

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TODAY

Nursery Care is available for children ages 0-2 during the service.

Children's Worship for ages 3-2nd grade will not meet today. We'll resume next week for our kickoff Sunday!

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Note: Labor Day

Please note that the church office will be closed tomorrow, September 1, in observance of Labor Day. Enjoy the holiday!

K-12 Sunday Program Kickoff | Next Sunday, September 7

Here are the classes and activities starting up again next week!

Children's Worship (Preschool-4th Grade), 9:50-11:30am

Lessons will meet in the downstairs classrooms until 11:00, with free play available until 11:30

Youth Sunday School Classes, 10:45-11:30am

5th - 8th Grade - in the Maple Room

9th - 12th Grade - in the Youth Room

Youth Group (7th-12th Grade), 5-7pm

Come start off our season with a Cajun shrimp boil dinner!

Church Potluck | Next Sunday, September 7

Come enjoy great food and fellowship together! Please sign up to bring a dish on the **sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall**.

Coffee Break Bible Study | Begins Thursday, September 11

Adult Sunday School & Choir | Begin Sunday, September 14

GEMS & Cadets | Begins Wednesday, September 17



Welcome to Third Church!

Phone: (269) 343-2400

Email: office@3rdcrc.org

Office Hours: Mon-Thu, 9am – 3pm

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Morning Worship at 9:30am

Note: In our worship, the congregation reads **bold italicized text** from the screens together and the leader reads plain text. Songs are found in the red Lift Up Your Hearts hymnal and on the front screens.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude — “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” - Hutson

“All Creatures of our God and King” (551) - Manz

Welcome & Ministry Updates

Song — *Hear the Call of the Kingdom*

God's Greeting

Call to Worship — *Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22*

Hymn — *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* (534)

Passing the Peace

WE RESPOND WITH THANKFULNESS

Offering Our Gifts — *ReFrame Ministries*

We invite you to give by placing your offering in the plates or using the offering QR code. Please assist our deacons by passing the plates toward the back of the sanctuary.



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Hymn — *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (876)

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

Preaching Text: Psalm 103:1-5

Sermon Title: *Benefits?!*

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Tom Swieringa

WE COME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer for the Meal

Preparing the Bread

Hymn — *Lift Up Your Hearts Unto the Lord (844)*

Preparing the Cup

Hymn — *Behold the Lamb (840)*

Sending Prayer — *from Psalm 103 (The Message)*

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

Song — *My Friends, May You Grow in Grace (938)*

Benediction

Offering Our Gifts — *Benevolence Fund*

As you leave the sanctuary, you are invited to give to our Benevolence Fund (the fund our deacons use to offer emergency support to those in need, both in our church and our local community). A deacon will be available at each exit to receive monetary gifts.

NOTES

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

Message: New Sermon Series for Fall

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Tom Swieringa

WAYS TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

We pray for all of our **college students** as they get settled into a new year of learning, growing, and building relationships. May God bless them with courage and enthusiasm for tackling a new semester of schoolwork, and surround them with good friends and teachers to encourage them!

A Note of Thanks from **Daryl & Sue Dykstra:**

Our sincere thanks to our friends at Third for the many prayers and acts of kindness following Daryl's knee surgery. We give thanks for a successful surgery and steady recovery. God is good!