

## Third Presbyterian Church

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# Third Pres. Times

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this changes  
**EVERYTHING.**



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**March 28th\***

*Palm and Passion Sunday*

9:30 Zooming with Jesus

10:15 am **Worship In-Person and Online**

**March 31st at 7 pm**

*Vespers Bible Study on Zoom*

**April 1st at 7 pm**

*Maundy Thursday on Zoom*

*Tenebrae and Drama*

*with The Lord's Supper*

**April 2nd**

*Good Friday 7:00 pm on Zoom*

**New - April 3rd 7-8:30 PM**

*Holy Saturday—Lighting the Sacred Fire*

**In-Person Outdoor Event**

We will gather in front of the church and light the Christ Candle to signify the dawn of Resurrection.

A simple service, cookies and cider, and a time to fellowship. Dress for the weather, bring a chair if you wish.

\*Please register for this event.

**Graduation and Scholarship Info**

**Attention Graduates**

**CLASS OF  
2021**

Are you graduating from high school, college or grad school this year? Notify Jeannette Sheehan at 815-979-0045 with your info so the Education Committee may recognize you on Promotion Sunday, May 16, and include you in the Third Pres. Times newsletter!

**Third Presbyterian scholarship applications**

for the 2021-2022 school year are available in the church fellowship room. The **deadline** for applications is Sunday, **May 30.**



**May 16th**

We will mark the end of a very different Sunday School year by celebrating the advancement of students to the next grade, giving those who completed second grade Bibles and recognizing those whose attendance shined even through the pandemic. Our appreciation and thankfulness to the dedication of the Education Committee and teachers who, despite the pandemic, made sure we continued growing in faith together through **Zooming with Jesus!**

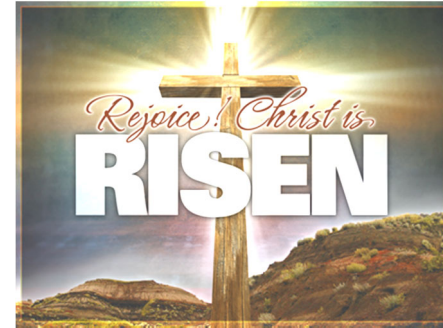


## Stronghold Is OPEN Summer 2021!

For information on camps, go to <http://strongholdcenter.org/Programs/Summer-Camps> to see details. The church provides a 50% scholarship for all of our campers. If you register by May 30, there will be a \$15 discount. Turn in your completed application to the office with a check made payable to *Stronghold Camp*.

2021 Dates	Camp Name	Grade Comp.	Camp Cost	50% Sch	\$15 Early Regist.
Jun 27 - Jul 2	Jr. Adventure	3 - 5	\$ 450	\$ 225.00	\$ 210.00
	Jr. Culinary Camp	3 - 6	\$ 450	\$ 225.00	\$ 210.00
	Jr. High Adventure	6 - 8	\$ 475	\$ 237.50	\$ 222.50
July 7 - 10	Mini Camp	2 - 4	\$ 225	\$ 112.50	\$ 97.50
July 7 - 16	10 Day Adventure	6 - 8	\$ 600	\$ 300.00	\$ 285.00
	Sr. High 10 Day Adventure	9 - 12	\$ 600	\$ 300.00	\$ 285.00
July 11 - 16	Jr. Adventure	3 - 5	\$ 450	\$ 225.00	\$ 210.00
	Jr. Music, Art, & Drama	4 - 6	\$ 450	\$ 225.00	\$ 210.00
July 18 - 23	Night Owl	6 - 8	\$ 475	\$ 237.50	\$ 222.50
	Sr. High Night Owl	9 - 12	\$ 475	\$ 237.50	\$ 222.50
July 19 - 23	Day Camp	K - 3	\$ 125	\$ 62.50	\$ 47.50
July 25 - 30	Jr. Artists	3 - 6	\$ 450	\$ 225.00	\$ 210.00
	Hydro Camp	3 - 6	\$ 450	\$ 225.00	\$ 210.00
	Medieval Music, Art, & Drama	6 - 8	\$ 475	\$ 237.50	\$ 222.50
	Camper vs. Wild	6 - 8	\$ 475	\$ 237.50	\$ 222.50
Jul 30 - Aug 1	Family Camp	See on-line registration			

## Sundays in April



### Easter Day - April 4th\*

**“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**  
with Resurrection Drama  
and The Lord’s Supper  
Acts 10:34-43

### 2nd Sunday of Easter – April 11th\*

**“Of One Heart and One Soul”**  
Acts 4:32-35

### 3rd Sunday of Easter – April 18th\*

**“The Precious, Powerful Name of Jesus”**  
Acts 3:1-19

### 4th Sunday of Easter – April 25th\*

**“Loving In Deed and Truth”**  
Acts 4:5-12

\*Please register for this event.



MATTHEW 25

## We are a Matthew 25 church.

We have pledged to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, or poor in Jesus' name.

Matthew 25 calls us to actively engage in our community and the world around us.

