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Be
Kind

to one another,
tenderhearted,
forgiving each other,
just as God in Christ
forgave you.

EPHESIANS 4:32



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WTPB - LP 99.3 FM

May 18th 9:00 Breakfast for All

Worship in the Month of May

May 4th—Third Sunday of Easter

"The Holy Spirit in Salvation"

The Lord's Supper

9:00 am Family Church

10:15 am Sanctuary Worship

May 11—Mother's Day Sunday

"The Baptism and Filling of the Holy Spirit "

Honoring Mothers and Others

Special Gift and Reception following worship

May 18—Sailing into Summer

"The Gifts of the Spirit"

Sunday School Promotion

Student, Graduate, and Teacher Recognition

9:00 am Breakfast and Activities

May 25—Memorial Day Sunday

"Walking in the Spirit"

Memorial Day Remembrance

Sunday School Recess begins



May 3 Myles Leber

May 4 Mary Edwards

May 5 Kenny Michaelis, Yesenia Flores

May 6 Abby Rose Ponder, Royal Wurm

May 8 Lillian Hanson, Noah Layng

May 10 A'lisa Barbour,
Jacqueline Vandercreek

May 11 Evan Archer, Alyce Lutzow

May 13 Brandon Chiodini

May 16 Ashley Hammer

May 18 Joyce Pearse

May 19 Kelly Smith

May 20 Brian Hollenbeck, Hudson Insko

May 24 Brad Facer

May 25 Mary Hartshorn, Brandon Haven,

May 26 Murray Hanson

May 29 Lucas Peck

May 31 Cindy Watton, Christine Cavin

Happy Anniversary 25+ years

Chris & Jody Minnier May 22

Moms and Dads:

There will be no nursery or Sunday School available from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Children are welcome in worship, even squirmy ones! Activity bags are available in the back of the church.

The C.E. Committee

Scouts 2025

Dylan Beatty of Troop 14 and Venturing Crew 14 received the rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor held at American Legion in Rockton on Sunday, March 30th. Pastor Steve read from the Sermon in the Mount, and opened the meeting with prayer.



**Thank you
Third Presbyterian Church
for supporting Scouts!!!**

From Easter to Pentecost

“The Holy Spirit: the Misunderstood Sibling of the Trinity”

By Pastor Steve

Check me if I am wrong here: in my experience many of us who follow Jesus Christ have a better connection to God the Father and God the Son than we do to God the Holy Spirit. Do you agree?

This was reinforced by a recent discussion the Session had in response to Sailboat Church: Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice. Author Rev. Joan Gray reminds us that catching the wind of the Holy Spirit can help us, as individuals and as a church, navigate the waters of daily life in a turbulent age.

“Just how does the Holy Spirit do this?” “Can we learn more about the Holy Spirit?” “How about on Sunday morning?” Sure! Across the way you’ll see my plan to do just that. On Easter morning I compared the Holy Spirit to the fluid that helps actuate a number of functions in my Corolla: it lubricates and expands under pressure. Let’s fill our tank to be sure that we are being all we can be in Christ. Then our faith be well-oiled and we will be prepared to respond to whatever each day brings us in this Easter season.

Pastor Steve

Scripture Focus for Sermons

May 4th	Romans 8:1-17, Titus 3:5
May 11th	Acts 2:1-4, Ephesians 5:18
May 18th	1 Corinthians 12:4-11, Romans 12:6-8
May 25th	Galatians 5:16-26

Communities



We are a **Matthew 25** Church.

We are actively engaged in
building congregational vitality,
in seeking to dismantle structural racism
and eradicate systemic poverty



Clean Out, Give Back!!

Spring is the perfect time for a fresh start-and that includes your closet! We're hosting a **FREE CLOTHING** (adult & children)**TOYS, GAMES & BOOKS**. And we invite you to join us in making a difference. Take a few minutes to go through your gently used items and bring in anything you no longer wear. Your donations will go directly to individuals and families.

Drop Off is Saturday May 3rd from noon to 4:00pm.

Community Give Away is Sunday,
May 4th 11:30Am –2:00PM.
EVERYONE WELCOME!!!



