



**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

Third Presbyterian Church

**Sue Sawers, CRE**

**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**

**Sue Sawers, CRE**

*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.*

*Please welcome Sue Sawers, CRE to the pulpit this morning.*

**PRELUDE**

“Love Moves You”

(By: Sarah Hart)

**Cory Brown, Pianist**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Sue Sawers, CRE**

*Leader: Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord, who seek God with their whole hearts.*

**People: Happy are those who keep his decrees, who walk in the law of the Lord.**

*Leader: O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!*

**People: Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

**All: I will praise you with an upright heart and worship you with joy.**

**\*MORNING PRAYER**

**All: Holy God, we greet this day with thanks and determination to choose good. Help us to walk with you in blessing. Help us to carry out the vows we make: to adore you with our whole heart, to live in mutual support of one another, and to love as if our reign has fully come. Let our ‘yes’ be yes, and our ‘no’ be no, as we share the light of Christ with all. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“The Lord is God”

**Music attached**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Sue Sawers, CRE**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorders our love of you and each other. We have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. Forgive us, O God, and mend what is broken, that we may stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Sue Sawers, CRE**

**\*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**

**Mitchell McDevitt**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**“Here I am to Worship”**  
(Words & Music by: Tim Hughes)

**Chancel Choir**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Sue Sawers, CRE**

**PRAISE SONG**

**“Shine Jesus Shine”**

**Praise Team**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON (Deuteronomy 30:15-20)**

**Sue Sawers, CRE**

<sup>15</sup> See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. <sup>16</sup> For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you, life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live <sup>20</sup> and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

**SERMON**

**“Choices...Choices...”**

**Sue Sawers, CRE**

**HYMN**

**“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”**

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**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

**Sue Sawers, CRE**

*Leader: Jesus said, if you remember that a brother or sister has something against you, first be reconciled to them, and then come and offer your gift. In peace, let us bring our offerings to God.*

**PRAISE SONG**

“I Saw the Light”  
(Words & Music by: Hank Williams, Sr. )

**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**

**Sue Sawers, CRE**

**All: Holy God, we offer you these gifts with thanks, so that together we may plant and water the seeds of your new world. May we be your faithful servants as we cultivate your love, knowing that in all we accomplish, it is you who gives the growth. Amen.**

**SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS**

**Sue Sawers, CRE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“God Is Calling Through the Whisper”

**Music attached**

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**Sue Sawers, CRE**

*Leader: As you go from God’s house into God’s world, love the Lord; choose the good; hold fast to God so that you may flourish. May the wisdom of God, the love of Christ, and the peace of the Spirit shine brightly in your lives this day and always.*

**All: Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Ode to Joy”  
(By: Ludwig von Beethoven)

**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.



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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, Citizens of Our Country, State, and City, Third Presbyterian Church and its Members, Ted Bishop, Janet Bottoms, Lucy Collebrusco, Michelle Davidson, Janice Dawson, Linda Farley, Wanda Sue Freeman, Damaris Fritz, The Garst Family, The Guthrie Family, Art Heinold, Marilyn Houston, Lou Jordan, Rachel Krause, Mary Lou Landreth, Bill Lohman, Shirley McConnaughay, The McDevitt Family, The Moss Family, Jo Etta, Russell, Jim Rominger, Dorothy Rutherford, Wanda Saccaro, The Family of Jan Steinhour, Dagmar West.*

**\*\*Reminder: If you are the last to leave the building, please set the alarm. Thank you\*\***



Please Welcome Pastor Sue Sawers who will be the guest pastor at TPC today, February 15.



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

Thank you very much for the generous donations to **MERCY Communities**. Your kindness is appreciated and extends to many in the community.

**\*\*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.

**Dagmar West** will be celebrating 98(!) years on February 19.

Let's shower her with cards to enjoy on this special day.

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Candy will be collected for this year's Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 28. Please place your donations in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you



# CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Today, Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am—Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:15am—Sunday School Class-LLL (Hanahan Room)

## **Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Church Office Closed in observance of President's Day*

## **Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

3:00pm—MOCN Parenting Class (Hanahan Room)

5:00pm—After Five CWC-Bible Study (Church Library)

6:30pm—Session Meeting (Hanahan Room)

## **Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

1:30pm—Club Compass (Various)

4:00pm—Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

5:00pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## **Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00am—Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:15am—LLL Sunday School Class (Hanahan Room)



## TO REACH OFFICE STAFF

Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 8am-4:30pm (Subject to change without notice).

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