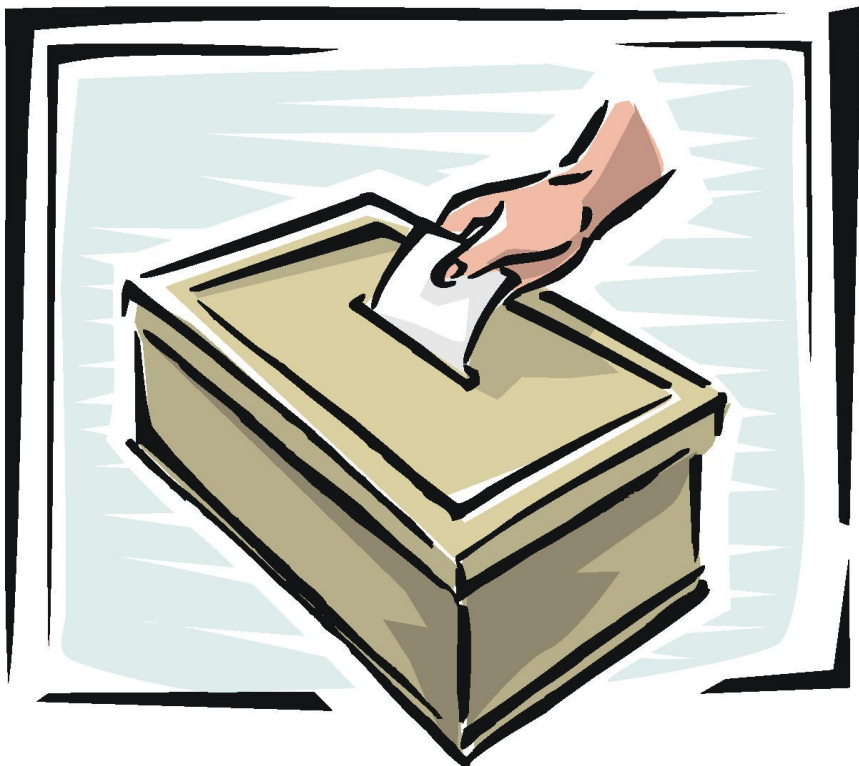


# Third Pres Times

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**Meeting for Election  
of Church Officers  
November 22, 2020  
(during worship)**



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## Worship in November

### **November 1**

All Saints Day

*The Lord's Supper and Remembrance*

*"Making the Case for Vitality"*

### **November 8**

Caregiver Sunday

*"Making the Case for Equality"*

### **November 15**

Hunger and Homelessness Sunday

*"Making the Case for Sustainability"*

### **November 22**

Christ the King Sunday

Stewardship Dedication

*Meeting of the Congregation*

*During worship*

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

### **November 29**

First Sunday of Advent

*Lighting the Candle of Hope*



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## It All Comes Down To This

Three of the gospels tell about people asking Jesus, “Which commandment is the most important?” After all, there were 613 to keep track of.

Jesus answered by naming two which are intimately connected: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind,” and “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Then, in Luke’s version, He goes on to illustrate what it means to act like a neighbor: the Good Samaritan.

Acting like a neighbor makes up our lived experience as part of the family at Third Presbyterian Church: we act as neighbors to one another and to the world around us. For more than a century we have been offering our time, talents, and resources to keep on doing so.

Thank you for your commitment to keeping the lights on, the doors open, and the Spirit moving as we approach a new year of loving our neighbors.

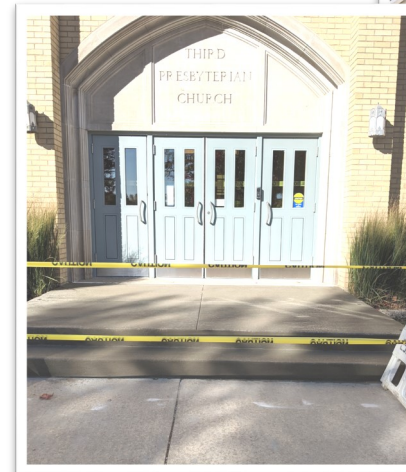
*Pastor Steve*



## Things are being made new...



*The last “step” of our new front entrance is nearly complete! The entry stoop has been elongated to allow for floor level entry when going in and out of the building.*



*Two steps with handrails on both sides were added at the sidewalk to assist people up to the entry, increasing safety for all.*

## November Events

### Sunday November 1st

“Precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death  
of His faithful servants.”  
Psalm 116:15 (NIV)



Have you experienced the death of a family member or friend during the past year? Perhaps someone who wasn't affiliated with the church? On November 1st, as we remember members of the church who now await the resurrection, we will gladly remember others as well. Please speak to Pastor Steve.



