



## FROM THE PASTOR

### **The Heroes of Summer**

Baptist youth ministry has placed an emphasis on summer youth camps and mission opportunities.

The camp experience has been used as avenues of professions of faith in Christ, recommitment, and decisions to enter full-time ministry.

Third Baptist youth and children have recently completed

- Junior High Camp
- High School Camp

Third's youth have experienced quality worship, bible study and fellowship—along with the gift of wonderful memories.

As summer winds down, it is wise to pause...and remember... None of these experiences are possible without adult volunteers. A dedicated group of folks who devote their time, energy, and lack of sleep—in order for youth to participate in activities which draw them closer to God and one another.

To my thinking, in every sense of the word, these people are heroes.

My own spiritual formation was enhanced through youth camps and missions experiences which were led by caring, loving adult sponsors. All of our plans are not possible without these volunteers.

And a tip of the hat to all of you who teach, host, and connect with Third families.

Finally, I'd like to express my appreciation to Lake Springfield Baptist Camp. Their leadership did a superb job, and inserted wise procedures to navigate these Covid days.

Take a moment...in your mind's eye do you remember those dedicated adults who sponsored your camp during your teenage years? There are some faces you may have forgotten or not considered for years? Thank God for these heroes of summer.

Enclosed are a few photos. Thanks be to God for the beauty and joy of these images.

### **August Worship**

Third continues its worship series focusing on artists, painters and photographers—mirrored by the beauty of Psalms.

Philip and our worship team have beautifully enhanced our worship experience. And a special thank you to Grace Moore, summer arts intern, Grace's participation and creation of images tell a beautiful story of grace.

I encourage you to drop by Green Class, located on Ground Floor and enjoy Grace's artistic display.

### **Coronavirus Rise of Infections: Impact on Return of Following Ministries**

Sunday School, Donut Fellowship, Wednesday Night Ministries (Third Readers, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Discipleship) are placed on hold due to dramatic rise of infection rate in Missouri.

Here's what you need to know:

- I believe it's best not to place a date of "hopeful return" for ministries and fellowships listed above.
- The date of return will be reached through communication with Staff and Church Council.
- Worship will continue to meet in Third's Sanctuary—each Sunday at 11 a.m. Please remember protective masks are required for vaccinated and unvaccinated. Extra masks for adults and children are available on a table outside the main office.
- Fellowships are planned for Strauss Park and other outdoor venues which offer a high degree of comfort and safety. Instead of fellowship in Pillsbury Threshold after worship, when weather allows, all are invited to connect in Strauss Park.

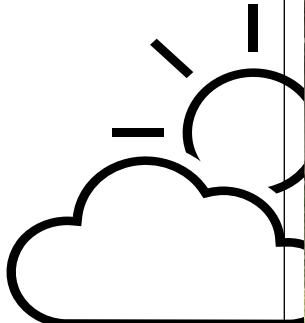
Be strong and courageous.  
All will be well.

Grace and Peace,  
Tommy

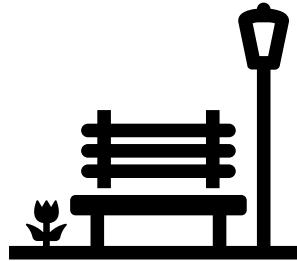


# Family Ministries

Rev. Drew Phillips  
Minister to Families



Junior High Camp, July 2021



July 4th Celebration in  
Strauss Park



Youth Assisting in Morning Worship

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Youth assist with food pantry set-up and clean up



Grace Moore, Drew Philips  
and Abigail Thant



Elijah Kimler and Abigail Thant get artistic!



Paint party



Self-portrait  
Kaylin  
Smithers



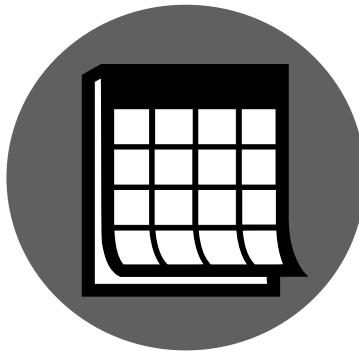
Self-portrait  
Grace  
Moore

# 2021 Summer Sermon Series

People remember 10 percent of what they read and 20 percent of what they hear, but 80 percent of what they see and do.

The arts are an effective vehicle for communicating the Gospel. You will discover gifted poets, painters and photographers—seen through the lenses of their own creativity and the Psalms.

