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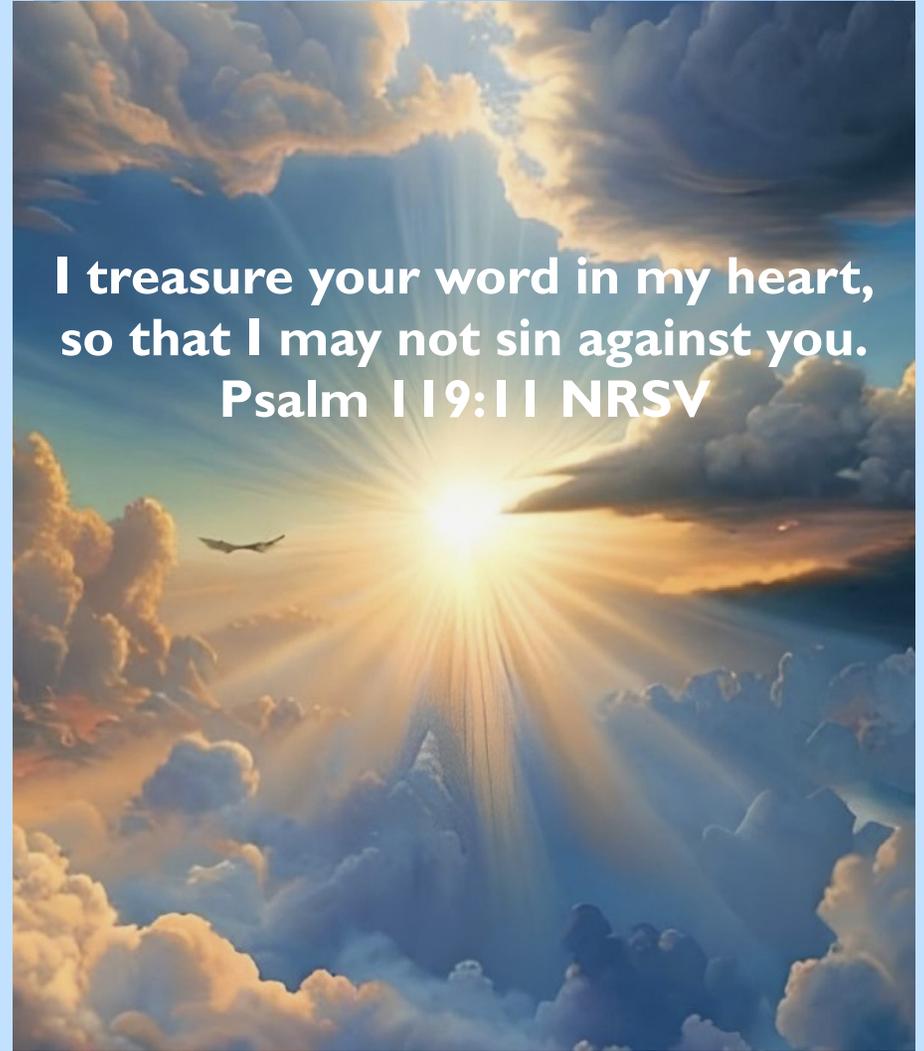
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# Third Pres Times

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**I treasure your word in my heart,  
so that I may not sin against you.  
Psalm 119:11 NRSV**

**March 5—April 20th: One Great Hour of Sharing**



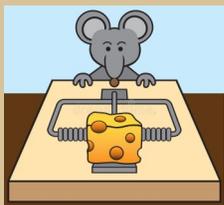
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# Sundays in Lent...



**March 2—Mardi Gras Sunday**  
**Family Worship at 9 am**  
*“Feasting Before Fasting”*  
 The Lord’s Supper at 9 & 10:15  
 I Corinthians 5:6a-8  
 New Orleans Treats Afterwards

**March 9—1st Sunday in Lent**  
*“The Devil Made Me Do It:*  
*Jesus is Tempted in the Desert*  
 Greg Albert, Worship Leader  
 Luke 4:1-13



**March 16—2nd Sunday in Lent**  
*“Know Your Opposition”*  
 Julie Leber, Worship Leader  
 Phil. 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

**March 23—3rd Sunday in Lent**  
*“Incidents and Accidents Happen!”*  
 Pam Reed, Worship Leader  
 1 Cor. 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9



**March 30—4th Sunday in Lent**  
*“Recon: the Good/God Kind”*  
 Mary Hartshorn, Worship Leader  
 II Cor. 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-32

