

November 2024

Third Presbyterian Church



THE PASTOR'S NOTE:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we continue to walk together in faith, we are reminded of God's abundant blessings in our lives. Stewardship is not just about meeting the needs of the church; it is an expression of our gratitude to God, a response to God's grace, and a commitment to furthering God's kingdom here on earth.

Why Stewardship Matters

In the Presbyterian tradition, we believe in the importance of being good stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us. Stewardship is more than financial giving—it encompasses how we use our time, talents, and treasure to glorify God. Each act of giving is a step in faith, recognizing that everything we have belongs to God and we are called to manage it with wisdom and generosity.

Your Giving Makes a Difference

Our church may be small, but through faithful giving, we make a big impact. Your generosity supports our worship, ministries, outreach, and missions. It helps us serve those in need, build up the body of Christ, and proclaim the gospel in our community.

A Call to Prayerful Giving

As we enter this season of stewardship, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to the life and mission of our church. Whether it's through your financial gifts, volunteering your time, or offering your unique talents, every gift matters. We are all part of God's work, and together, we can continue to grow in faith and serve our community.

Our Stewardship Season

The Session has designated the month of November as our stewardship season. You will hear a brief stewardship announcement during the worship service each Sunday culminating with the dedication of our commitment to supporting the work of Third Presbyterian's ministry in 2025. We will celebrate God's generosity towards us and dedicate our pledges on Sunday, November 24th.

Each household will receive a stewardship packet in the mail in the next two weeks. It will include a summary of the proposed 2025 budget, a pledge card and brief overview of the ministries supported by our congregation.

May God bless you as you discern how to give with joy and faithfulness, trusting that He will multiply our gifts for His glory.

Grace and Peace,

Don+

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY
IN-PERSON AND LIVE STREAM AT 11 AM**

Below is the Zoom link where you will be able to see those leading worship and along with parts of our liturgy. Below is the most updated link, phone number and password.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/605837516?pwd=V0R5VmNCQ2Mraml1TFdOVXpGMEpiQT09>

If you do not have computer access, you can call in with your home or cell phone using Zoom's dial in option.

Meeting ID: 605 837 516

Password: 23518

Phone: 312-626-6799

COVENANT PASTOR AGREEMENT COMING TO AN END

As the year begins to wind down, so is our Covenant Pastor Agreement with Rev. Don Martin. Don will be with us through all of Advent and Christmas. His last Sunday with us will be December 29th. Please take some time between now and then to let Don know what his ministry with has meant to you.

In the monthly newsletter, there will be a list of Commissioned Pastors and/or Supply Pastors that will be leading us in worship each week. Below is the beginning of this list. If you have any questions, please see Amy Griffin.

PULPIT SUPPLY LOOKING AHEAD

January 5th – Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass

January 12th – Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass

January 19th – Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass

January 26th – Rev. Martha Mitchell

February 2nd – Rev. Martha Mitchell

February 9th – Rev. Martha Mitchell

February 16th – Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass

February 23rd – Commissioned Pastor Sid Etherington

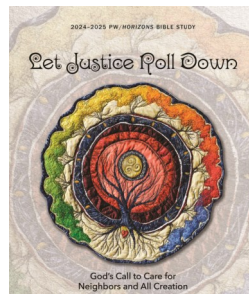
March 2nd – Commissioned Pastor Sid Etherington

March 5th – Ash Wednesday

April 13th, Palm Sunday - Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass

April 17th, Maundy Thursday - Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass

April 20th, Easter - Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass

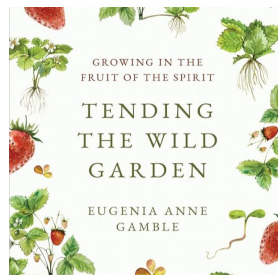


PW BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

NOVEMBER 12TH, 12:00 PM FOR LUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY

The author describes her call for creation justice in this way: “When I first learned of the climate crisis, I wondered how a biblical scholar with few practical skills could help and found my purpose in learning about ecology and teaching people of faith what I could. Such is not everyone’s skillset or desire, but each of us has something to do with all our hearts.” We are called to care for neighbors and God’s creation with all our hearts, with particular care for society’s least powerful members who are disproportionately impacted by unjust systems. In God’s first instructions to the nation of Israel we hear “you shall not pervert the justice due to the poor” (Exodus 23:6); in Moses’ final speech at the promised land’s border, he reiterated, “Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue” (Deuteronomy 16:20); and from Amos, the earliest recorded prophet, “Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream” (Amos 5:24). Scripture reminds us that we are called to speak out to urge our society to act for just transitions in this fast-changing world.

