



Seeking the Light

Matthew 3:13-17

He takes the light that dances on the flowing surface of the water.
He takes the dancing water that is filled with the flowing light.
He has waded into the river that is umbilical with life.
He is waist deep in the life that flows umbilical through the river.

He stands with the man whose words are pitchers of grace and light.
Stands with the man whose grace is like life, like a flowing river.
He fills his pitcher with the water, with the light, with the flow of life.
He pours it over the man waist deep with him in the water.

Grace descends, glittering, like wings unfurling in the air.
The air shimmers, it dances with sound, sounds of the river
flowing, the water pouring, the men breathing, the light glittering,
grace flooding, the wings beating, words surfacing: God's son.

He hears, he sees, soaked in the sound and the light and the water.
He rejoices in the gift of it, he rejoices in the grace, in the one
who is standing there with him in the water.
For he knows that all of it is goodness. That all is a new beginning.
That all of it is part of God's river.

Andrew King

Poem for the Sunday Lectionary (The Baptism of Jesus)

**The Worship of God
Baptism of the Lord**

January 12, 2014

8:30a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

WELCOME TO THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence this morning. Third Church strives to be a faithful, open and inclusive congregation. We are a diverse people united by a common faith in Jesus Christ and by meaningful worship and service. We invite all who are seeking to live a life of Christian faith and discipleship to join us. If you are new to Third Church, the following information may be helpful.

Parking on Sunday mornings. Parking is available in the Meigs Street parking lot. On Sundays, the Arnold Park parking lot is available for handicap parking only. Street parking is possible on both sides of East Avenue. Additional parking can be found at (all on East Avenue):

- Jewish Community Federation (Sibley Place)
- Seneca Waterways Council of the Boy Scouts
- American Association of University Women
- Rochester Area Community Foundation
- Century Club

In the event of a medical emergency, please notify an usher or staff member. An AED and first aid supplies are located in the hallway between the sanctuary and elevator.

Hearing Assistance. The Chapel and Sanctuary are equipped with induction loop systems. Use the "T-switch" of your hearing aid. If you have difficulty hearing during the worship service, please speak with an usher immediately.

An Elevator is located at the Parish House-Education Building junction to assist in accessibility to all floors/areas of the church.

Large Print Bulletins and Bibles are available from the ushers. Hymnals and Bibles are located under the first row pews.

Children and Worship Children's worship bulletins, Bibles and activity bags are available from the ushers.

Church School is available for children, preschool through sixth grade during the 10:45am worship service.

Child Care is available in the Education Building for infants and toddlers to age three.

Coffee Hour follows the 10:45am worship service. All are invited to this time of fellowship in the Celebration Center.

Pastoral Care needs and prayer requests may be communicated to Martha Langford.

More About Membership. If you are interested in joining Third Church, or just want to know more, contact Lynette Sparks.

A WORD ABOUT THIS CHURCH

THIRD CHURCH participates in the Presbyterian Church (USA) Commitment to Peacemaking. Our intention is to pursue avenues of peace and justice for ourselves, our families and communities, for all people in the world in which we live. We seek to be agents of reconciliation.

THIRD CHURCH has joined with other Presbyterian congregations in declaring ourselves to be a "More Light" church. We are committed to the full participation of all persons in our church community without regard for sexual orientation, personal background or human condition.



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THIRD CHURCH STAFF

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Preparation for Worship

We come to worship from a busy and noisy world. As we prepare to offer ourselves in praise and adoration of God, it is important that we step back from our preoccupations and focus our thoughts on God. We ask that you please turn off all cell phones and pagers. As the music begins this morning, please take time to become more aware of the continuing presence of God.

PRELUDE "Aria"

Flor Peeters

CHORAL INTROIT "Yesu Azali Awa"
(10:45) *(Jesus Christ Is With Us)*

Congolese Folk Hymn
Junior Choir

Yesu azali awa; nabiso
Alleluia, na Yesu

Jesus Christ is with us; he is here.
Hallelujah, he is here.

* DOXOLOGY

(PLEASE STAND AS THE ORGAN INTRODUCTION BEGINS)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* CALL to WORSHIP

from Psalm 29

LEADER: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

PEOPLE: **Worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

LEADER: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

PEOPLE: **The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

LEADER: May the Lord give strength to his people.

PEOPLE: **May the Lord bless his people with peace.**

* HYMN 489

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

UNSER HERRSCHER

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and unlock the shuttered doors of our hearts. Remind us that at our baptism you touch us with the waters of life, promise to be with us always, and call us your beloved. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - - - cy up - on us.
 Christ, have mer - - - cy up - on us.
 Lord, have mer - - - cy up - on us.