### November 1

**Remember to change the batteries  
in your smoke detectors  
when you set your clocks back.**

## Radio News



Recently I received a letter from a listener who remembers when our station first went on the air 15 ½ years ago. He explained that he had moved away from Rockford for a while and was excited to learn when he moved back to Rockford and that we were still broadcasting our variety of easy listening music along with some religious programming!

We enter the Fall/Winter season continuing with beautiful music. And we continue to add new programs. Mike Williamson and “his friends in music,” have just produced the 555th weekly show. That’s well over ten years of programs. Mike decided to prepare a special patriotic theme show for election week this year. John “Radio” Russell has been producing a variety of shows for 15 years. John, like the rest of us, has had a different kind of year in 2020. He explains that for the first year since he was a little boy, he had no baseball or softball team to play on over the summer. In recent years, he has sometimes played on as many as five teams/ leagues per week! Dave Fagen really enjoys putting together his two shows, *Only Oldies* (9AM M, W, F, Sun) and *Night Music* (7 PM T, Th, Sat). Don Ferguson has been bringing us one-hour specials featuring Music from Broadway and Hollywood for two years. He has completed almost 70 shows during which he narrates the story of a musical and plays the songs from the production. Don continues to amaze me at the range of material that he brings to us.

Currently playing (M & F at 10 AM, W & Sun at 4 PM) are “The Harvey Girls,” The Musical Comedy of Allan Sherman, and what I think is an especially creative work called “The Amazing Story of Theater Organs,” which includes the story of our own organ here in Rockford at the Coronado Theater! I appreciate these nice people for sharing with all of us who listen over the air on 99.3 FM, and all who listen in on the internet, at [wtpblp.com](http://wtpblp.com)

Be lifted, by words of worship from Third Pres on Sundays and Wednesdays at 10:15 AM, as well as more words and music of faith and inspiration throughout the week, and especially on Wednesdays and Sundays!

**Radio November Holiday Programs on 99.3 FM** On Veteran's Day, November 11, there will be patriotic tributes at 6 am, 6 pm and 10 pm. On Thanksgiving Day, November 26, listen for a 30 minute music special at 6 and 10 am, and 6 and 10 pm.

As always, I love to say, “Thanks for listening!” Rev. Murray Hanson, Station Manager





11-1	Drew Virtue	11-16	Stephanie Crosby
11-2	Zachery Kujat	11-19	Bob Logsdon
11-6	Debbie Geisler		Hunter Bonne
11-7	Connor Hollenbeck		Hunter Stromquist
11-9	Laurie Claussen	11-21	Lindsey Fauerbach
	Jordan Smith	11-25	Laura Chiodini
11-12	Olivia Mosny	11-27	Jana Carey
	Myles Kunz		Annabella Smith
11-15	Dale Hollenbeck	11-29	Shelby Rollins
	Lillian Leber		



Thank you to those who contributed in person or online. As of this printing of this newsletter, you have helped raise \$646 for the cause of ending hunger one step at a time! Thank you also to our walkers,

Pastor Steve, Ellen Marsh and Elaine Jacoby.

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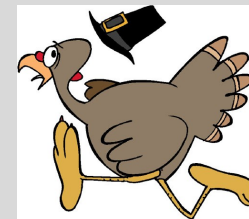
## Congregational News



On Sunday, October 18, Mary Hartshorn was presented with an 'Honorary Life Membership' in the Presbyterian Women's Association. This prestigious award is given to women who have made significant contributions to the life of the church. Mary was presented with her pin and certificate by last year's recipient, Sue Gustafson. Congratulations, Mary! This is a well-deserved honor!

