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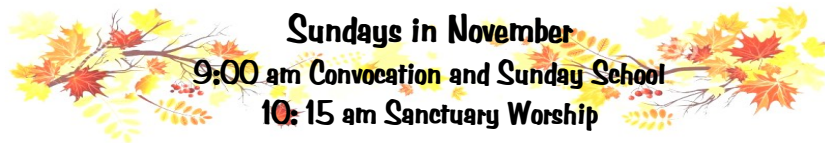
November 2025



Third Presbyterian Church
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November 2—All Saints Sunday

9:00 am Family Worship w/ Lord' Supper

10:15 am Sanctuary Worship w/ The Lord's Supper

Remembering Our Saints

Lois Ann Boese January 29, 2025

Joyce Adele Bakken April 9, 2025

Eugene "Gene" Charles Archer April 21, 2025

Dale Edward Hollenbeck July 22, 2025

Elmer Richard "Dick" Lindsey August 9, 2025

Arne "Swede" Swanson August 9, 2025

Heather Robin Genrich September 24, 2025

*Light a candle for family and friends you have
lost to death and for whom you grieve.*

November 9th - Honoring Veterans

"Successful Marriage" - Rev. Greg Albert

November 16th - Dedication of Pledges

*Election of Elders, Deacons, Trustees
and Corporate Officers
(following worship)*

November 23th - Christ The King

Thanksgiving Sunday

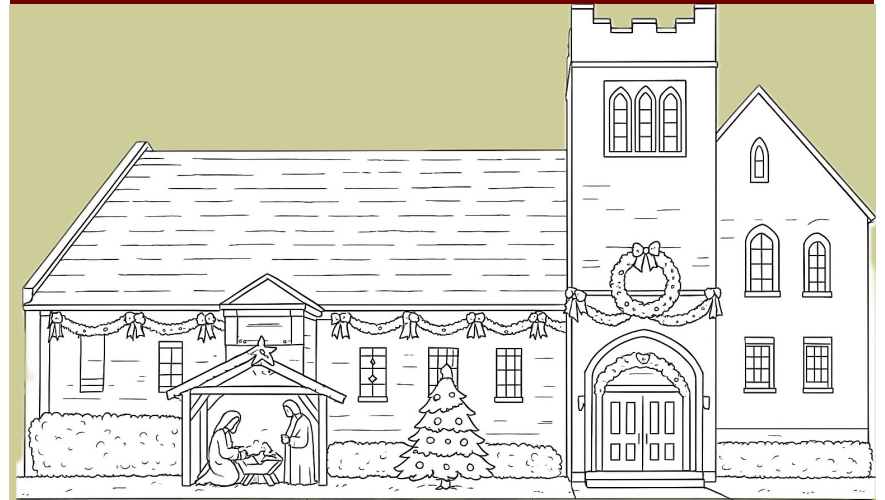
Decorating the church for Advent and Christmas

November 30th—First Sunday of Advent

"Keep Watching!"

Rev. Greg Albert, preaching

Advent Season



Get Ready for Our Special Advent Project!

We're excited to announce this year's Advent Project, happening at Family Worship on Sunday, December 7th! Join us for a fun and meaningful family activity as we come together to create a beautiful watercolor Christmas scene of Third Presbyterian Church.

After the painting, we'll continue the celebration with Christmas cookies and fellowship—a perfect way to kick off the Advent season with creativity, community, and joy.





The Season of Advent

First Sunday of Advent November 30

Rev. Greg Albert, preaching
"Keep Watching!"
Lighting the Candle of Hope

Second Sunday of Advent December 7th

"Someone Is Shouting in the Desert!"
Lighting the Candle of Peace

Third Sunday of Advent December 14

"The Colors of Christmas "
Directed by Kim Ponder, Julie Leber, and Jeannette Sheehan
Lighting the Candle of Joy

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21st

"Giving Birth to Redemption"
Lighting the Candle of Love

**December 24th
Christmas Eve 2pm**
A Service of Carols, Candles, and Bells
Children of all ages are welcome!

"For All The Saints: Resting Or Not" By Pastor Steve



At this time of year we recall dear ones who are now enrolled in the Church Triumphant, the heavenly church, having entered into the eternal life which Christ has promised us. May God continue to grant comfort to those of you whose lives have been upended by loss. We anticipate reunion in the life to come. In the meanwhile, we who are living make up the Church Militant, engaged in the struggle against all that opposes the way of Jesus. These days the struggle has come as close as the grocery store and the farmers field.

