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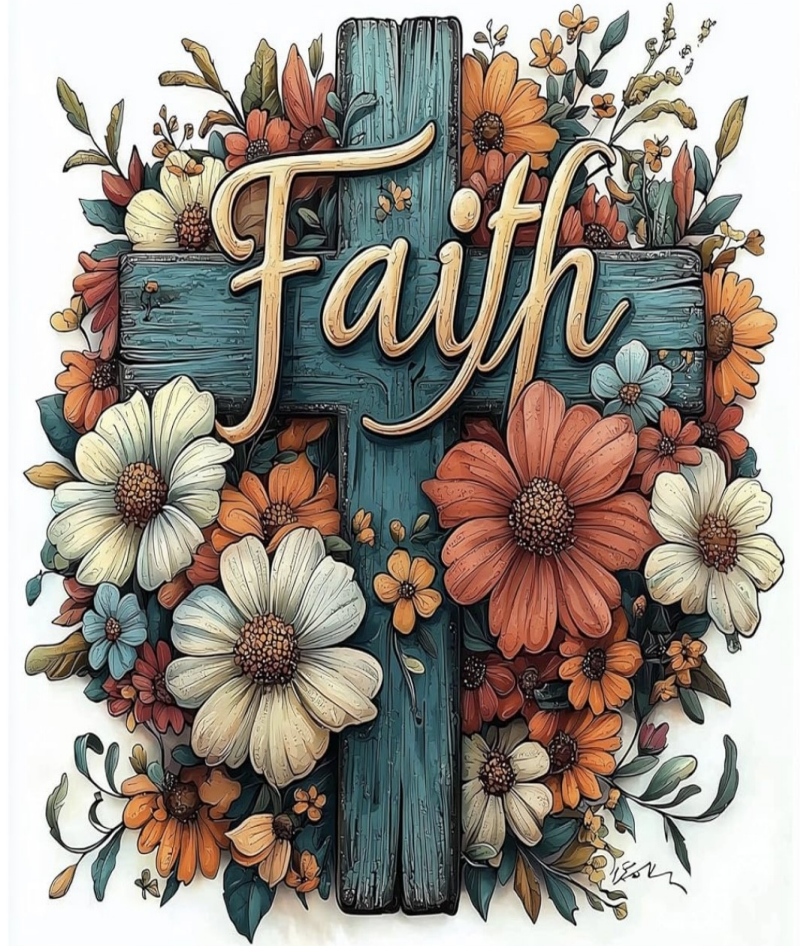
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Worship in October

**Journeying with the Apostles:
The Early Church in Jerusalem**

**World Communion Sunday
October 5th**

The Lord's Supper

Luke 8:42b-48 Acts 3

9:00 am Family Worship
9:20 am Worship Warm Up
10:15am Sanctuary Worship
11:15 am Fellowship Room Time

October 12th

"Confronting Authority and Praying for Boldness"

Ezekiel 34:1-6 Acts 4

9:00 am Convocation
9:15 am Worship Warm Up
10:15 am Sanctuary Worship
11:15 am Fellowship Time

October 19th

CROP Walk Sunday

"A Tragic Story, A Miracle Story"

Matthew 6:1-4 Acts 5:1-16

9:00 am Convocation
9:15: am Worship Warm Up
10:15 am Sanctuary Worship
11:15 am Fellowship Time

October 26nd

John Knox/Reformation Sunday

"Imprisonment, Deliverance, Guidance"

Matthew 21:45-46 Acts 5:17-42

9:00 am Convocation
10:15 am Sanctuary Worship
11:15 am Fellowship Time

Coming Soon



**November 2nd
Change Your Clocks,
change your batteries
in your smoke
detectors.**

Fall Stronghold Retreat

**Middle/High School Retreat
Stronghold Nov. 7th-9th**



Inasmuch As You Have Done It...

Stewardship Dedication

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 23rd in worship

The Stewardship and Finance Committee

*Fred Fauerbach, Don Hartshorn, Cindy Watton, Pam Reed,
Lorie Michaelis, Dan Chiodini, Stacey Gray & Angie Insko*

The Next
SOUP KITCHEN is
Saturday, December 13th.
More information coming
soon...



Celebrations



01	Joy Clikeman	17	Michael Hammer
02	James Peterson	19	Hannah Insko
04	Kim Ponder	23	Ethan Archer
08	Collin Archer	25	Georgia Strang
	Kristin Archer	27	Liadan Gray
09	Charles Pearson	28	Nicolas Hammer
12	Samantha Bentley	30	Lorie Michaelis
14	Bill Leber	31	Corbin Gray
	Matthew May		Sally Mahan
16	Kennedy Booker		

Anniversaries 20+ Years

10/05	Daniel & Beth Amy Watton	29
10/05	Paul & Susan Muraski	35
10/07	Dick & Kimberly Swalve	36
10/20	John & Sue Gustafson	52
10/25	Sean & Stacey Gray	26
10/26	Robert & Betty Rowe	57



Change of address
Roberta Hanson
4141 N. Rockton Ave B162
Rockford, IL. 61103

Happenings that will bring you joy

Women's Stronghold Retreat— Wed. Oct. 1st



Exciting day out with the Third PC Women's Association! Join us for a fantastic excursion to Stronghold on Wednesday, October 1st.