Peter DuBois, 2004

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER:

Friends, believe the good news.

PEOPLE:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* RESPONSE:

organ intro
 Glo-ry be to God: Cre - a - tor, Christ, and
 Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
 shall be: World with - out end. A - men! A - men!

Peter DuBois, 2007

CHILDREN'S
MESSAGE

(10:45)

(Children, age 3 through sixth grade, may depart for church school and child care following the Children's Message. You may exit through the doors to the left of the pulpit to get to the Education Building.)

DISMISSAL
of CHILDREN

(10:45)

(sung twice: once in unison, once as a canon, beginning with the pulpit side)

I. II. TALLIS' CANON
 Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through
 this and ev - ery com - ing day, That in Your Spir - it
 strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.

text: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1986
 music: Thomas Tallis, adapt. Parker's *Whole Psalter*, c.1561

WORDS of WELCOME

(We ask that you sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to the person next to you in the pew. Please greet those worshipping with you at the close of the service.)

OLD TESTAMENT

LESSON Isaiah 42:1-9

(Pew Bible, OT, page 670)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

(8:30)

J.S. Bach

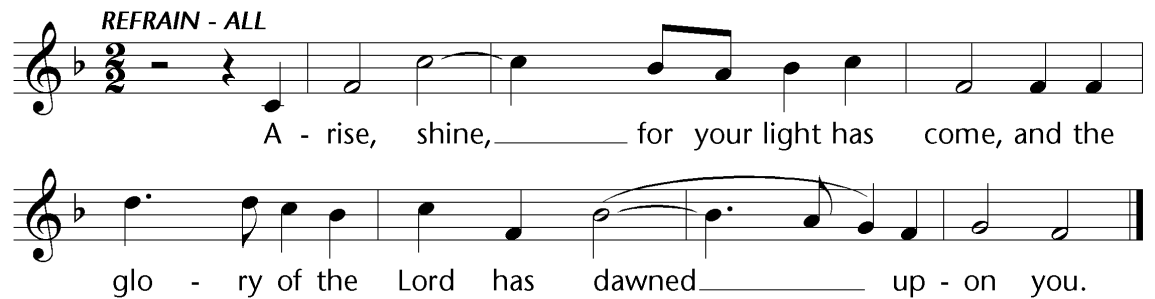
Paige Kiefner, *soprano*

ANTHEM "Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come" Martin How

(10:45)

The congregation is invited to join in the refrain as indicated.

REFRAIN - ALL



A - rise, shine, _____ for your light has come, and the
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned _____ up - on you.

Choir: For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you.

ALL REPEAT THE REFRAIN

Choir: Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning. Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut.

ALL REPEAT THE REFRAIN

Choir: They will call you, The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

ALL REPEAT THE REFRAIN

Choir: Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders. You will call your walls, Salvation, and all your portals, Praise. The sun will no more be your light by day; by night you will not need the brightness of the moon. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

ALL REPEAT THE REFRAIN

Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

ALL REPEAT THE REFRAIN

text: Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

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GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 3:13-17 *(Pew Bible, NT, page 3)*
LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Going Public" Lynette K. Sparks

* HYMN 494 "Out of Deep, Unordered Water" RUSTINGTON

* AFFIRMATION
of FAITH from Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Prayer request cards can be found in the pew racks)*
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION
of OFFERINGS

SOLO "Give Me Jesus" arr. Moses Hogan
(8:30)

ANTHEM
(10:45)

“Jesus Christ the Apple Tree”

Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit and always green: The trees of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, Here I will sit and rest awhile: Under the shadow I will be, Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive; Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

- Joshua Smith, New Hampshire, 1784

* RESPONSE

Faith - ful Lord of all things liv-ing, by whose boun-ty all are blest;
bread to hun gry bo-dies giv-ing, jus-tice to the long-op-pressed.
For the strength of our sal - va-tion, light and life and length of days,
praise the God of all cre-a-tion, set your souls to sing God's praise!

Text: from the hymn "Praise the God of Our Salvation" by Timothy Dudley-Smith
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Tune: MEIGS ST.
Music: © 2004 Peter DuBois

- LEADER: The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**
LEADER: Lift up your hearts.
PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord.**
LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
PEOPLE: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
ALL: **Saving God, you have gathered us into one baptism, regardless of our backgrounds and conditions. Therefore we praise you with our gifts and offerings. Join them with others to become a mighty river bringing your peace and healing to the world. Amen.**

* HYMN 353

“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here”

DAS NEUGEBOERNE KINDELEIN

*** CHARGE
and BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL
RESPONSE**

(8:30)

**God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you,
God be with you till we meet again.**

*** CHORAL
RESPONSE**

(10:45)

*** GREETING**

POSTLUDE "Toccatà in F"

Dieterich Buxtehude

Persons wishing to listen to the postlude at 10:45 are encouraged to move to the front of the sanctuary; those wishing to visit are invited to coffee hour.