Our family at Third Presbyterian Church has been holding a metaphorical beachhead for the gospel on North Main for 115 years. Doing so has taken the work of dozens of everyday saints, those with or without titles of office like Elder, Deacon, and Trustee. Together they formed the body of Christ at Third PC and then passed it on over to us. Each one of our spiritual ancestors was important, each one a beloved creation of God who made us. In this present era of our church family, each of us has a role to play in maintaining our common witness to the community. God bless especially those who have affirmed their call to serve on the church Boards or as Corporation Officers.

Pastor Steve

3rd Pres 2025 College Students

Give the gift of your attention: As the holiday season approaches, take a moment to celebrate one or more of our college students. Consider sending them a card filled with encouragement and holiday cheer as they prepare for final exams.



Abby Ponder
1416 Stratford Ave.
Rockford, IL 61107
Northern Illinois University

Calvin Smith (until 12/05/25)
100 Langford Hall
Room 242
Bozeman, MT 59715
Montana State University

Kennedy Booker
450 West Sunnyview Dr.
Apt. 104
Oak Creek, WI 53154

Lily Hanson
Patterson East E 406 A1
501 N Annie Glidden Road
Dekalb, IL 60115
Northern Illinois University



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Corbin Gray
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Northern Illinois University

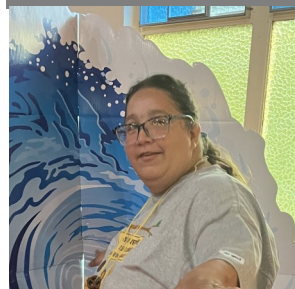
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**Let the church office know
if you have a college
student who should be
included on our list!**

"For I know the plans
I have for you,"
declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope
and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

Appointed Positions



Nursery Committee:
Amy Dawn Monroe (3 Years)

Amy is married to Robert Monroe. Together they have Loretta and William. She is a cashier at Schnucks and also at Summerdale Early Childhood Center.



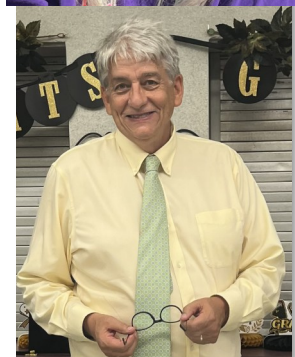
Nursery Committee:
Brandi Cardey (3 Years)

Brandi is married to Taylor Leber. They have two children: Jace and Spencer. She works as an account manager at Field Fasteners in Machesney Park, where their home is. Brandi sings with the All Singers.



**Nursery Comm: Laura Chiodini
(3yrs) Years)**

Laura grew up at Third. She is a Deacon, serves on the CE team, is active with the Women's Association and Faithbuilders and fellowships with the Piece Corps quilting group.



Charter Representative for Scouts:
Rev. Dr. Stephen Bowie

Pastor Steve and the Session to oversee two units affiliated with Scouting America (formerly BSA). Venture Crew 14 is for young men and women 14-21 years of age. Cub Pack 23 is beginning with 18 Cubs and a committee of leaders from local schools.

Deacon Nominees



Deacon: Sue Peck (3 Years)

Sue is a lifelong member of Third. She has served previously as a Deacon. She is one of the coordinators of the Soul Kitchen. She and her husband, John, have two sons, Mathew and Lucias, For 43 years she was a Special Education Specialist and Diagnostician.



Deacon: Pam Reed (3 Years)

Pam is an ordained Deacon and a member of the Worship Leader and Usher rosters. She is also the Chair of the Stewardship and Finance Committee. Pam works as a Certified Financial Planner with Primerica. She enjoys accompanying Pastor Steve to take the Lord's Supper to people at home.



Deacon: Cindy Watton (3 Years)

Cindy works at Catholic Charities in the Refugee Resettlement Program. She is a Elder and has served several terms on Session. Cindy is part of the Stewardship and Finance and Worship and Music teams. She enjoys singing special music with the All Singers. This will be her first time serving on the Board of Deacons. Welcome, Cindy!

November Events

All Saints Sunday November 2th

*"Precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants."*

Psalm 116:15 (NIV)



Have you experienced the death of a family member or friend during the past year? On November 2nd, we will remember members of the church who now await the resurrection. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of those for whom you grieve and give thanks.

"Grounded and Set Free" Middle/High School Retreat Stronghold Nov. 7-9



Presenter: Anna Sheetz
First Presbyterian Church
Iowa City, Iowa

- * Pray for the 102 young people and leaders
- Pray for weather for "The Power Hour" of to prepare Stronghold for winter
- Pray for safety with challenge activities

On 99.3 FM and WTPB-LP.com

Radio for November 2025 on 99.3 FM WTPB, and streaming!