Topic: Camp Grant, Presentation by Dan Wykes

Cost: \$15 for a delicious lunch (or feel free to bring your own) Sign-Up Sheet available in the Fellowship Hall.

Transportation: Meet at the church by 9 am if you need/want a ride or meet at Stronghold at 10:00am.



Trunk or Treat Sun. October 26th 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

It's a safe way to join in the Halloween fun! Just treats – no tricks needed!

Bring your car—decorate your trunk—donate treats! Can you help?

Candy Donations accepted in the Fellowship Room.



Youth Ministry at Third

Olde English Faire
at Stronghold
Saturday, October 4th



Haunted Corn Maze
Saturday Oct. 25th
(Meet at TPC at
1:00pm)



Trunk N Treat
Theme: Casper
Sunday, October 26th
Set-up 1:15 pm
Open 2pm-4pm

Fall Retreat at Stronghold
Friday, November 7th-
Sunday, November 9th



Family across the PCUSA



Rev. Dee Anderson
Murray and Mary Hanson



Murray Hanson,
Rev. David Terrinoni
& Vicki Terrinoni
Rev. Eric Heinekamp,
Presbytery Executive



John Knox and Reformation Sunday
October 26th 10:15 am



Special Guest:
King Gustav Vasa, the Swedish Reformer
Fellowship Time featuring
Swedish Fish and Pepparkakor

Radio 99.3 FM

Radio Newsletter October 2025

During October Don Ferguson will feature these Musicals and Specials on "Music from Broadway and Hollywood:" Gypsy, Hello Dolly, Kiss Me Kate, Marion Ross Radio Show (October is Marion Ross' birthday month), Part 13 of Songs That Tell A Story.

During the recent weeks it has been my privilege to be present for the retirement celebrations for two of our former full time one year intern ministers for Third Presbyterian.

Rev. Dee Anderson was our intern minister in 1984-1985. Following his internship he was called to the West Granville Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee. Dee and his wife Cindy celebrated their retirement on August 31, 2025, serving exactly 40 years as Pastor of this 165-year-old Presbyterian Church. Mary and I were happy to celebrate with his church family at a special banquet held in their honor. Also attending were Doug and Karen Gray.

Rev. David Terrinoni was our intern minister in 1988-1989. He was ordained to the ministry in our sanctuary by our Presbytery December 2, 1990, became Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian of Sterling, IL and then served as an Air Force Chaplain. Since his retirement from the Air Force David and Vicki have served the Crow Meadow Presbyterian Church in LaRose, Illinois. He is now Honorably Retired by our Presbytery. He was recognized by the Presbytery September 9. I was happy to be there, and Dan Chiodini and Liz Duckett from Third were also there. After the Presbytery meeting, Vicki and Dave and I took part in a traditional Terrinoni style celebration at one of Dave's favorite spots, Dairy Queen! (Rev. Eric Heinekamp, General Presbyter is included in the photograph)

Murray Hanson, Station Manager WTPB Radio

Fellowship



Fall Clean- Up Day Sunday, October 19th, After worship Lunch Provided

Your help is essential to making this day a success, so please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Let's come together to refresh our church inside and outside, and enjoy some fellowship!



Blessing of the Animals 2025

Extend a blessing to
your pet on
Sunday, October 12th
at 4:00pm
Third Pres. Church
Led by Pastor Steve

Worship



Thank You!!

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Board of Trustees and Tom Jacoby, Brad Facer, Don Hartshorn, and Taylor Leber for their incredible work on a major project here at Third Presbyterian Church. Over the past few months, they have installed new screens and the accompanying software that now allow

our congregation to more clearly see lyrics, scriptures, and other service materials during worship.

This was no small task—it was a huge undertaking that required many hands, hours of work, and a deep commitment to enhancing our shared worship experience. The results are already a blessing to all who gather here, helping us feel more connected and engaged during our time together.

We also want to express our sincere gratitude to all those who generously donated to make this project possible. Your financial support was instrumental in bringing this vision to life, and your generosity continues to bless our congregation in meaningful ways.

Thank you to everyone who contributed time, talent, resources, and heart to this important project. Your dedication is a gift to our church family.