The Office will be  
**CLOSED**

November  
26 & 27



Approaching  
deadlines...



The deadline for the December newsletter is **November 20**.

The deadline for the **Annual Report** is **December 7**.

***Your help in meeting these deadlines is crucial to ensure timely publication of these documents.***

## Congregational News

### Piece Corps Quilt Group

This group of ladies is still very hard at work, although at home due to the pandemic and capacity limitations. They continue to purchase material, cut blocks, design, sew and tie quilts. These works of art are donated to local charities and other organizations. Some are sold to support the Third Presbyterian Women's Association.

These amazing women have made 49 quilts to add to the collection. Since March, Piece Corps has donated 45 quilts and sold 11.

If you would like to purchase one, a twin sized quilt is \$40 and baby/lap quilts are \$20. Please call Glenda Hammer (815-519-5598) if you would like to purchase one of these beautiful quilts.



There will be a  
**Meeting of the  
Congregation and Corporation  
of Third Presbyterian Church  
of Rockford, Illinois**

**on Sunday, November 22 at 10:15 am**

for the purpose of conducting the business of the church  
and electing church officers.

## Congregational Meeting and

### Tending and Intending: Making

by: Pastor

***"My hope is built on nothing less  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame"***

You have likely heard me say this more than once in recent days: in general, for those of us who trust in Jesus Christ, our faith provides us with the appearance of immediate benefit or harm to us. Living in hope propels us toward the attainment of success in overcoming them. God is always faithful and we shall overcome.

In light of this hope, we will meet later in November to accomplish our hope more completely. To begin with, you will be asked to amend the Bylaws.

- \* To remove an outdated clause that describes how, from 2007-2010
- \* To allow for meetings — including elections — by the use of online
- \* To allow officers of one board to be immediately eligible to serve on another (e.g. an Elder ending a term on Session could be immediately eligible for election to the Board of Christian Education)

Next, you will be asked to affirm and elect to office the candidates for the Session prayerfully and diligently to bring this about. I am grateful to you who are willing to serve. This will take place on the day of our annual meeting in January.

Finally, the Session and I will be asking you to affirm what the Session represents for the Presbyterian family: to work toward greater congregational vitality, to work toward economic poverty in our community. How these goals will be carried out has yet to be determined. May God guide us towards the answers.

We anticipate that this meeting will take place both in person and online, as determined with guidance from the county health department in the coming weeks.

I do not imagine that many of us are living under the illusion that we can solve the biggest dilemmas we've been facing: our health and our social and economic challenges. Through them all, we can affirm **"on Christ the solid Rock I stand"**.

# General Election—November 22nd

## Increasing Our Discipleship Count

by Pastor Steve

**“More than Jesus’ blood and righteousness!  
We must, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name!”**

Hope is the oxygen of change. While I think this is true for people in general, with an assurance that cannot be defeated by circumstances regardless of how they push us past obstacles and into the heart of our dilemmas with an expectation to overcome.

With several tasks which I believe will open the door for us to live out our laws of the Congregation and Corporation in the following ways:

In 2009, the Boards would change from 12 members to 9.

Online technology.

Move on a different board at the expiration of their term.

Be duly elected to the board of Deacons or Trustees.)

Those who appear in this newsletter. The Nominating Committee worked hard and is willing to stand for office. Ordination and installation of these officers

The Session has already affirmed: the goals of the Matthew 25 initiative of our work as we can to eradicate racism, and to work as we can to end systems yet to be determined. Nevertheless, setting our intention to do so will

be online. How many people may be present in the church building will be changing days.

Getting past the presidential election or the end of the calendar year will be cohesion. Most of us have lived through times that have been equally challenging. **Stand: all other ground is sinking sand.”**

*Living in hope,  
Pastor Steve*

## Session Nominees



### **Elder: Cathy Logdson (3 years)**

Cathy is a life-long church member. She is an Elder and serves as the Christian Education Committee Secretary. She has also served as the former Clerk of Session. Her favorite COVID activity has been camping (which she could continue to safely do) and cooking way too much!



