggy Williamson
- 16 – Jimmy Carter
- 19 – Dagmar West
- 21 – Michelle Davidson
- 23 - Nancy DiDonato; Darrell Wells
- 24 – Wayne Lilly

****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED****

The Communion Preparation Team is looking for volunteers to help in setting up for Communion, the first Sunday of each month. This typically takes about an hour on the Saturday before and then cleaning up on Sunday after Worship.

Any assistance is greatly appreciated. Please contact Mitchell McDevitt at 217-761-9067.

On Sunday January 18, everyone enjoyed refreshments as we expressed our appreciation and bid Pastor Frosty farewell.



Best Wishes to Pastor!

Let's shower Louella Jordan with cards as she celebrates her 92nd birthday on February 2!

Castle Manor Supportive Living
1550 Castle Manor Drive #125
Lincoln IL 62656



Donnie Monroe sends his heartfelt thanks and gratitude to everyone who sent cards and flowers to him for his 91st Birthday. He enjoyed it all!



The Souper Bowl of Caring is Tackle Hunger's annual event raising millions for local food charities nationwide. Souper Bowl of Caring helps transform the annual Super Bowl into a nation-wide movement inspiring people to give locally and make a collective impact on hunger. **This year let's make sure we score a touchdown in the fight against hunger! Bring canned foods (including soup & meat), crackers, boxed/pasta meals, cereal/oatmeal, and any other non-perishables Sunday, February 1st to be donated to local food pantries.**

Thank you!

**On February 8 there will be a representative from a local mission
MERCY Communities**

Here's a brief synopsis of MERCY:

MERCY Communities (Mentors, Empowerment and Resources for Change in Young families) mission is to provide housing and supportive services to foster the independence of homeless and at-risk families. The agency fulfills its mission with two primary programs: a two-year employment and education-oriented transitional living program to assist homeless women and their children to achieve stability and self-sufficiency in their lives by providing a stable home and intensive supportive services; and permanent housing programs, including permanent supportive housing for homeless families with dependent children in which the head of the household or the child has a documented disability and are currently homeless, providing housing and supportive services to allow the family to live as independently as possible. Also included in permanent housing is MERCY's rapid rehousing program which provides tenant-based rental and utility assistance and supportive services to homeless families in an affordable unit to enable them to achieve long-term healthy stability.

This year, MERCY will be able to provide housing and supportive services for up to 48 families at any time, with 10 families in the transitional living program and 38 families with permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing. In the fiscal year 2025, MERCY provided housing and comprehensive supportive services to 46 households consisting of 54 adults and 99 children.

Amy Voiles, Executive Director, 217-753-1358

A special offering will be collected for this mission next Sunday, February 8.

Calendar/Announcements

Today, Sunday, February 1st

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

Monday, February 2nd

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, February 3rd

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

Thursday, February 5th

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

Sunday, February 8th

- 9:00am—Worship Service (Sanctuary) - MERCY Communities Representative with Special Mission Offering
- 10:15am—LLL Sunday School Class (Hanahan Room)



STAY SAFE AND WARM DURING THE COLD WEATHER!

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