The authors of Psalms are living and present voices—let's find out what “these cloud of witnesses” have to say!



## **August: Visions of Faith**

**August 1:** Leonardo da Vinci: The Last Supper (Psalm 23)

**August 8:** Edward Hicks: The Peaceable Kingdom (Psalm 150)

**August 15:** The Signorelli frescoes of Orvieto (Psalm 2)

**August 22:** Holman Hunt: The Light of the World (Psalm 27)

**August 29:** Salvador Dali- Christ of St. John of the Cross/  
Antony Gormley: The Angel of the North (Psalm 46)

# Musical Notes

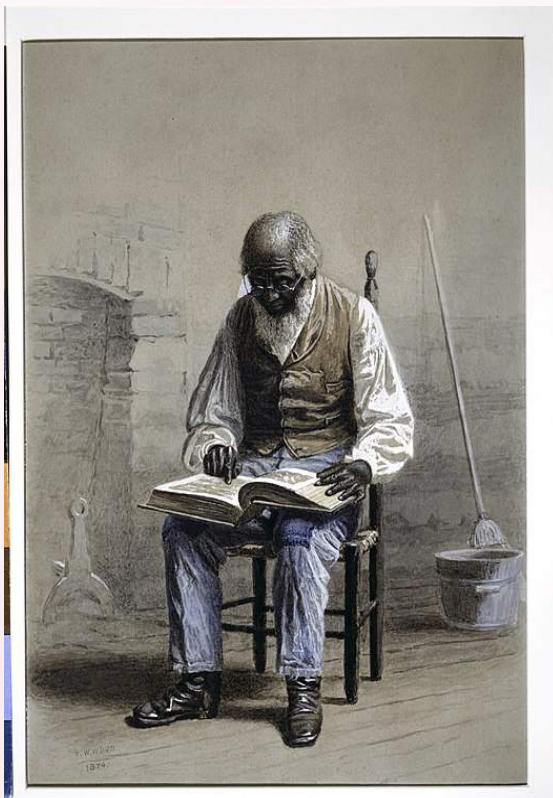
*Dr. Phillip Barnes, Director of Music*

## MUSIC LISTS

As many of you will know, a comprehensive listing of all the music and readings used to enhance worship is available on our website. As we approach the fall, we have added all the details for Sunday service through November. Check back often for updates, though!

## 170th ANNIVERSARY

We will celebrate the church's birthday in the week of November 14. On Sunday, there will be special music and - pandemic permitting - we will welcome to Third the British composer, Sasha Johnson Manning, who has written several pieces for us. Then, in the afternoon at 3 p.m., the Saint Louis Chamber Chorus will present a concert in the Sanctuary featuring a new work by Sasha, together with a much loved 'classic', the *Requiem* of Gabriel Fauré. The celebrations continue on Wednesday, November 17, when the church will host a festive dinner at 5 p.m., followed by a guest recital in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. The performers will be Stephanie Hunt (cello) and Sunghee Hinnens (piano), and on their program will be Sasha's '*A Midsummer Night's Dream*' Suite. Again, Sasha will join us for this special occasion before returning to the UK the following day.



*Reading the Scriptures*, 1874

Thomas Waterman Wood

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***To mirror our Sunday offerings—Wednesday nights at 6 p.m.:***

***Adults are invited to meet through Zoom.***

***The previous Sunday's artistic and Scripture offering will be reviewed, discussed and applied for your spiritual formation.***

# EVERYDAY PEOPLE



## EXTRAORDINARY GOD

NEW EPISODES FOR THE PODCAST *EVERY DAY PEOPLE* ARE  
AVAILABLE ON THIRD'S FACEBOOK PAGE, IN EMAIL  
AND ON SPOTIFY

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 02 🎁 Natalie Thiems
- 04 🎁 Maggie Jackson/ Gwendolyn Tyson
- 05 🎁 Ken Blanton
- 07 🎁 Jeanine Moritz
- 08 🎁 Destiny Stewart
- 09 🎁 Cynthia Dickinson
- 10 🎁 Rachael Whitt-Barnes
- 13 🎁 Jerry Campbell/ Julie McDaniel
- 20 🎁 Evelyn Kurtz/ Edna Betts
- 25 🎁 Samuel Governor/ Morgan Bluestein
- 27 🎁 Frank Stevens/ Pat Blake
- 28 🎁 Jacqueline Baxter/ David Stevenson



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