Piece Corp Sewing Group at Third Presbyterian Church

Looking to share your passion for sewing and make a difference in your community? We'd love for you to join Piece Corp the group meets at 9:30 AM on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Together, we sew, tie knots, cut out squares, pray, and build friendships in a warm atmosphere of fellowship. We take a break for lunch, so please bring a sack lunch to enjoy!

Church Office

Dear Third Presbyterian Church Family,
We are currently updating our church directory, and we'd love your help in making sure we have the most accurate and up-to-date information for you and your family. If you've had any changes in the following areas, please let us know:

- **Mailing address**
- **Phone number**
- **Preferred email**
- **Family updates** (new members, name changes, etc.)

Even if nothing has changed, feel free to reply and let us know that your information is current—this helps us a lot! You can simply reply to this email, or contact the Church Office at 815-962-7889. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you for being a valued part of Third Presbyterian Church!

"What's In A Name?"

William Shakespeare

Third Presbyterian Church has been part of Blackhawk Presbytery since it was constituted in 1972. The presbytery was named for Makataimeshekiakiak, a war leader of the Sauk tribe who was known by the name Black Hawk. Out of respect for his descendants and the Sauk tribe and after study and reflection, The Presbytery voted on September 9th to relinquish the name and seek another. As of this date, suggestions have been gathered and several rounds of voting for a new name are taking place by members of Presbytery and others.

The Return of... Youth Club!



Wed. Nov. 5th—Dec. 14th
5:30—7:00 pm
Donations for Dinner

Dinner, Games, Crafts, Music, Drama
Christmas Program Practice
Ages: K/I -High School

Youth Club & Christmas Rehearsal Dates

Wednesday, Nov. 5th	5:30pm-7:00pm	Youth Club
Wednesday, Nov. 12th	5:30pm-7:00pm	Youth Club
Wednesday, Nov 19th	5:30pm-7:00pm	Youth Club
Wednesday, Dec 3rd	5:30pm-7:00pm	Youth Club
Saturday, Dec 6th	9:00am-11:00am	Christmas Rehearsal
Wednesday, Dec. 10th	5:30pm-7:00pm	Youth Club
Saturday, Dec. 13th	9:00am-11:30am	Christmas Rehearsal
Saturday, Dec. 13th	11:30am-12:30pm	Pizza Party
Saturday, Dec. 13th	1:00pm-3:00pm	Trampoline Park
Sunday, Dec. 14th	10:15am	Performance/ Christmas Program

Family Worship

FAMILY Worship SUNDAY

Family Worship
Sunday, October 5th at 9:00am
Everyone Welcome!

Praise! I will praise the Lord as long as I live!
I will sing praises to my God all my life long!
Psalm 146:2

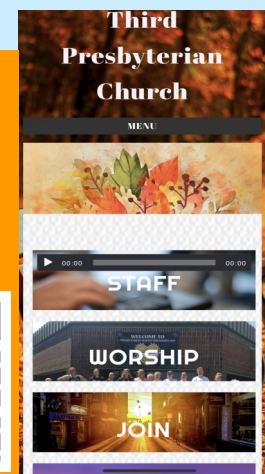
Family Worship Theme: Dress Like a King!

We will be learning about **King David**, and we're inviting everyone to join in the fun! For our family worship service, come dressed in your royal best as we explore the life of one of the greatest kings in the Bible. Whether it's a crown, a robe, or your most majestic outfit—let's make it a memorable and meaningful time together!

Check out

Third Presbyterian's Website!

Which is updated monthly.
You can access our Monthly newsletter, calendar, current events, and much more.
go to
www.thirdpreschurch.com
Or use our QR CODE



Missions and Outreach



Dreaming a Dream: Creating a Reading Rainbow at Third

One of the biggest needs for families in Rockford is for their children to achieve greater reading proficiency. A number of us at Third PC hope to create a space at Third where adults can read with children from the neighborhood to bolster their confidence and improve their proficiency.

Are you interested?

Contact Anne Pritz-Hall 815-742-5809

Rockford Area CROP Hunger Walk—
Sunday, October 19, 2025.

Take part in person
or donate online
Please use QR Code for more
Information.

END HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME



Community Garden

October 19th—Gleaning the Community Garden

As another gardening season comes to a close, we invite you to join a final gleaning event on October 19th. Come and pick fresh Roma and Cherry tomatoes, squash, and other treats that are still ripe for the taking. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the fruits of our labor and share in the harvest. We'd also like to take a moment to extend our gratitude Cindy Miner, Mike Rimkus and all those who have planted, weeded, or watered. Your commitment and hard work have made a tremendous difference in our garden, and we couldn't have done it without you!



Help the
Rockford Community
fight hunger!
Help us fill our chart to take
to the Food Pantry.
All donations welcomed.
October's requests are:
Cake Mixes
Frosting
Cookie Mix
& Jell-O.