Join us Tuesday, November 12th for lunch, (bring a sandwich or snack) lively discussion and fellowship. We meet in the church conference room at the end of the hall and have zoom access if you are unable to join us in person. Please let me know if you need zoom access so I have the computer set up.



FALL BIBLE STUDY - TENDING THE WILD GARDEN

THURSDAYS 6:00 – 7:00 PM

(not 11/21 or 11/28)

A WEEKLY GROUP BIBLE STUDY WITH DAILY DEVOTIONALS ON THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

In a world fixated on outward appearances, discover the joy of cultivating an inward relationship with the Spirit, where virtues like love, joy, and self-control blossom naturally.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23a

Tending the Wild Garden explores the true meaning behind each of the virtues in Paul’s list, guiding us to discover anew what it means to be a deeply loved child of God indwelt by God’s Spirit. Gamble helps us to move beyond the checklist mentality of traditional understandings of the fruit of the Spirit, to cultivate our relationship with God, and to uproot the “weeds” that could threaten the flourishing of the fruit in our lives. Let the fruit of the Spirit be more than just words on a page—they’re the living expressions of God’s love within you. Dare to cultivate a life overflowing with love, joy, peace, and so much more.

MOST ASKED FOR ADDRESSES

Teri and Ken Howard
109 Windsong Drive
Macon, NC 27551
757-274-3311 - Teri

Dot Grandstaff
The Gardens of Virginia Beach
5620 Wesleyan Drive #247
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
757-583-2244

Peggy Russell
Aspire at West End
5020 Sulky Drive, # 415
Henrico, VA 23228
Phone: 757-387-9301

Lexi White & Marc Cahill
89 Winchester Dr.
South Kingstown, RI 02879

Judy & Tim Cook
2909 Arc Road
Mobile, Alabama 36605-4466
251-385-0615

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following people and families in your prayers, that they might be lifted up through your conversations with God:

Claudia Cary
Jessica and Ray Fitzgerald
Ginny Davis
Steve & Claudia Glover
Carol Maxwell's Mom
Darlene Pick
Holly Gaff
Nancy & Steve Babor
Toy Hefner
Noah Lucas
Margaret Chewing
Heather Sipe
The Family of Larry McKinney
The Family of Sandy Campbell
The Family of Patricia "Anne" Basnight
Our Pastor - Don
Our Church
The Session
Our Community
Our Nation

Happy Birthday!!!

November 2nd - Ian Glover
November 8th - Nancy Babor
November 12th - Dennis Green
November 15th - Carol Maxwell
November 17th - Susan Howlett
November 21st - Shawn Sipe

OFFERINGS

October 6th - \$1520.00
October 13th - \$2,130.00
October 20th - \$1,280.00
October 27th - \$730.00

CHURCH OFFICE

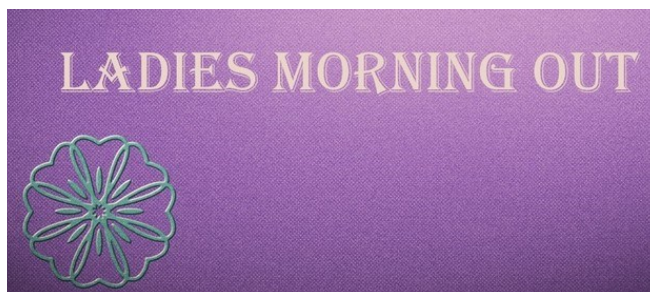
We are currently without a church secretary. If you need assistance, please feel free to call 757-587-7576 and leave a message (phone is being forwarded to an elder), send an email to (thirdpc@hrcoxmail.com), or call one of the elders or the pastor. Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD.....



Sunday, December 1st **1st Sunday of Advent** **Hanging of the Greens**

Please join us on the 1st Sunday of Advent. As we worship, we will be decorating our sanctuary together during worship – hanging ornaments, garland, greenery and more.



Ladies' Morning Out **"UNSTUCK"** **....."it's like a spa for your soul"**

Saturday, January 25, 2025
Great Bridge Presbyterian Church
333 Cedar Road
Chesapeake, VA

Gathering – 8:30 AM Program – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Praise and Worship! Inspirational Speakers! Continental Breakfast!
Speakers – Paula Bass and Carol Miller

Mark your calendars now. More information to follow as we move closer. Transportation from Third to Great Bridge will be coordinated. If you have questions, please contact Amy Griffin at 757-618-3006.

