

Third Presbyterian Church
1221 Custer Ave.
Rockford, IL 61103

July & August Messenger 2025

A Summer With The Psalms



**Celebrate Summer at the
Sinnissippi Park at the Twin Shelters
Church Picnic 2025
Sun. August 17th at Noon**



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BYOB in July and August (Bring Your Own Bible)

- July 6th “Praise the Lord’ Questions”
Rev. Greg Albert. Preaching
The Lord’s Supper
Read Psalm 121
- July 13th “The Bigness of God in the Smallest of Things”
Pastor Steve Bowie, preaching
Vacation Bible School Celebration
Read: Psalm 34
- July 20th “Better Homes and Gardens”
Pastor Steve Bowie, Preaching
Read: Psalm 137
- July 27th “As If We Were Dreaming”
Triennium Commissioning
Pastor Steve, preaching
Read Acts 2:14-21
- August 3rd “Triennium Report”
The Triennium Team
The Lord’s Supper
- August 10th “Psalm 1: A Tale of Two Ways”
Laird Percy, Preaching
Read: Psalm 1
- August 17th “A Shepherd’s Take on Psalm 23”
Pastor Steve Bowie, preaching
Church Picnic Sunday
Read: Psalm 23
- August 24th “From Head to Toe, and Top to Bottom”
Pastor Steve Bowie, preaching
Read: Psalm 139

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Congratulation!! Carrie & David Barbour



VBS– Magnified 2025



Day 1– Magnify God
I am Important to God.

Day 2– Magnify God's Care
God cares about me.

Day 3– Magnify God's Love
God loves me.

Day 4– Magnify God's
Forgiveness
God forgives me.

Day 5– Magnify God's
Faithfulness
God keeps His promises

Vacation Bible School was a joint mission this year with Halsted Baptist church & other area churches. This years theme "Discovering The Bigness Of God In The Smallest Of Things."

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Jesus and the Psalms: Old Wine in New Wineskins

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Open the Bible to the middle and you are bound to open to the Book of Psalms, which contains 150 reflections on life between the writer of the Psalm and God Almighty. It may take some getting use to making sense of them. I suggest asking yourself what the Psalm says about the motivation of the writer, and what it says about God.

The Psalms are quoted and referenced throughout the New Testament, including by Jesus, who would have grown up memorizing them. There are over 100 direct quotations and even more indirect references to Psalms. Here is a sampling:

Psalm 2 is reference or quoted to illustrate Jesus's identity as the Messiah and Son of God (see Acts 4:25-26 and 13:13, Hebrews 1:5 and 5:5).

Psalm 8 Jesus quotes from Ps. 8:2, which speaks of praises from children and infants, to affirm the praises of the children praising him in the temple.

Psalm 22 Jesus quotes Ps. 22:1 from the cross (My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?) it also contains references to His suffering.

Psalm 31 The last words Jesus spoke before his death are a quotation of Ps. 31:5 (Into your hands I commit my spirit).

Psalm 41 Jesus quotes in John 13:18, referring to Judas's betrayal.

Psalm 78 Jesus's uses of parables to teach alludes to Ps. 78:2.

Jesus himself found meaning and guidance in the Psalms. We may find a more regular way to do so in worship, ourselves.

Pastor Steve

“Earth has no sorrow that heaven can’t cure”

When it used to be common for folks to invite friends and neighbors over for a casual meal, a person might demure for feeling underprepared or under-dressed. A gracious host or hostess would then say, “Come as you are.” You may recognize that as a line from a confession response we regularly use. The implication is that the invitation which was extended hoped for a companionship which transcended high social expectations. The line figures strongly in David Crowder’s song, which we often use for Confession.

