



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

Congregational Update

Thursday November 15, 2018

This Sunday, November 18—Stewardship Sunday - Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

John Wilkinson preaching at both services, "Telling Our Stories, Sharing Our Gifts" I Samuel 1:4-20; 2:1-10

8:30am Worship in the Chapel—Communion

Organ: "Cantabile"—César Franck; "Now Thank We All Our God"— J. S. Bach

Anthems (Chancel Choir): "The Last Words of David" - Randall Thompson; "Psalm 150" - Philip W. J. Stopford

Hymns: "Praise the God of Our Salvation" 462—"I Love to Tell the Story" 712—"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

Sunday Seminar: (9:30am, Johnston Hall)—"The Shape of American Religion, Part II—Trends" led by John Wilkinson

Living in the Word: (9:30am, Parlor)— led by Dianna Daunton

10:45am Worship in the Sanctuary

Organ: "Cantabile"—César Franck; "Now Thank We All Our God"— J. S. Bach

Introit (Junior Choir): "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" - Traditional Spiritual

Anthem (Junior Choir): "Fairest Lord Jesus"— Calvin Hampton

Anthems (Chancel Choir): "The Last Words of David" - Randall Thompson; "Psalm 150" - Philip W. J. Stopford

Bell Anthem (Junior High Bells and Covenant Ringers): "Take My Life and Let it Be"— arr. Ron Mallory

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A Celebration of Generosity

Join us in worship for Stewardship Sunday, this week! In gratitude to God and in joyous response to the abundance in our lives, we will offer our pledges in support of this church for the upcoming year. Your commitment to share your financial resources with Third Church is a promise that helps enable all aspects of our life together. You can review stories of your pledge money in action [here](#). If you have not received a pledge card by mail, you can pick one up in the pew racks at church. If you can't be with us this Sunday, you can still make your commitment known by:

- Mailing your completed card to the church office
- Pledging [online](#)

- Sending a confidential email to Business Administrator Carol Foster at cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org

Every contribution matters, and no pledge is too small (or too great!). Thank you for sharing your gifts with us.

Flower Donor Needed December 9

A flower donor is needed for Sunday December 9. You may make the donation in memory of or in honor of someone - you may also make the donation anonymous. The cost is \$80 billed by the church so it is tax deductible. Please contact Maryjane Link at maryjanelink@gmail.com or 738-1538.

Thursday Voices

Thursday November 15, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

Led by Lynette Sparks.

Thursday November 29: led by John Wilkinson.

In November, we will explore well-known Thanksgiving hymns and their meanings. Printed copies are available in the literature rack near the church's main office.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday November 17, 8:30am, Johnston Hall

The Men's Group will gather for bagels coffee and fellowship. Please bring a story to share along the theme of lessons learned the hard way. All menfolk are welcome to join the conversation. RSVP to Paul Bishop at papohsib@gmail.com or Andrew Elder at andrew_elder@yahoo.com.

Wreath Making for RAIHN Families

Saturday November 17, 9:00am-11:00am, Parker Room

Wreaths will be added to the Christmas Baskets that are distributed to our RAIHN families.

If you have a glue gun, please bring it! Light breakfast items will be served. RSVP by November 14 to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch: rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Monday Night Yoga

Monday November 19, 6:30pm, Johnston Hall

Join us for this free class! All levels welcome.

Trans Day of Remembrance Service

Tuesday November 20, 7:00pm

Martin Luther King Park

The More Light Committee invites you to the annual Trans Day of Remembrance Service, remembering all those impacted by violence in the trans community, including those who have been killed in the past year.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Thursday November 22 (Thanksgiving Day), 11:00am

First Baptist Church in Brighton

Join us for one of the oldest continuous services in the nation. All are welcome.

Shop 'til You Drop for RAIHN

Tuesday November 27, 5:00pm-9:00pm

Pittsford Plaza

A percentage of what you spend at Benucci's Italian Ristorante (make sure to mention RAIHN, reservations are suggested: 264-1300) and One World Goods (starting at 6:00pm) will go to benefit RAIHN.

Questions? Call RAIHN at: 506-9050.

Calvin Guild

Wednesday November 28, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

Our guest will be Julie Clayton who is joining us from the Burroughs Audubon Nature Club - the oldest nature club in Rochester. Julie will answer questions about the club and lead the group in participatory visual and musical offering. Please RSVP by Friday November 23 to Dot Wallace at dpiercewallace@gmail.com or 223-8502. Cost for lunch is \$8.

I Was Lost But Now Am Found!