### **Elder: Kay Carriglitto (3 years)**

Kay is an active member of the Women's Association, Faith Builders Bible Study group and Lucia Circle. She has served as a Trustee and a Deacon. During this COVID time she has enjoyed reading, doing puzzles with her husband, Frank, and is about to try her hand at painting. She especially looks forward to visits to her daughter's home in the country where she can enjoy nature and play with her grandchildren.



### **Elder: Jeanne Fauerbach (3 years)**

Jeanne has served on the Board of Deacons, the Mission Committee, and as a Sunday School Teacher. She is a nursery volunteer and leads our efforts with the Soup Kitchen. When asked about her favorite COVID coping strategy, she replied “During these challenging times I've realized how important it is to keep in touch with family and friends.”



## Trustee Nominees



### **Trustee: Bill Leber (3 years)**

Bill has served several terms as Trustee. He has also served as Third's Scout Liaison, a youth club cook and was active in the leadership of the Sr. High Night Crusaders group. When asked about his most memorable event he quickly said "white water rafting with the youth."



### **Trustee: Chris Minnier (3 years)**

Chris is a lifelong member of 3rd Pres, and has worked at Coca-Cola for over 27 years. He is actively involved in scouting, has been a Youth Club cook and helps with High School Youth Group events. This will be the fourth time he has served Third Pres. as a Trustee. One of his most memorable experiences was watching his son, Jacob, hit two 2-run homers this year.



### **Trustee: Taylor Leber (3 years)**

This will be Taylor's first turn as a Trustee of the church, having been previously been ordained as an Elder and serving on the Session. He and Brandi Nicole are the parents of Jace and Spencer, who was born just months ago. Needless to say, their "COVID activity" has been adjusting to parenting two children. Taylor is a video gamer. He and Jace enjoy playing Fall

Guys, Minecraft, and Apex.

## Corporation Officer Nominees



### **Chairperson: Becky Martin (1 Year)**

My journey with 3rd Presbyterian was rekindled in 2008, rejoining and becoming a part of the flock again. It has been my pleasure to have been a Deacon, Session member, and, presently, a Woman's Association member and Worship Committee member, as well as a member of the choir.



### **Vice Chair: Brad Claussen (1 Year)**

Brad and his wife have been members of Third since 1980. They have three grown children, Eric, Josalyn and Danielle as well as granddaughter Isabel. He has previously served on Session and is currently a Trustee.



**Treasurer: Fred Fauerbach (1 year)** Fred has always been active at Third Pres. He is currently the Church Treasurer, a member of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, and Moderator for the Trustees. He is also a member of the Chancel Choir. Fred's favorite COVID coping strategy is to get out and golf. His most memorable moments were the birth of his children and his first grandchild.



### **Assistant Treasurer: Loretta Keating (1 Year)**

Loretta has been attending Third for several years and officially joined the family in April of 2019. She is active with the Piece Corp Quilters and serves as Third's Flower Chair. She recently retired from an active career as a physical therapist. Loretta has two most memorable events in her life: the sudden death of her father in a car accident when she was a teenager and the day of college graduation when family from all over the country were present to celebrate.

## Corporation Officer Nominees



**Financial Secretary: Heather Lopez (1 year)** Heather has been our church secretary for two years and the Financial Secretary for a year. She has held both of these rolls at two other churches for a combined ten years. She enjoys making cards and scrapbooks along with a little sewing. Her favorite pandemic events are the purchase of a new home and being gifted a new puppy, Gracie.

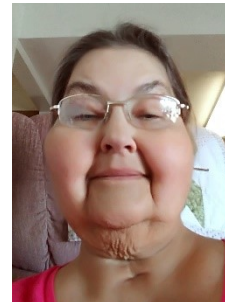


**Asst. Fin. Secretary: Lorie Michaelis (1 year)** Lorie has been an active member of Third since 1980. She is an ordained Deacon, has served as an Auditor, a Trustee and is a member of Stewardship and Finance Committee. She is active in the Women's Association and the Piece Corp Quilting group. One of her most memorable occasions has been spending time with her son, Brian, as the two of them made a road trip to see the Painted Desert and the Grand Canyon.



