

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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When new members are received, a Welcome Packet is given to each family. These packets include a church directory, an "ABC's of Christianity" book and a welcome letter. The purpose of the letter is to give a brief overview of our church -- its mission and programs. I thought it might benefit the whole congregation to read that letter and remember who we are as a church:

We thank you for becoming a part of Third Presbyterian Church. We are all one in Christ as we worship and serve together. Our church's mission statement captures the all-encompassing life-view of all Christians in our *relationship with our Lord*: **"In Christ, Always Praising, Serving, Growing."**

- *In worship or Bible study, we are "In Christ, Always Praising, Serving, Growing."*
- *When we are helping others in various mission opportunities, we are "In Christ, Always Praising, Serving, Growing."*
- *When each of us in our daily lives go to work, enjoy family life, or socialize with friends, we do so "In Christ, Always Praising, Serving, Growing." Wherever we are, God can use us to be a blessing to others.*

We are a church where all people become friends in Christ. Each Sunday, we have in-person worship, as well as streaming worship online at www.thirdpresbyterian.com or on our Facebook page.

We use the **"ABCs of Christianity"** as a Bible reading and preaching guide each week.

Weekly Ministry Opportunities: Because of COVID 19, we've had to cut back on some of our mission opportunities. An overview of what we support and do as a congregation are as follows:

- **Sundays: 10:00 AM Sunday School Class 11:00 AM Sunday Worship**
- **Wednesdays: 10:30 AM** Share Life Bible Study in the church library
- We give "4 for the Poor" offerings of \$4.00 or 4 canned goods for Loaves and Fishes.
- We support the "10 Cents A Meal Program", Samaritan's Purse, Angel Tree, Charlotte Rescue Mission, Doves Nest, Crisis Assistance, Beds for Kids
- Holy Communion is served 8-10 times per year. (Less because of COVID)
- Remember and celebrate the seasons of the church year, especially Lent (the 6 Sundays prior to Easter) and Advent (the 4 Sundays prior to Christmas.)



The session received eleven new adult members with three children on Sunday, August 22. Their names are Huruy Zemhret and Saba Woldekristos, Natnael (Nate) Ghebrewoldi and Tihtina Kidane, Haileab Rediet and Rodas Ghebrewoldi, Noh Ghebrewoldi, Simon Ghebrewoldi, Henok Ghebrewoldi, Sened Ghebrewoldi, Elelta Ghirmay and baptized children Fikri Huray, Yinabi Huray and Bruk Rediet. Let us all introduce ourselves to each other and welcome each other in Christ's name.

The family's main home address is: 6807 Rambling Rose Drive Charlotte, NC 28212. We will provide an extra page to our directory when we have gathered all the phone numbers, birth dates and home and email addresses.

Please note Marilyn Sander's correct phone number is 980-430-4934.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

1. Help stream our online services each Sunday.
2. Serve in the Nursery for Worship.
3. Teach a child's Sunday school class on a rotating basis.

Please contact Rev. Jay or Margaret Robinson-Arnold to serve.

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!



Church offerings in various ways: During Church Worship OR the Postal Service OR Online at thirdpresbyterian.com. Thanks for your continued generosity.

Offerings are counted after the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. God bless you in your giving!



September Birthdays: 5-Joe Payne, 27- Lisa Starnes

October Birthdays:

6-Jay, 8-Minnie, 9- Meg, 17-Jeff, 18-AI, 22-Eleanor A.

Waiting for God in Difficult Times By Clinton Jordan

It is often when we feel hopeless or anxious for no reason that we want God to answer us in a hurry. We seem to forget God's promise, I will never leave you, I am with you always. We want Him to calm our fears even when we forget to place our difficulties and uncertainties in His hands. We must trust in God who sent His only Son because He loved us so much and gives us our salvation. "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that we might have an everlasting life." While we are living we will have comfort. We can trust Him always to bring comfort, strength and peace while we are experiencing difficult times. We need to remember to give thanks, and sing praises to Him. He knows all and sees all. God loves us too much to leave us. John 14: 26-27, " But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