Are you missing your coffee mugs and water bottles? Chances are you left them at church. They will be on display at Coffee Hour on Sunday along with the containers and platters you may have left in the kitchen area. Please come claim them before they are donated to a good cause.

Save the Date - Intergenerational Mission Trip

February 17-23, 2019

This trip to south Texas will take place during February break, and the mission is to assist our neighbors whose lives were upended by Hurricane Harvey. It is being jointly sponsored by the Outreach and Youth Committees. Specific details will be coming soon. For more information, contact Lynette Sparks at lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537 ext. 106.

Volunteers Needed at the South Wedge Food Program

ROC SALT Center

Weekly opportunity: "Picker-Upper." This volunteer is available Tuesday or Thursday mornings to pick up bread and meat from the FoodLink warehouse at 1999 Mt. Read Blvd. Must have a vehicle (the bigger the better) and be able to help another volunteer load bread and meat at the warehouse and drive it back to the Center. Time Commitment: Two hours once a week on a Tuesday or Thursday morning.

One-time opportunities:

- Christmas basket giveaway on Tuesday, December 11: Preparation 9:00am-12:00pm; Giveaway 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Sorting food contributions from Episcopal Home collection on Thursday, December 13, 9:30am-12:00pm

To volunteer, contact Katie Jo Suddaby at southwedgefoodrochester@gmail.com.

Outreach Featured Story

Click [here](#) to read our latest story, "[Arts and Enrichment](#)"

Tutors Needed

It's not too late to become a tutor! We are still looking for a few more tutors to fill substitution spots and to work with those approaching middle school in fifth and sixth grades at School #35. If you are interested, contact School #35 Tutoring Coordinator Melanie Jones at mjones@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Christmas Basket Sign-Ups

It's that time of year again - Christmas Basket sign-ups! Please come by the Christmas Basket table each Sunday in November to sign-up to purchase, pack, and deliver a Christmas Basket for local families from schools #3 and #35 and RAIHN graduates. Monetary donations can also be made to purchase gift cards that accompany each basket. We also will be collecting girls' and boys' undies, socks, and tights, and all sizes mittens and hats for the children from both schools and RAIHN. For more information, please feel free to contact Meg Bishop at margo2587@aol.com or 864-423-7069.

Volunteer for Our Latest Habitat Build

Volunteers are welcome for the current Flower City Habitat for Humanity house building at 179 Whitney St. Third Church is a member of the Harvest Home Coalition which is sponsoring this construction. The work is suited to the volunteer's skills, so any one (over the age of 16) can participate. Volunteer slots can be for 3 hours or for all day, Tuesdays through Saturdays. Sign up is easy on line at this link: [Thrivent & Harvest Home Faith Build Volunteer Campaign for Flower City Habitat for Humanity](#).

Just click the green "Volunteer" button and pick a day and time slot. Better yet, sign up with a "buddy" from Third Church. You will be working with Habitat construction staff and members of other congregations. Questions? Contact Tom Gillett at tdgillett@frontiernet.net.

Food Cupboard Needs Your Support Once Again!

Thank you to everyone who faithfully brought jars of peanut butter for our Food Cupboard. Our shelves are well stocked again. We would appreciate your continuing help with **BOXES OF CEREAL**.

Name Tags

If you would like to order a name tag, please contact the church office. We will place orders several times a year.

Where are the Windows?

You may notice two stained glass windows are missing from the sanctuary. Fear not! They have been removed temporarily for repair and restoration and will be returning soon. Contributions to the James P. Chisholm Stained Glass Fund are supporting this endeavor. We take seriously our responsibility to preserve the beauty of our historic building, and look forward to enjoying the windows again when they are reinstalled.

Help Us Build Community on Social Media

Calling all Facebook friends! If you haven't yet, please like and follow the Third Presbyterian Church Facebook page and also join the Third Church Community Facebook group. Because Facebook is such a powerful tool for ministry in the digital age, we are launching a more intentional presence on the platform to reach more people. Now you have more opportunities to engage, reflect, and share than ever before. Updates to Third Church's Twitter and Instagram feeds will be next. Join us online!

Find Us on Twitter  and Instagram 

In addition to Facebook, Third Church is also on Twitter and Instagram at handle @ThirdChurchROC. Join the conversation!

Third Church Has Mobile and Online Giving

Donating to Third Church is easy and convenient on our website or your mobile device.

Visit bit.ly/givetothirdchurch to give online.

On your mobile device, download the Give+ app, search for Third Presbyterian Church, and follow the instructions to make one-time or recurring gifts toward your pledge or special funds.

Presbytery of Genesee Valley Newsletter

Click [here](#) to view the **November 2018** newsletter from the Presbytery of Genesee Valley.

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