Family Worship 2025

FAMILY
Worship
SUNDAY

Family Worship
Sunday, May 4th 9:00 am
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Third Presbyterian Scholarship Applications For the 2025-2026



School year are available.
Please contact the Church
Office or Cathy Logsdon. The deadline
to submit is Sunday, June 1st.
The scholarships are open to active
member youth and young adults pursuing
college or technical school.

Stronghold Camp and Conference Center
Summer Camps Are Filling Up!
Register by May 15th for the church discount

<https://strongholdcenter.org/>

Brochures also available at in the Fellowship Room.

Christian Education



Senior Recognition

May 18th at 10:15am
Worship Service.

Please let the Church Office know if you have a Senior you would like to recognize by May 1st. Please email the church at thirdpreschurch@yahoo.com a current picture of your senior, where they went to high school, Parent/parents names, and future plans.

Promotion Sunday - "Sail into Summer" **May 18, 2025**

9:00 AM All Church Breakfast, Everyone Welcome!

We will be recognizing our
Sunday School classes & awarding
Promotion Certificates .

10:15 AM in Worship

We will present Outstanding
Attendance Awards,
Recognize Graduates and present God's Word
to 2nd Grade students.

VBS 2025



Vacation Bible School

Kids Ages 3-13yrs old
June 23rd-27th
11am-2:30 pm.

Lunch will be served
Halsted Road Baptist Church,
3326 Halsted Rd, Rockford, IL.
61101

Register online at:
www.HalstedRoadBaptist.org

Night Crusaders

Saturday, May 3rd **Overnight & Volcano Falls**

We will meet at Third Presbyterian Church at 5 PM, grab dinner and head to Volcano Falls. Snacks, games and set up for Community Drive once we are back at the church.

Sunday, June 22nd **50's Drive In &** **Pop Can Drive**

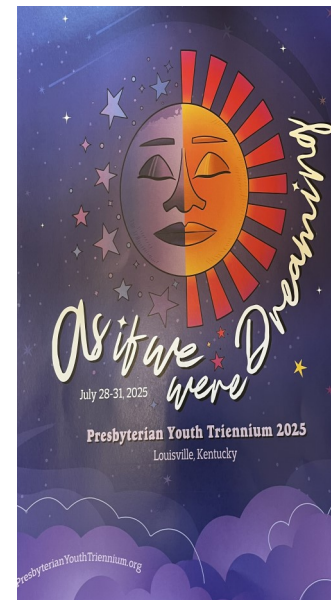
We will meet to get everything ready and serve from 5 PM to 7 PM with some clean up after. This is a fundraiser for this year's Triennium!!!



"As If We Were Dreaming" **Presbyterian Youth** **Triennium** **July 28-31 Louisville, KY**

Young people in high school and young adults up to 25 years are invited to a week of discipleship, leadership, and fellowship.

Contact Dan Chiodini, Jeannette Sheehan, or Pastor Steve to register.



Piece Corp

Happy Spring!

We hope you're enjoying the beautiful season!

The Piece Corp, a sewing group at Third Presbyterian Church, meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Their next meetings will be on Wednesday, May 14th & 28th from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Come by and join the group as they gather to cut fabric, design, sew, iron, and tie quilts. You might just find one you can't resist! Feel free to bring a sack lunch and stay for their lunch break at 11:30 AM.

They often have surprise treats for dessert!

As the warm, sunny days roll in, we celebrate Easter, new babies, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and of course, our beloved Grandparents. If you're looking for a unique, one-of-a-kind gift, stop by the Fellowship Room to explore our beautiful collection of quilts.

We're sure you'll find the perfect gift for someone special!

Pricing:

Large Quilts: \$40

Small Quilts: \$20

Please make checks out to: Women's Association at TPC

Please call the church office for more information:

815-962-7889

We look forward to seeing you soon!



WTPB-LP on the Air and Online

WTPB – LP Radio 99.3 FM News for May 2025

Congratulations to Don Ferguson of our radio team! After over two years of work and over 100 drafts, he is now a published author! In late March Don's book became available on Amazon. To look for it there, just go to Amazon.com, and enter Don Ferguson. His book is entitled Sarah, James, and the UFO, and it is described as "A romantic mystery comedy." The book cover further describes it as "Part mystery, part sci-fi adventure, and part small-town comedy, and as a heartwarming, witty, and unforgettable story about skepticism, discovery, and learning when to trust your own eyes."