Crowder’s song has another line with strength: “Earth has no sorrow that heaven can’t cure.” I seem to recall that a number of global mission endeavors over the last decades have used the slogan: “Jesus is the Answer.” To which the skeptic or cynic replied, “What’s the question?” Lately the question of disruption in our country has been magnified to include disruption across the world. “Cure Thy children’s warring madness,” says Harry Emerson Fosdick’s hymn, “God of Grace and God of Glory.” God has placed the fate of this incredible planet into our quite fallible hands. We have received the Spirit of His Son, Jesus Christ, to guide us into all truth. Regardless of the season, the state of the stock market, or anything else, Jesus is still the answer. Christ’s entry into a world as conflicted and complex as ours reminds us that there is no place where we will not encounter the Holy alongside of our fudging and failing. May the Lord be with us as we move hopefully along. And may peace prevail. Pastor Steve

Crew 14



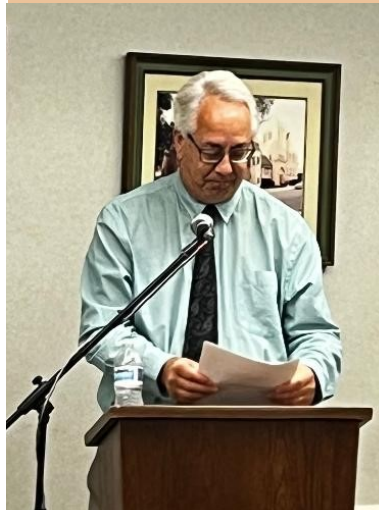
Crew 14 Adventure Alert!

Our crew hopped into the Kishwaukee River in Belvidere and paddled all the way down to Atwood Park in New Milford — a 10-mile journey filled with sunshine, teamwork, and unforgettable memories!

A perfect day on the water with great company and scenic views. Proud of everyone who made it happen!



Salad Luncheon 2025



A heartfelt thank you to the Women's Association for your hard work and dedication. The luncheon was absolutely wonderful, and the guest speaker, Andy Gannon, was truly inspiring. We appreciate all the effort that went into making the event such a success!

Nigh Crusaders/Squires Upcoming Events

**Sunday, July 27th—
July 31st**

Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2025
This event is for youth going into 9th grade through Graduating 12th graders, and leaders.

Heavenly Father,

We lift up every student and leader attending the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. We ask that You move in a mighty and powerful way in each of their lives. May this gathering be a sacred and transformative experience—full of joy, encouragement, and spiritual renewal.

Lord, fill their hearts with Your presence. Let them feel seen, known, and deeply loved by You. Strengthen their faith, deepen their friendships, and ignite in them a passion to serve You boldly in the world.

We pray for safe travels to and from the Triennium.
In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

Saturday, September 6th

YAC and Movie Night under the Stars at the Chiodini's House. Save the date— more information to come!!





Rev. David Tellinghuisen of Bradenton, Florida, died on June 13. David was our full time Intern Pastor in 1985-1986. He graduated in 1987 from Western Seminary in Holland, Michigan. He also served as Pastor in New York, Iowa, and Florida. In addition he served as a transitional (interim) Pastor for churches in Wisconsin, Florida, and in our Blackhawk Presbytery here in Illinois.

David is survived by his wife Kelly, son Ryan, and daughter Laura and son-in-law Kurt, and 2 grandchildren. The home address is Kelly Tellinghuisen, 1410 96th Ct NW, Bradenton, Florida 34209

Planning Ahead for the School Year

August

Sat. Aug. 9

Mon. Aug. 19

Soup Kitchen

School begins: RKFD and Harlem

September

Sat. Sept. 6

Sun. Sept. 14

Sun. Sept. 21

Mon. Sept. 29

YAC Meeting & Movie

Rally Day

Sunday School Begins

Rockford Urban Ministries Dinner

October

Sun. Oct. 5

Sun. Oct. 12

Sun. Oct. 19

Sat. Oct. 25

Sun. Oct. 26

Family Worship Begins at 9 am

World Communion Sunday

Blessing of the Animals 4 pm

Fall Clean-up (tentative)

Trunk N Treat (tentative)

John Knox Sunday

November

Sun. Nov. 2

Tues. Nov. 4

Fri.-Sun. Nov. 7-9

Sat. Nov. 8

Sun. Nov. 16

Sun. Nov. 16

Sun. Nov. 23

Family Worship at 9 am

Election Day

MS/HS Stronghold Retreat

Soup Kitchen

Congregational Election Meeting

NW Rockford Thanksgiving Service

Decorate Sanctuary (tentative)

December

Sun. Dec. 7

Sun. Dec. 14

Sun. Dec. 21

Wed. Dec. 24

Family Worship at 9 am

Annual Christmas Program

All Singers Worship Cantata

Christmas Eve Worship

Church Picnic



The Board of Deacons would like to invite you to this year's **Church Picnic. Sunday, August 17th, From noon to 3:00pm.** This year we will be at **Sinnissippi Park, in the Twin Shelters.** It is going to be a great afternoon of food, fellowship & 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 & silverware.