Here is a new way to listen to our station! For those of you with a Smart TV; and/or a tv with a Roku or similar device that let's you access "lots of free tv stations," I encourage you to try the following:

On my Roku I downloaded a free program called, "MyTuner." When Roku is on the screen I scroll down to "search" and select that. I type in "My Tuner" and it appears in an orange box. I selected that and followed the simple instructions to download this app.

Next, I search for a station, "WTPB-LP" and there is our station. There is also a choice to save it as a favorite and it is easy to come back to this and hear our station whenever you are in the room with that tv and Roku. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do!

Don Ferguson on Music of Broadway and Hollywood (Monday and Friday at 10 AM; and Wednesday and Sunday at 4 PM) will air these one hour shows in rotation during November: Cabaret; Camelot; Carnival; Carousel; and The Pajama Game.

Handel's Messiah will again be presented Saturday and Sunday Nov. 29 and 30 at 3 PM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 920 3rd Ave downtown Rockford. No admission, freewill offering, professional musicians, as well as a 60-voice choir from many area churches! Information at RockfordChoralUnion.com

Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving!

- Rev. Murray Hanson, Station Manager,
Easy Listening Music since 2005

Corporation Officer Nominees



Financial Secretary: Brad Facer (1 Yrr) Brad works at Woodward. He is the proud father of Nicole and Sydney and husband to Jennifer. He has served as a Trustee and will soon serve as an Elder on Session. Brad is a co-sponsor of our Youth Group and attended the Presbyterian Youth Triennium in July of this year.



Asst. Fin. Sec. : Lori Michaelis (1 yr) Lorie, active member of Third since 1980, is an ordained Deacon. She has served as an Auditor, a Trustee and on the Stewardship and Finance Committee. She is active in the Women's Association and the Piece Corp Quilting group. She and her husband, Ken, enjoy Pink Floyd and their tribute bands. n Wheels, and enjoy attending tribute band concerts.



Auditor: Larry Bergquist (3years)

Larry has previously served on the Boards of Deacons and Trustees. He enjoys bringing special music to worship and his voice has enriched many memorial celebrations. He and Anna serve on the usher rotation. He enjoys staying current with his daughters Melissa, Amy, and Mary and their families.

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Moderator: Pam Reed (1 Year)

Pam is an ordained Deacon and a member of the Worship Leader and Usher rosters. She is also the Chair of the Stewardship and Finance Committee. She is a member of the Piece Corps quilting group. Pam is a Certified Financial Planner with Primerica.



Vice Moderator: Mary Hartshorn (1 yr)

Mary is retired from teaching kindergarten at Ledgewood School in Roscoe. Mary is the co-chair of the Personnel Committee and a member of All Singers and the Ensemble. She enjoys camping with her husband, Don, and spending time with her grandchildren.



Treasurer: Fred Fauerbach (1 Year)

Fred has always been active at Third Pres. He is currently the Church Treasurer, a member of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, and previously served as a trustee and a deacon. He and his wife, Jeanne enjoy traveling and visiting their children and grandchildren.



Asst. Treasurer: Dan Chiodini (1 Year)

Dan joined the church when he married Laura Wubben almost 40 years ago. Since then he has served as a Trustee, an Elder, an Auditor and a member of the Stewardship and Finance Committee.



Nov. 01	Audrey Smith	Nov. 13	Douglas Jones
	Drew Virtue	Nov. 15	Dale Hollenbeck
Nov. 02	Zachery Kujat	Nov. 16	Stephanie Crosby
	Brian Bentley	Nov. 19	Hunter Stromquist
Nov. 03	Lori Schroeder		Bob Logsdon
Nov. 04	Russell Gustafson	Nov. 21	Lindsay Fauerbach
Nov. 06	Debbie Geisler		Wall
Nov. 07	Connor Hollenbeck	Nov. 25	Laura Chiodini
Nov. 09	Laurie Claussen	Nov. 27	Annabella Smith
Nov. 12	Myles Kunz	Nov. 29	Katrina Archuleta
	Olivia Mosny		

Anniversaries 20+ Years

Joe and Kimberly Ponder	Nov.07	30 years
John and Tara Hammer	Nov. 09	29 years
Jeffrey & Kathryn Rowland	Nov. 30	40years

If you need to get ahold of Mike Rimkus for a request or issue please email him at maint7411@gmail.com.
Thank you !!



“Pie and Gratitude”
Sunday, Nov. 23rd 3:00 pm
Aldersgate UMC Church
4055 N. Rockton Ave.



Members of congregations from north-west Rockford meet, eat, and give thanks for God's many blessings!

Piece Corp Honored for Comforting Contributions



Mercy Health Hospice Thanks Volunteer Quilters at Appreciation Dinner

Mercy Health Hospice hosted an appreciation dinner for volunteers at the Machine Shed on October 9, 2025.

