November 8, 2026 (Yr A, Pentecost, Week 24)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prelude Morning Has Broken Bunessan
Welcome
Introit Be Thou My Vision
Call to Worship

One: Are you awake? Are you alert?
Many: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.
One: Are you watching the signs?
Are you interpreting what is happening today?
Many: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.
One: Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?
Many: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.
One: Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.
Many: Christ has extended the invitation: let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

*** Passing the Peace**
*** Hymn** Immortal, Invisible (vv.1,2,4) #33
*** Gathering Prayer**

God of Heaven and Earth, hear our prayers as we come before your throne of glory. Declare your message to us and grant us the courage to listen. May our listening turn to action. May our actions touch the hearts of those who need to hear your voice. We put our trust in you knowing that it is well placed in your gentle and caring hands. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** #813

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, amen.

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

One: The Word of God for the people of God | **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Waiting" Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff
Moment of Silence

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** Hymn** Breathe on Me, Breath of God #393
Joys and Concerns
Sharing
Song Cares Chorus (seated) #627

I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song Hear Our Prayer, O Lord (seated) #641

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

Offering
Invitation
Offertory The Gift of Love Hal H. Hopson
Doxology #815

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedication
The Work of the People (Announcements)
*** Closing** I Love to Tell the Story (vv.1,2,4) #444
*** Charge and Benediction**
+ Postlude Sonata in C major W. A. Mozart

Welcoming Deacons: Lenny Brown and Mary Tycz
Reading Deacon: Jeff Yardis
Flowers: Given by Pastor Daniel Schlorff in loving memory of his mother

* **Please rise in body or spirit.**
+ All are warmly invited to enjoy Coffee Hour after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayers

All prayer concerns will be listed for four weeks. After that time, let us know if you want your request to remain on our list.

***Please pray for:**

Betty Shaw and family, passing of her sister, Doreen Shaw
Chris M. - friend to Suzanne Czerwinski
Martha and Ken Nichols
Joy and Larry Cummings
Johanna Tessman
Sue Clark
Austin - cousin's son of Corrine Sternberg
Ann - friend of Corrine Sternberg

WELCOME: Third Church welcomes you to worship on this Sunday morning. If you are visiting with us, please fill out an information card and place it in the offering plate. Please join us for Coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

Don't forget the outreach box. Bring a can of food to church each Sunday. Our collection goes to help meet the needs of the food shelves of Amazing Grace. We are also collecting cans of gravy for the Middletown Thanksgiving Project.

11/8 Silent Auction 11:30 am
Music Meeting 11:30 am
Pack 43 Meeting 2:00 pm
Troop 16 Meeting
11/10 BCE Meeting 4:00 pm
Nominating Meeting 6:00 pm
Safety Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
11/11 Bible Study 10:00 am
Narcotics Anonymous 5:45 pm
11/13 Pack 43 Rocket Building 6:00 pm
11/14 Bible Study 9:00 am

Birthdays: E. Hojda 11/8, W. Bright 11/13, M. Beschler 11/14

Congregational Care

If you know of any concern or a member or friend who needs a visit, please contact the office via email or note.

If you would like special prayers for anyone, please contact Lori Albert.

Prayer shawls can be like hugs from God from all the prayers that go with them as they are knitted, with a blessing added by the pastor when completed. If you would like a shawl or know anyone who would like one, please reach out to a deacon or Pastor Daniel. Recipients need not be a member of Third Church to receive this token of love.

Remember our shut-ins with prayer:

Lynda Andrew, Janet Manthay, and Sue Clark

Third Congregational Church

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You can always come home to Third Church!



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"The Waiting "

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