*The Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Ruth H. Meinhold and Dr. Charles Meinhold from the Meinhold family.*

*The Sanctuary Memorial Prayer Candle is lit for the guests who will come
to the Dining Room Ministry this week.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Lynette K. Sparks

LITURGISTS: (8:30) John Wilkinson
(10:45) Susan Fox, John Wilkinson

ACOLYTES: Randy Carlson, Ann Wilkinson

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Christina A. Lenti

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Tom Mueller

GREETERS: Bob Eames, Maryjane Link, Jeff Morrison,
Kelly Thevenet-Morrison, Betsey Wheeler

USHERS: Elmer Dustman, Ann Haag, Hope Herting,
Gloria Pleger, Rebecca and Don Schichler,
Anne Sievers

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Parish H: Gayle Phillips, Ronna Grimes



**As of January 8 we have received 343 responses
pledging a total of \$817,355 (90%) towards a goal of
\$912,500. Thanks to all who have offered their
pledges. We will continue to receive pledges by
receiving your pledge card in the church office or by
making a confidential pledge to
cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 111.**



January 12, 2014

MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Faith Development

Sunday Seminar January 12 at 9:30am in Johnston Hall:

Islamophobia: The New Racism

In America, there is rising phobia about Islam and of people from Islamic countries. Enter into conversation with Mara Ahmed as we consider how we—as people of faith commanded to love their neighbors—respond in the face of diversity and to the specter of bigotry in ourselves and our country.

January 19:

The Persistent Problem of Racism,

William H. Wilkinson, pastor of Trinity Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Growing in the Word: Adult Bible Study

January 12 at 9:30am in the Parlor

Matthew 3:13-17, Baptism of Jesus led by Darryl Powell

January 19:

John 1:29-42, Jesus calls disciples led by Holly Powell

Thursday Voices

January 16, 12:00pm in Johnston Hall

The Ambiguity of Heroes, by Peter Gomes with Lynette Sparks

Nominating Seeks Suggestions

The Third Church Nominating Committee is hard at work discerning those who may be called to serve as Elders, Deacons or Trustees. You are encouraged to submit names to the committee, whether those of others or yourself. Names will be considered in confidentiality. Brochures are included in this morning's bulletin for your use. Thanks very much for your assistance.

Christmas in January

Saturday January 25, 1:00pm

All members of the congregation are invited to participate in a Christmas Lessons and Carols recording that the Chancel Choir and readers will be making in collaboration with WXXI. This recording will be broadcast locally on Christmas Eve 2014, and broadcast around the nation during the Christmas season! What we need is a "congregation" – as many people as possible – to join us on Saturday, January 25, from 1:00-2:30pm in the Sanctuary. Please arrive by 12:50pm. We'll sing traditional Christmas carols, and hear the readings we typically do on Christmas Eve.

Calvin Guild

Wednesday, January 15, 12noon

Join members of the Calvin Guild for lunch (\$7 per participant) and a travelogue of Istanbul and Greece presented by Maryjane Link. Please reserve your place by calling Dot Wallace at 223-8502.

Sisters in Spirit

Friday, January 17, 9:30am, Parlor

Sisters in Spirit will meet on January 17 and then again on January 31 and February 14, modified to coincide with school schedules.

A Breath of Faith

Friday, January 17, 6:00pm

Join the "Breath of Faith" group for a potluck and film. Child care is available for \$5/child, \$10/max per family. Please bring a dish to pass. This month's film is entitled "Luggage." RSVP to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at 271-6537, ext 118.

Elvis to Elton (60s/70s +/-)

Friday, January 17, 6:00pm

Come for a potluck supper and fun! The program revolves around "Your Mother's Mother's Mother." Bring a short story to share, a picture of an ancestor from three generations ago and a recipe handed down from an older relative and made as your food contribution. A-F: Dessert; G-Q: Salad; R-Z: Main Dish. Contact Sue Locke sueplocke@gmail.com or 482-5657 by Thursday, January 16.)

RAIHN Week Needs

RAIHN Week is January 19-26

- Three people to set up on Saturday, January 18 at 10:00am
- Five people to tear down on Sunday, January 26 before church
- One or two people to do laundry
- One or two shoppers

Please contact Laurie Mahoney at 747-5852 or lmahone1@rochester.rr.com.