**Auditor: Cindy Watton (3 years)** Cindy is an active member of Third since 1975! She is a church Elder, has served as a former auditor, and was a member of the MAP team. She is a member of the Chancel Choir and eagerly awaits singing again. Her favorite COVID activity has been reorganizing all the drawers in her house!

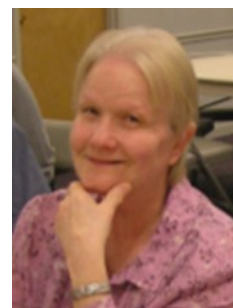
## Deacon Nominees



**Deacon: Dawn Bergquist (3 years)** Dawn, born into the Reints family, has been a member of the church her whole life. She is an ordained Deacon, sings in the choir and has served as the Chancel Choir Director in the past. A talented musician, she has also accompanied and performed in worship. Dawn's favorite COVID activity has been reading.



**Deacon: Sue Peck (3 years)** Sue is a lifelong teacher. In retirement, she has continued to work with children as a tutor. She said her best memories are working with kids and seeing the difference it makes in their lives. Sue is active at Third Presbyterian as a soup kitchen volunteer, nursery volunteer and has served on the nursery committee. Her favorite COVID coping strategies are sending cards of cheer to people during this difficult time and having a weekly lunch outside on the deck with friends. "I just want to make a difference with people; that's who I am."



**Deacon: Ellen Marsh (3 years)** Ellen is an active in the life of Third as a Deacon, a member of Women's Association, Nursery Committee, Nursery Volunteer and Faith Builders Bible Study group. Since the start of the pandemic she has retired so her coping strategy for her new retirement and COVID is to walk, and walk some more, most often on the path at Sportscore.



## Appointed Positions



### **Flower Chairperson: Loretta Keating**

**(1 Year)** Loretta has been attending Third for several years and officially joined the family in April of 2019. She is active with the Piece Corp. Quilters and serves as Third's Flower Chair. She recently retired from an active career as a physical therapist.

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car accident when she was a teenager and the day of college graduation when family from all over the country were present to celebrate.



### **Nursery Committee: Heidi Milner**

**(1 year)** Heidi is a nursery volunteer and has served on the Nursery Committee. She teaches Middle School Sunday learning and co-teaches confirmation classes. Heidi and her husband, Eric, are leaders of the Middle School youth group. They also run the radio controls for live worship broadcasts. Heidi is a High School golf coach, a Golden Apple teacher and

the mom of Morgan and Declan. Her favorite COVID-19 coping strategy has been creating fun "at home" activities to do with her family.



### **Scout Rep: Pastor Steve (1 year)**

Pastor Steve has enjoyed interacting with Troop 23 and Scoutmaster Scott Carlson as young people grow toward adulthood. His most memorable experience as a Scout was steering the Sea Scout ship down Hood Canal on the way to Camp Hohobas.



### **November 29th**

First Sunday of Advent  
*"Hope Never Disappoints Us"*  
*Lighting the Candle of Hope*

### **December 6th**

Second Sunday of Advent  
*"I Want to Be Ready"*  
*The Lord's Supper*  
*Lighting the Candle of Love*

### **December 13th**

Third Sunday of Advent  
*"Freedom is Coming"*  
*including a Video Christmas Pageant*  
*Lighting the Candle of Joy*

### **December 20th**

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
*"Giving Birth to Christ Within Us"*  
*Lighting the Candle of Peace*

### **December 24th**

**Christmas Eve**  
*"Descend to Us We Pray"*  
*The Lord's Supper by Candlelight*

## Coming Attractions



### **“Symbols of the Season” an Online Children’s Christmas Program**

**Directed by  
Gene Archer & Elizabeth Duckett**

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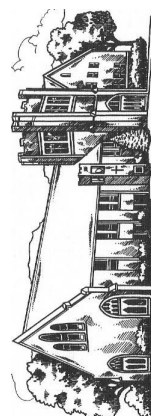
Starting January, 2021 the Third Pres. Times will be delivered to your e-mail box or you can find it on the church website.

If you do not have a computer or do not have access to email, you may continue to receive the newsletter via surface mail; you will need to let us know.

Why are we doing this?

- \* To acclimate everyone to using the website
- \* To save costs of copying and postage

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