The Third Presbyterian Piece Corp was thanked for their donation of quilts to their hospice patients.

Representatives of the Piece Corp, Nancy and Al Justman, Glenda Hammer, Mary and Murray Hanson, attended. Glenda also volunteers to visit a hospice patients regularly. Several of the beautiful donated quilts were on display during the event, showcasing the talent and care that goes into each piece. Volunteer Coordinator Geneva Fry personally expressed her gratitude to the group, recognizing the warmth and comfort their quilts bring to patients and families during difficult times.

The Piece Corp's generosity extends beyond Mercy Health Hospice. The group has also donated quilts to a variety of local organizations, including Remedies, Crusader Community, St. Anne's, Walter Lawson Children's Home, River Bluff, and Wesley Willows. Meeting twice a month on Wednesdays, the Piece Corp welcomes new volunteers—no sewing skills required! Whether you're experienced with a needle and thread or just looking to give back, the group would love to have you join their mission of providing comfort, one quilt at a time. —Nancy Justman

Trustee Nominees



Anne Pritz-Hall (3 years)

Anne has 45 years of experience in nursing at all three hospitals in Rockford. She is a Board Member of Northwest Neighbors, Inc. She enjoys hiking and going to the lake. She has 3 grandsons and a 90 lb mixed-breed dog named Patches.



Fred Fauerbach (3 years)

Fred wears more hats than he has hooks to hang them on! Fred is the Church Treasurer, serves on the Stewardship and Finance Committee, and helps in the AV booth. Fred has agreed to continue serving on the Board of Trustees after having just completed a term.



Trustee: Nicole Facer (3 years)

Nicole is a Deacon at Third. She is studying at Rockford University to attain an Education degree. Nicole is currently student teaching mathematics with ninth graders at Jefferson High School. She will graduate from the University next year and teach in Rockford District 205 in the fall.

Session (Elder) Nominees



Brad Facer (3 years)

Brad is a “hybrid” member of Third, serving also as the church’s Financial Secretary. He is youth group leader, helps with AV, and is a worship leader as well. Brad is married to Jennifer and is a terrific Dad to Nicole and Sydney.



Cathy Logsdon (3years)

Cathy is a happy camper-literally! Every summer finds her and husband, Bob, out at a campsite with their trailer and family all around. Cathy serves on the Christian Education committee and has served as Clerk of Session. She is a proud to have Zach and Savannah as growing grandbabies.



Jeanne Fauerbach (3 years)

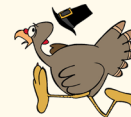
Jeanne is a “cradle Thirder,” having been raised at the church with her parents and her sisters. In retirement she is using her gifts for planning and creatively to lead the Christian Education Team and to serve as Clerk of Session. Jeanne and Fred are blessed to have family not-too-far away to see them often.

Congregational News



**Remember to move your clock back on
November 2nd**
**Remember to change the batteries
in your smoke detectors
when you set your clocks back.**

The Office will be
CLOSED
November
27th and 28th



Approaching
deadlines...

The deadline for the December newsletter is **November 14th**. The deadline for the **Annual Report** is **December 5th**. **Your help in meeting these deadlines is crucial to ensure timely publication of these documents.**



There will be a Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Third Presbyterian Church of Rockford, Illinois on Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 10:15 am for the purpose of conducting the business of the church and electing church officers.

Poinsettias for Christmas.
**It is hard to believe that Christmas
is right around the corner!!**

Orders are due by November 23rd.

**\$10.00 for a 6 inch plant, any questions
please call the Church office.**

**There is a sign-up sheet
in the
fellowship room.**



Occasions to Remember

Save the Date for the Annual
Christmas Soup and Sandwich Luncheon
Wednesday, December 3, 2025
12:00 pm-2:00 pm



Luncheon and a program
(to be announced)
Hosted by the
Women's Association
Everyone is welcome!

Youth Club is Back!

Wednesdays, November 5 – December 14
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM (Dinner Included!)

Everyone is welcome to join us for fun, food, and fellowship as we gather each week to prepare for our Christmas Program, "The Colors of Christmas." Our Youth Club meetings are a great opportunity for kids and teens to connect, share a meal, and get ready for a special performance during the **Christmas Program on Sunday, December 14 at 10:15 AM.**

Following the program, we'll celebrate together with a delicious lunch! Come be part of the excitement — we can't wait to see you there!

TPC would like to thank **Kim Ponder, Julie Leber, and Jeannette Stromquist-Sheehan** for volunteering to lead this year's program.

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Trunk or Treat / Casper Walk 2025

The turnout from the neighborhood/community was amazing— so many creative costumes and festive trunks! A huge thank you to everyone who decorated, donated candy, volunteered, and came out to make this event such a fun and memorable time!

