



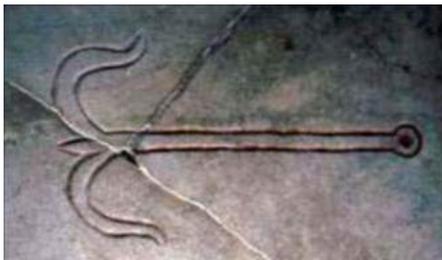
FROM THE PASTOR

2022 Unified Budget

Thank you for responding with generosity to Third's 2022 Stewardship season. Total pledges received are **\$331,330**.

Third, in all our diversity, joined together for an outstanding Stewardship season—well done church family!

...a sure
and
steadfast
anchor.
(Hebrews
6:19)



Looking Ahead

November 7:

The Executive Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. to review next year's proposed budget.

November 14:

Church Council will connect at 9:30 a.m. to review the 2022 budget. Upon approval, budget will be sent to congregation.

December 7:

Called Business Meeting, scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to review and vote on the 2022 unified budget.

170th Anniversary

Third will commemorate our 170th Anniversary on Sunday, November 14th in Morning Worship.

Third's beloved community is surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses—*encouraging us to run with perseverance—the race that is set before us.*

The music chosen for November 14th worship was written for Third Baptist Church and relates to those who have gone before us.

In addition, Third is hosting the Saint Louis Chamber Chorus on Sunday, November 14th at 3 p.m. *We Will Remember Them* commemorates those we have lost from war and pandemic.

Renovations

The renovations continue around Third's campus, including: the Ground Floor Women's restroom, preschool rooms, outside lighting, signage, welcome table, and numerous patchwork improvements.

In addition, plans are in the works for a quality opening video for Morning Worship and enhancement of our website.

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It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner! In the midst of all, God continues to bless our community.

And in the meantime, whether connected in person or through social media, please pray fervently for a day when all can gather again in relative safety.

Grace and peace,  
Tommy



## Welcome to Third!

I want to introduce new members written into our story: Ric and Lois Hunsaker (below left) and Dion Hogan (right). Third was blessed with several new members during this *All Things New Stewardship* season.

Please continue to remain connected in person and through social media.



# Family Ministries

Rev. Drew Phillips  
Minister to Families



Labyrinths are an ancient practice found in many civilizations.

Christians began using them shortly after Christ's death and resurrection.

One of the oldest is in the Cathedral in Chartres, France (1194-1220).

This particular labyrinth was created so that Christians, who were being persecuted, could make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral for worship, concluding with walking the labyrinth. It is built into the sanctuary floor underneath moveable chairs. Its famous pattern is shown above.

The labyrinth is not a maze, there is no wrong turn, the path in is the path out; one well-defined path leading to the center and back out, no tricks, no intersecting points. A labyrinth is a metaphor for life. There are unexpected twists and turns, with a discernible beginning and end. The goal is eventual union with God. Along the way we meet others, we may pass or get passed, or meet someone head on.

The labyrinth is meant to be a walking prayer.

There are several ways one may use it:

- You may enter asking questions of God, reach the center and rest in God's embrace, and exit, praying for others.
- You may enter asking what it is God is trying to say to you, rest in God's embrace in the center, and exit pondering what is in front of you this week.
- You may enter bringing worries and fears to God, rest in God's embrace in the center, and exit thanking God for the good in your life.
- You can walk the entire labyrinth reciting the Lord's Prayer or a Psalm, or the Jesus prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ, son of God, have mercy on me a sinner."
- Or, you may do your own practice.

There are only three rules:  
**enter, rest in God's embrace, and exit.**

For the next month we'll have a labyrinth (pictured above) in the narthex.

Please use this as a place to center and pray, to be held in God's love, and walk with the God's Spirit, listening.

(Though this is a large labyrinth please use common sense and spacing so as to maintain social distance during COVID.)

Parents of children: each Sunday after the offertory prayer, children are invited to go with Drew to Godly Play in the Children's Department. You may pick your child(ren) up after worship.

### Thanks, Youth, for helping Food Pantry this October!



# November Worship and Discipleship

## **Cloths from Heaven** **Sundays at 11 a.m.**



## **Lessons from Makato Fujimara** **Tuesdays at 6 p.m.**



## **Third's Christmas Offering:** November 21 to December 12

Please make checks payable to “*Third Christmas Offering*” and designate your desire to assist:

### **Children of Lebanon**

\$45—for purchase of set of clothes and shoes. The ministry is directed by Dan and Sarah Chetti —advocates for domestic workers and human trafficking—through *INSAFF: Justice and Compassion for Jesus*—sponsored by the American Baptist Association.

**or...**

### **Children of Oak Hill Elementary, Saint Louis**

a gift of \$15 will purchase warm clothing to combat the coming winter season. The ministry is led by Mira and Sasha Zivanov, CBF field personnel serving the immigrant community in and around Saint Louis. Beginning Nov. 21, during passing of the peace, please place checks under the painting of St. Louis and Lebanon by Grace Moore. If unable to attend in-person, please mail check to Third.

*“Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality...”* (Romans 12:13)



# Musical Notes

*The Next Set: Live From Jazz St. Louis*, is a new show from St. Louis Public Radio, in collaboration with Jazz St. Louis, which will be “bringing the improvisational art of live jazz music...into the ears of listeners across the region.”

Jazz St. Louis President **Gene Dobbs Bradford** hosts the show and interviews the musical guests. Each hour-long episode will feature two performances showcasing both local and national artists.

Visit <https://www.stlpublicradio.org/programs/the-next-set/> for show schedules through the end of 2021 and listening links.

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*The Next Set*  
Live From Jazz St. Louis

Premiering Oct. 3, 2021

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# EVERYDAY PEOPLE



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AND ON SPOTIFY

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 03 🎁 Timothy Miller
- 06 🎁 Clayton Smithers
- 10 🎁 J.B. Richman/  
Arleta Thurman
- 15 🎁 Monica McDaniel-Collins
- 16 🎁 Greg Martin/  
Isaiah Collins
- 17 🎁 Christine McCarthy
- 18 🎁 Nancy King
- 20 🎁 Mary Anderson
- 22 🎁 Gene Stewart
- 23 🎁 Carla Jackson
- 28 🎁 Johanna Caraway



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