# This and That



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|---|---|
| Mar 03 James Gray                           | Mar 16 Michele Harkness<br>Tom Jacoby     |
| Mar 04 Declan Milner                        | Mar 19 Alex Reynolds                      |
| Mar 06 Jeannette Sheehan<br>Anne Pritz-hall | Mar 20 Allison Smith<br>Meeghan Archer    |
| Mar 08 Isabella Smith<br>Alan Justman       | Mar 22 Allison Vosberg                    |
| Mar 09 Emmett Lee                           | Mar 23 Susan Peck                         |
| Mar 10 Gus Sabaka<br>Charley Murray         | Mar 24 Brad Claussen                      |
| Mar 14 Matthew Peck                         | Mar 27 Cindy Swanson                      |
|   | Mar 28 Amy Archuleta<br>Barbara Parkinson |
|   | Mar 29 Gaile Birch<br>Fred Fauerbach      |



**Don and Mary Hartshorn Mar. 26, 1983 42 years**



## Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies are donated in honor or memory of loved ones and decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Names will be listed in a special insert and in the Newsletter.

To order, fill out the form on the back table in the Fellowship room or call the office by Sunday March 23rd. Lilies are \$11 each. Checks should be made out to Third Presbyterian Church with “Lilies” in the memo. You may take your lily home after worship on Easter Sunday.

## WTPB-LP 99.3 Anywhere!

Easy Listening Music on Radio 99.3 FM  
During March 2025!

Are you counting down the days until Spring? That is what I think of this time of the year.

Right now, on our station we can all enjoy 5 one-hour programs hosted by Don Ferguson. You will recall that Rockford's Don Ferguson presents one-hour summaries of the best music from a musical or by a special artist and tells the story of the musical or radio show. Currently playing in rotation on our station are these five selections by Don: "The Story of Muzak;" "Doris Day Radio Show;" "Rosemary Clooney Radio Show;" "Eartha Kitt Radio Show;" and a one-hour program that Don calls, "Songs That Tell A Story Part 6."

You can hear Don Ferguson with "Music from Broadway and Hollywood" Sunday and Wednesday at 4 PM, and Monday and Friday at 10 AM. You might also recognize Don as one of our station's Radio team that hosts the broadcasts of the Sunday worship service of Third Presbyterian Church.

Another listening suggestion for Wednesday and Sunday at noon is Day I. For many years this program was known as the "Best of Protestant Preaching." It is a 25-minute program and as you would guess, it features protestant pastors from around the country from a variety of denominations, including Presbyterians!

Wishing you good listening, all year around, day and night, on 99.3 FM and online at [wtpblp.com](http://wtpblp.com)

"Thanks, for Listening!"  
Murray Hanson, Station Manager

## Lent begins— Ash Wednesday

**Ash Wednesday at Third P.C.  
Wednesday March 5th**

**9:30 am Lenten Breakfast  
Variety of Egg Strata  
Fruit of the Season  
Muffins and Beverages**

**10:30 am Service of Ashes  
Robert Bruce Davis Chapel**

**7:00 pm Service of Ashes  
Robert Bruce Davis Chapel**

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**Lenten Mid-Week Reflection  
Wednesdays March 12– April 9th**

**6:00 pm Simple Soup Supper  
Simple Shareable Dishes welcomed**

**7:00 pm Lenten Reflection  
Scripture Reading and  
Reflections from Sailboat Church  
Led By Pastor Steve**

**Devotionals for Lent will be available in both print and digital editions. Pick up a print copy in the Fellowship or Dining Room.**

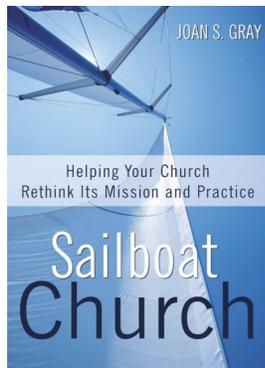
## Being Thoughtful and Faithful

### Simply Soup Supper and Refection

Wednesday Evenings March 12, 19 & 26

6:00 pm Simply Soup Supper  
Shareable Dishes Welcome

7:00 pm Book Study  
Sailboat Church, —If you don't already have your copy, it is available on Amazon or Walmart.



#### 2025 Session

Julie Leber  
Linda Renk Cooper  
Dan Chidolini  
Elizabeth Duckett  
Angie Insko  
Don Hartshorn  
William Taylor Leber  
Kim Ponder  
Katie Malnor  
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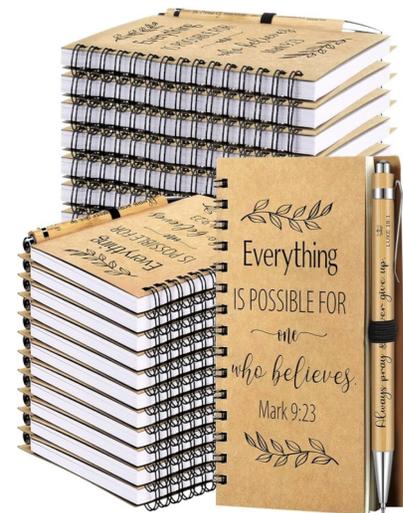
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Brad Facer, Financial Secretary

Church Office Hours  
Tues.—Thurs.9:00am-5:00pm  
Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

## Prayer /Thankful Journal for you!

As we embark on the 40 days of Lent, we are invited to journey together in faith, reflection, and gratitude. One powerful way to deepen our spiritual growth during this sacred season is through the practice of journaling. The church staff is excited to offer you a Prayer/Thankful Journal (available on March 2nd ) as a tool for both prayer and reflection throughout Lent. This journal will help guide you in focusing your heart and mind on what truly matters and strengthening your relationship with God.