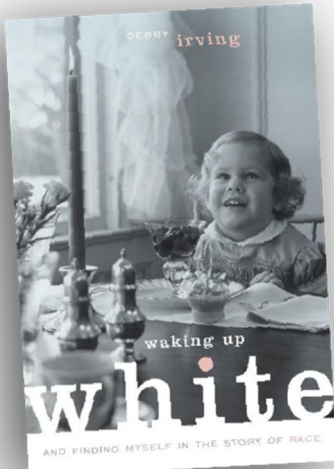
We will do this by embracing these areas of focus:

- \* Building congregational vitality
- \* Dismantling structural racism
- \* Eradicating systemic poverty

### Zoom Book Study

#### *Waking Up White: and Finding Myself In The Story of Race*

By Debbie Irving



A Zoom book study led by Pastor Steve during the Easter season. Register now and order a copy of the book by calling the church office.

We will have discussion on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. Anyone in or outside the church is welcome to take part!

Pastor Steve

## Community & Congregational News



**Fill the shopping cart with  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Canned Pasta  
Dried Pasta  
Spaghetti Sauce**

**Help us fill our fish net.  
OGHS Fish Banks and offerings  
are collected Easter Sunday  
April 4**



## Coming Sunday, May 2

**Youth Activities  
Offering  
will be collected**

Your support makes Stronghold Camp Scholarships to the Third Presbyterian family possible! Thank You!

**Confirmation**

Support and celebrate **Corbin Gray** as he re-affirms his baptismal covenant during worship.

## April Birthdays



- April 2 Nicholas Birch  
 April 4 Julie Leber, Audrey Hammer  
 April 7 Dawn Bergquist, Olivia Watton  
 April 9 Gerald Wubbena  
 April 10 Mary Raum, Rebecca Truitt  
 April 11 Danielle Lee  
 April 12 Samantha Mosny  
 April 13 Thomas Truitt, Fallon Watton  
 April 15 Kay Carrigitto  
 April 17 Nancy Justman, Marissa May,  
 Pat Murray, Raj Patel  
 April 19 Sydney Facer, Joseph Leber  
 April 20 Lori Olson  
 April 22 Joyce Bakken, Heather Ekstrom  
 April 24 Chad Insko  
 April 25 Andrew Taylor  
 April 26 Bryan Olson  
 April 27 Dawn May  
 April 30 Angie Insko

### April Anniversary

4/27 Larry and Dawn Bergquist

## Pastor's Ponderings

“Lifting Up Christ in Every Way”

John 12:32

And I, if I be lifted  
up from the earth,  
will draw all men  
unto me.

Several weeks ago I reflected on a similar text that compared Christ being *lifted up* to a scene from the desert wanderings of the children of Israel when they confronted an infestation of snakes. They were commanded to raise a bronze snake on a pole which somehow figured into their healing from snakebite. Trusting ourselves to the care of the crucified Christ results in our being healed from the curse of death.

Jesus Christ was “raised up” in a number of ways. He was raised on the Cross to atone for our sins. He was raised into the presence of God in his ascension. In his humble obedience to the will of his Father his name was raised (exalted) above every other name in heaven or on earth. And now, in the light of Easter dawn, he has been raised to a resurrected life beyond death.

But here’s one more—and this one is on us. Our calling is to lift up, to raise and to praise, the name of Jesus to high heaven! Doing so strengthens our own faith and puts us in a position to encourage the faith of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Furthermore, it lets the world around us know that we have found something worth giving our lives to, and Someone in whom we have infinite trust.

The days of Lent are over. It is time to bask in the light of Resurrection and to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. May this next season be one of lifting the name of Jesus in praise that brings honor to him in the glory of God the Father.

Pastor Steve

## Looking Good!

### Church Grounds Clean-Up Day Saturday, May 24, 2021 9:00—Noon

Don't miss this opportunity to get outside and safely work with friends while getting the church spruced up for Spring. There is something for everyone to do, from trimming bushes to raking and weeding the church flower beds and prepping the Community Garden. You'll leave satisfied at the difference you have made! If we have an overflow of people we can also don a bright vest and head out to clean up the park and neighborhood as well by participating in the Great American Clean-up!

Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful and the

# Great American CLEANUP



## Seeking the Welfare of the City



Beginning May 8, Third Pres. will be partnering with Rockford Public Library to host their RPL Mobile Branch for the North End Square Neighborhood.

The traveling library will open in the church lot every third Saturday from 4:00—5:15 pm complete with books and materials for check out, a variety of activities including story times for children and computer assistance to adults. The state-of-the-art vehicle can also offer internet access for visitors.

Do you have a heart for seeing our children and families reading? You could volunteer to help on Saturdays. The dates scheduled are May 8 and 29, June 19, July 17, August 7 and 28 from 4:00—5:15 p.m. If you are interesting in helping, let the church office know.



## May 6

Pray with and for the Nation  
"Lord pour out your love, life and liberty."

2 Cor. 3:17

<https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/>