Don's radio programs on "Music from Broadway and Hollywood" include these one hour shows played in rotation on Monday and Friday at 10 AM, and on Sunday and Wednesday at 4 PM: (I Do! I Do!) (The Music Man) (Cinderella) (Oklahoma) and (Songs That Tell A Story Part 8).

As we enter our 21st year of broadcasting easy listening music, we continue to say,

"Thanks for Listening!"

- Murray Hanson, Station Manager

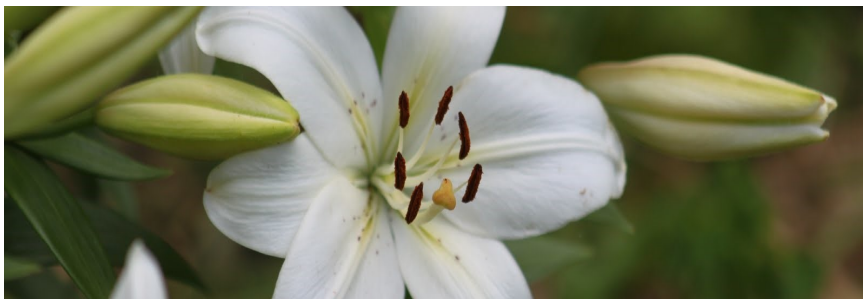
Congregation

To all the amazing women of TPC ,
 Mothers Day brings an opportunity to pay tribute
 to the women who raise and nurture us, whoever
 they are! Please be sure to pick up a flower on
 your way out, lovingly provided by the Truitt &
 Leber families in memory of their loving mother Chris Truitt..
 May God bless you today and always!

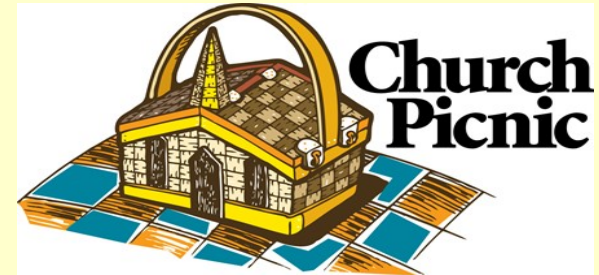


Thank you to everyone who donated lilies in honor and memory of your Loves ones.

Insko Family	In memory of Ruth & Harry Nowak
Insko Family	In memory of Doug & Bonnie Mitchell
Insko Family	In memory of Bernard & Lucille Dobbs
Nancy & Al Justman	In memory of Bonnie Erdman
Cindy Watton	In memory of family
Robbin & Greg Albert	In memory of family
Carrie Crosby	In memory of Glendoris Crosby
Lorie Michaelis	In memory of Loved Ones
Marion Lingel	In memory of George Lingel & family
Steve Bowie	In memory of the Risen Lord
Alyce Lutzow	In memory of Earl, Brian & Brad Lutzow
Jeanne Fauerbach	In memory of Loved Ones
Pam Reed	In memory of Family
Anne Pritz-Hall	In memory of Loved Ones



Deacons



The Board of Deacons would like to invite you
 to join us at this year's Church Picnic.

It will be held on Sunday August 17th, from Noon to 3:00.

This year we will be at Sinnissippi Park, in the Twin Shelters.

Join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship and fun.

Sub sandwiches, Large Salads and bottled water will be provided. It
 would be appreciated if you would bring a side dish, or dessert to
 share. Please bring your own plates & flatware.

We hope to see you there,

Robert Monroe

Moderator - Board of Deacons

Pentecost Potluck June 8th after worship

You're warmly invited for a Church Potluck
 In celebration of Pentecost on Saturday, June 8th!
 Let's come together as a community to share food,
 fellowship, and the blessings of the Holy Spirit.
 Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy a wonderful
 afternoon of connection and celebration.
 Everyone is welcome—bring a friend or two!

Church Life



Third Presbyterian Church's Habitat for Humanity Team Work Day in June

Plans are being made for folks from Third Presbyterian Church to take part in a Habitat for Humanity work day in June.

When you volunteer at Habitat for Humanity you are supporting your local community. Habitat helps Rockford create safe, stable homes for those in need. They also have a Critical Home Repair Program which helps homeowners with repairs to enable them to continue living in their homes long-term.

We would love for you to be part of the team, please sign up in the fellowship room.



In Pictures—Palm Sunday