For more information about the program, call Paula Bass at 757-482-2460.

SHEPHERD'S LIST 2024



Amy Griffin

757-618-3006

*Dee Glover

*Steven and Claudia Glover

Ginny Davis

Nancy and Vernon Barham

Dorothy Grandstaff

Marguerite Duke

Peggy Russell

Teri Howard

Teri Howard

757-274-3311

Don Martin and Tony Crudup

Darlene Pick

Debbie and Ray Platte

Amy and Dennis Griffin

Di Ricks

Sybil Crooks

Joseph Bray

***Anne Basnight**

Tom Maxwell

757-531-9851

**Brittany French

Dave and Jenni Joyce

Holly Gaff and CJ Jones

T.J. and Larry McKinney

Lexi White and Marc Cahill

Deb King

The Rapacon Family - Amanda,
Manny, Christian, Samantha, Rachel,
and Peter

*no email-please call

**Text

Red+Shut-in

Stacy Apelt

757-583-5872

Nancy Babor

Jim Rudiger

Carol and Tom Maxwell

Mary Ann Shepard

Kayla and Bryson Shepard

Margaret Chewning & Dan Cudney

Margaret Chewning

757-581-0428

Jessica Fitzgerald & Family

Cheryl and Fred Holtz

Ginny Keisel

Claudia Cary

Artie and Milinda Derrenbacker

Stacy Apelt and Judy Floyd Apelt

Mike Gallond

Calvin Presbyterian Church

2901 E Little Creek Rd, Norfolk, VA
23518

(757) 587-1591

• Food Pantry Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

• Third Saturdays of the month
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**The food pantry serves Norfolk
zip codes 23518 and 23503.
Those in need of assistance
may obtain a referral from any of
the participating churches.**


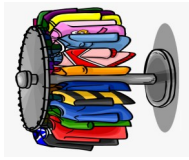


Pantry Wish List:

- 25 oz Apple Sauce
- 16 oz Baked Beans
- 24 oz Beef Stew
- 15 oz Peas
- 15 oz Green Beans
- 1 lb 13 oz Canned Fruit
- 32 oz Jelly
- 18 oz Peanut Butter
- 32 oz Pancake Mix
- 24 oz Syrup
- 1 lb Rice
- 8.25 oz Tuna Helper
- 6 oz Tuna
- 15 oz Spaghetti O's
- 15 oz Thick Soup
- 64 oz Juice
- 12 oz Luncheon Meat
- 7.25 oz Macaroni & Cheese
- 13.75 oz Mashed Potatoes
- 13.7 oz Oatmeal Individual Packs
- 16 oz Spaghetti Noodles
- 26.5 oz Spaghetti Sauce
- Dry Milk, Individual Packs

Please, no baby food, coffee, tea, sugar, pickles, olives, condiments, tomatoes, cranberries, canned milk, crackers or mushrooms.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 11am Worship Communion In-Person & Virtual	4	5 	6 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm AA Meeting	7 6pm Bible Study 7-9:30pm Square Dancing	8	9 10am Clothes Closet 
10 11am Worship In-Person & Virtual	11 	12 12pm PW Lunch and Bible Study 6:30-10pm Dance Group 6:30-9:30pm Bellissima Rehearsal	13	14 6pm Bible Study 7pm Civic League Meeting	15	16
17 11am Worship In-Person & Virtual 4pm Bellissima Concert	18	19 6:30-10pm Dance Group	20	21 6pm Session Meeting 7-9:30pm Square Dancing	22	23
24 11am Worship In-Person & Virtual	25	26 6:30-10pm Dance Group	27	28 	29	30



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Norfolk, V23518

CHURCH STAFF

Don Martin, Covenant Pastor
Lexi White, IT Facilitator
Joseph C. Bray, III, Organist/ Choir Director
Clara Barnes, Sexton
Teri Howard, Clerk of Session
Holly Gaff, Treasurer
Amy Griffin and Teri Howard, Financial Secretary

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Men

Tom Maxwell, President
Fred Holtz, Vice-president

Memorial Committee

SESSION

Building & Grounds

Stacy Apelt

Stewardship

Teri Howard

Witness & Outreach

Tom Maxwell

Worship

Amy Griffin

Administration and Personnel

Margaret Chewning