Volunteers and Donations Needed! Soup Kitchen Event

Join us on **Saturday, August 9th from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM** at the **Emmanuel Episcopal Jubilee Center** to make a difference in our community. We're looking for volunteers to help serve and donations to support this important cause.

Sign-up sheets are available in the **Fellowship Room.**

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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Radio Station WTPB 99.3 FM and Online

Easy Listening Radio 99.3 FM July/August 2025

We are certainly into the summer season now! Let me share with you a review of our local music programming for 99.3 FM WTPB-LP radio!

David Fagen continues with "Only Oldies" shows at 9 AM on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. On the other days of the week, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday David is on the air from 7-8 PM with "A Little Night Music," as he calls his show.

"Mike Williamson and Friends" bring us a new show every week, beginning with Monday evening. We can hear Mike at 730 PM on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday; and at 130 PM on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Don Ferguson has five special programs he presents each month for those of us who love musicals and musical performers. We can hear Don's 60-minute programs playing in rotation on "Music from Broadway and Hollywood" on Monday and Friday at 10 AM, and on Wednesday and Sunday at 4 PM.

Every evening from 8 to 10 PM listen for John Radio Russell's program of almost twenty years, "Midwest Ballroom."

Good listening to you all ... listen on the internet via our website wtpblp.com and listen on your radio on 99.3 FM. LIKE ANY OTHER RADIO STATION, sometimes when you are listening to our over the air broadcast, moving your radio a little this way or that way, or to another location in your home, can significantly improve the sound that you hear.

Meanwhile, I send along my absolute best wishes for your summer listening pleasure, and as I like to say, "Thanks for Listening."

- Murray Hanson, Station Manager

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July Birthdays

7/1 Savannah Kujat	Michael Hammer
Amy Sovina	Scott Bentley
7/5 Don Vandercreek	7/22 Emma Archer
Nicole Baker	7/25 Dylan Lingelbach
7/6 Ruth Skorburg	7/26 Tara Hammer
Carol Neuman	7/27 Carrie Crosby
7/9 James Crosby	Emily Hollenbeck
Larry Archuleta	7/29 Chris Minnier
7/11 Joe Ponder, Jr.	7/30 Robert Monroe
Jennifer Facer	Aurora Insko
7/14 Treise Crosby	John Maney
Randy Keho	7/31 Wes Carlson
7/15 Leigh Hammer	
Beth Amy Watton	
7/17 Marcia Adams	
Spencer Leber	
7/21 Cindy Miner	
Barbara Heinzeroth	

August Birthdays

8-01 Heidi Milner	8-20 Connie Hollenbeck
8-05 Larry Bergquist	Greg Albert
8-06 Robbin Albert	8-21 Stacey Gray
8-13 James Saunders	Sean Gray
8-16 Nadia Barbour	8-22 John Victor Murray
8-17 Amelia Spires	Haylee Lingel
8-18 Marion Lingel	Gavin Raum
	8-24 Gerald May
	8-28 Morgan Milner
	William Crosby-Spires
	8-30 Gloria Silberman

Happy Anniversary!!

Celebrating 25 + Years of Marriage

July

July 07	Don & Jacqueline Vandercreek
July 08	Bob & Cathy Logsdon
July 31	Charles & Mary Raum
	Tom & Elaine Jacoby

August

August 08	John & Sue Peck
August 09	Bill & Julie Leber
August 11	Fred & Jeanne Fauerbach
August 21	Larry & Amy Archuleta
August 24	David & Linda Clikeman



**Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good;
his love endures forever.
Psalm 107:1**



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