Each day, you'll be able to take time to write down:

1. A Prayer Request – Share your hopes, struggles, or concerns with God. This is an opportunity to unload your burdens and seek peace in His presence.
2. Something You Are Thankful For – Reflect on the good in your life. Gratitude is a powerful force that shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have, cultivating joy, and contentment.

Committing to this practice during Lent and will allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart as you write. Your journal will serve as a reminder of God's faithfulness through the season.

Happy journaling, and please know that the staff of Third Presbyterian Church is praying for you!

*Laura Fowler, Program Coordinator*

# One Great Hour of Sharing

March 5 - April 20, 2025  
One Great Hour of Sharing



Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian

Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-savings programs:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**  
Restore Streets to Live In
- Presbyterian Hunger Program**  
Share Bread with the Hungry
- Self-Development of People**  
Loose the Bonds of Injustice

Please give to this offering as the Holy Spirit moves you to do.

Pam Reed, Chairperson  
Stewardship and Finance Committee

**Change of Address:**  
Robert and Heather Genrich  
4410 Dorset Drive  
Rockford, IL. 61114



# Adopt a College Student

**Adopt a College Student:  
Share God’s Care this Easter**

The Mission Committee is excited to invite you to participate in a heart-warming opportunity to spread God’s love and support to our college students! We are asking members of our congregation to “Adopt a College Student” by sending them cards, prayers, gifts, and care packages to encourage them during the current semester.

Here’s how you can get involved:

1. Sign Up: Visit the sign-up sheet located in the Fellowship Hall at TPC and choose a student or call the church office, and we’ll assist you in choosing a student and provide their address.
2. Send a Care Package: Fill a box with items that will brighten a student’s day—snacks, school supplies, encouraging notes, or even a small gift that reminds them they’re loved and prayed for.
3. Pray: Include a prayer or scripture verse in your care package to lift their spirits and remind them of God’s presence in their lives.

We have 9 college students to support this year! Your prayers and thoughtful gesture will mean the world to them as they navigate their studies and life away from home. Our goal is to send these care packages by Easter Sunday, a perfect time to share the love of Christ with our young people.

1. **Aurora Insko—Carroll University**
2. **Abby Ponder— Northern Illinois University**
3. **Olivia Watton—Rock Valley College**
4. **Kennedy Booker-**
5. **Nicole Facer— Rockford University**
6. **Jacob Miner—Bradley University**
7. **Marissa May—Northern Illinois University**
8. **Calvin Smith—Minnesota State University**
9. **Liadan Gray—Northern Illinois University**

# Night Crusaders/Squires

**Chicken Noodle Soup / Chili Fundraiser Update**  
The Squires (JH) and Night Crusaders (SH) made a profit of \$800 from the chicken noodle soup / chili fundraiser last month. This money will be used to keep costs affordable for the youth when we go on trips or events that have a cost associated with it. Thank you for your continued generosity and support for our junior high and senior high youth group.



## Night Crusader/Squire Events in March

On March 29th, we have been invited to join the Westminster Youth Group for an overnight event at their church starting at 6PM.

### **Third Presbyterian Church's Predicts Super Bowl :**

At TPC the Eagles were predicted to win with \$87.17, while the Kansas City Chiefs were at \$42.10! A huge thank you to everyone who donated (or voted) for your team to win! Your generosity will make a big impact on the Rock House Kids. We appreciate your support and couldn't have done it without you!



# Looking Ahead.....

## **Lenten Brunch**

Wednesday, March 5th  
9:30am Lower Level  
Hosted by Women's Association  
Special Presentation:  
Rev. Dr. Stephen Bowie  
Everyone Welcome &  
Bring A Friend



**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Sunday, April 13th at 9:00am  
Third Presbyterian Church  
Everyone Welcome!

**Saturday, April 19th at 5:00pm**  
For Children ages 2yrs. old to 13 yrs. old  
**Halstead Baptist Church**  
Please Pre-register on-line  
Dinner is provided.

## **Mark Your Calendars for Vacation Bible School**

June 23rd—June 27th  
11:00am to 2:30pm  
Age 3 through 6th Grade  
Halsted Road Baptist Church

Lunch served every day  
More information, To come.