Next Exploring Membership Dinner

Sunday, January 19, at 6:00pm in Johnston Hall

Have you found your way to Third Church and want to know more? Have you been active in the church and consider deepening your ties to this community of faith? Are you interested in becoming a member, but have questions?

Then an Exploring Membership Dinner is just for you. Our next Exploring Membership Dinner will be on Sunday, January 19 at 6:00pm. For more information or to reserve your place at the dinner, please RSVP to Lynette Sparks (271-6513, ext. 106 or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org.)

Temple B'rith Kodesh/Third Church Exchange

Friday, January 24 at B'rith Kodesh

Sunday, January 26 at Third Church

Members of the Third Church community are invited to join members of the Temple

B'rith Kodesh at 6:00pm for the Shabbat (worship) service. The Temple is located at 2131 Elmwood Avenue.

Rabbi Kotok will lead a Sunday Seminar on **Sunday, January 26** at 9:30am and will share a dialogue sermon with John Wilkinson during 10:45am worship.

Beatles to Bon Jovi

Saturday, January 25, 7:30pm

Annual Euchre Night at the home of Len and Becky Picone. Whether you are a card shark or a newbie, there's room at the table! Bring a snack or beverage to share. Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch, 271-6513, ext. 118, to RSVP.

If Music Be the Food...

Sunday, January 26, 7:30pm, Sanctuary

If Music Be the Food was created and launched in 2009 to increase awareness and support for the hungry in our community through chamber music performances of the highest caliber. This concert will feature Eastman School of Music faculty and students, including Peter DuBois. Admission to the concert is canned or non-perishable food items (*cash donations accepted.*) All contributions will be given to Foodlink.

CPR Training

Do you know CPR? Are you certified to use an AED? Would you be willing to help someone in case of a medical emergency? If you answered yes to all three questions, please contact Paul Bishop at pabishop@live.com. He will give you a brief orientation to the emergency equipment, including the AED that is available at Third Church.

HUNGER SUNDAY

Next Sunday please bring:

Canned Fruits & Vegetables (14-15 oz)

Canned Soups (Tomato, Chicken Noodle)

Food Cupboard needs your donations

EVERY SUNDAY!



The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

An Ancient Processional
Celebrating Epiphany

presented by

The Third Presbyterian Church
Chancel Choir & Instrumental
Ensemble
and cast of over 100 people
Peter DuBois, *Director of Music*

Third Presbyterian Church
East Avenue at Meigs Street
Rochester

Sunday, January 12, 2014 - 4:00 p.m.

Free-will offering received at the door

~ Doors open 45 minutes before each performance ~
Pre-Festival music – madrigals and handbells – begins
30 minutes prior to each performance

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CALENDAR FOR January 12-January 19

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
9:30 am	Youth Church School	CE/201
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30 am	Commissioning Class	CE/207
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:00 pm	Youth Committee	Whitney Room
12:15 pm	Nominating	Parker Room
4:00 pm	Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival (doors open at 3:15pm)	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Boar's Head and Yule Log Reception	CC

Monday, January 13

8:30 am	Chapel Bells	Moot Arts Room
9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
6:00 pm	Adult Spiritual Formation	Parker Room
6:45 pm	Yoga	JH

Tuesday, January 14

9:15 am	Morning Prayers	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room

Wednesday, January 15

12:00 pm	Calvin Guild	Johnston Hall
4:00 pm	Sojourn with the Psalms	Parlor
4:30 pm	Children's Musical Auditions	Moot Arts Room
5:30 pm	Qabats	CC
5:30 pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Arts Room
6:45 pm	Glorious Voices	Moot Arts Room
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, January 16

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Parker Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
1:00 pm	Book Club	Library
5:00 pm	Christmas Basket Family Story Night	CC
5:30 pm	Joint Budget	JH
7:30 pm	More Light Committee	Whitney Room

Friday, January 17

9:00 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parlor
6:00 pm	Breath of Faith	JH
6:00 pm	Elvis to Elton	CC
10:00 pm	Youth Movie Madness	<i>Off Site</i>

Saturday, January 18

10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
1:00 pm	Children's Musical Auditions	Moot Arts Room

Sunday, January 19

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
9:30 am	Youth Church School	CE/201
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30 am	Commissioning Class	CE/207
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	JH
12:00 pm	Happy Bunch Out to Lunch	<i>Off Site</i>
2:00 pm	RAIHN Guests arrive	CE
4:30 pm	Covenant Ringers	Moot Arts Room
4:30 pm	Junior High Bells	Sanctuary
5:15 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Exploring Membership Dinner	JH

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