



Seeking the Light

“The essential teachings of Jesus challenged the way the Pharisees had replaced the essential inferiority of a relationship with God and a covenant written on the heart and not in stone (Jeremiah 31:31) with external legalism and ritual observance. The church took the Gospel of those challenges by Jesus and made them into external observance once again! I would giggle at the irony if I didn’t know many whose lives were devastated by that mistake of the Church.”

Peter Woods

The Law of Love, or the Love of Law? (blog post)

**The Worship of God
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

February 16, 2014

8:30 a.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: Street parking is possible on both sides of East Avenue. On Sundays, the Arnold Park parking lot is available for handicap parking only. Other parking is available in the Meigs Street parking lot and can be found at:

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

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.

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. Large Group Church School is available for children up to first grade this morning.

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 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. Our next Exploring Membership dinner will take place March 16.

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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Find us on Facebook: "Third Presbyterian Church"

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.

* *Stand as you are able*

PRELUDE "Cantabilé"

César Franck

* 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 119

LEADER: Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the Lord's teaching.

PEOPLE: **Happy are those who keep God's precepts,
who seek the Lord with a whole heart.**

LEADER: Let our feet be firmly set in your way
to observe your statutes and commandments.

PEOPLE: **Then we shall acclaim you with honest hearts
as we learn your righteous ways.**

* HYMN 327 "O Word of God Incarnate"

MUNICH

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other
gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. Our
worship of work and devotion to consumerism
disorders our love of you and each other. Forgive us,
God, and mend what is broken, that we may be one
with you. 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.

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 first grade, may depart for large group 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

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

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

LEADER: Deuteronomy 30:15-20
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

(Pew Bible, OT page 186)

SOLO (8:30) "O Jesu, Nomen Dulce"

Heinrich Schütz
Matthew Swensen, *tenor*

ANTHEM
(10:45)

“Love Bade Me Welcome”

Roland A. Martin

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
If I lack'd anything.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
So I did sit and eat.

- *George Herbert (1593-1633)*

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:21-37

(Pew Bible, NT page 4)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Living Yes and No”

Martha Langford

* HYMN 351

“Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart”

GATESCARTH

* AFFIRMATION
of FAITH

United Church of Canada

We are not alone; we live in God’s world. We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. 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
(8:30)

"Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth"

Felix Mendelssohn

ANTHEM
(10:45)

"Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee"

Paul Halley

Jesu, the very thought of thee With sweetness fills the breast; But
sweeter far thy face to see, And in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, Nor can the memory find A
sweeter sound than Jesus' name, The saviour of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, To those who
ask how kind thou art, How good to those who seek.

But what to those who find? Ah! this Nor tongue nor pen can
show; The love of Jesus, what it is None but his loved ones know.

Jesu, our only joy be thou, As thou our prize wilt be; In thee be all
our glory now, And through eternity.

-text: Latin

Translation: Edward Caswall

* 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!

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: **Holy God, we offer you these gifts with thanks, so that together we may plant and water the seeds of your new world. May we be your faithful servants as we cultivate your love, knowing that in all we accomplish, it is you who gives the growth. Amen.**

* HYMN 277 "O God, Our Faithful God" O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT

* 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 "Festal Flourish" Gordon Jacob

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Frances O'Neil Rupp and Richard W. Rupp, parents of Susan Rupp.

*The Sanctuary Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today
for all those affected by gun violence.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Martha Langford

LITURGIST: (8:30) Amy Stratton-Smith
(10:45) Amy Stratton-Smith, Corni Labrum

ACOLYTES: Abby Merz, James Gorman

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter A. DuBois

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Tom Mueller

GREETERS: Bonnie DeHollander, Maryjane Link, Hannah,
Holly and Darryl Powell, Grant Whitney

USHERS: (8:30) Hank and Lea Theuer
(10:45) Robb and Nancy Adams, Bill and Priscilla Boller,
Otto Muller-Girard, Jr., Jeff Sprague,
Beth and Phil Tschorke

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Parish K Deacons: Janet Curry, Hope Herting



As of February 9, we have received 389 responses pledging a total of \$863,768 (95%) towards a goal of \$912,500. Thanks to all who have offered their pledges. We will continue to receive pledges by receiving your pledge in the church office or by making a confidential pledge to cfooster@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 111.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Per its bylaws, the Session of Third Presbyterian Church has called for an annual meeting of the congregation on **Sunday, March 2** following the 10:45am service of worship in the Celebration Center. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Annual reports are available in the narthexes or on the website, www.thirdpresbyterian.org. We will hear reports on 2013 activities, elect new officers and review our 2014 financial picture.

Session will offer a light lunch during the meeting.



February 16, 2014

MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Spiritual Formation Today

Sunday Seminar: Johnston Hall—9:30am
Israel: from Family to Nation to a Scattered People (continued February 23 and March 2)

with Anne Merideth, Senior Lecturer in Religion at University of Rochester

Growing in the Word: Parlor—9:30am
Deuteronomy 30:15-20, *Life and Death*
with Susan Rupp

Intercessory Prayer

10:00am in the Chapel

Spend time in silent prayer, light a candle, or request intercessory prayer with one of the Deacons. To add names to the weekly congregational prayer list, please contact Martha Langford, 271-6537, ext. 108 or mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Thursday Voices

February 20, 12:00pm in Johnston Hall
The Authority of the Bible from William Sloan Coffin's book, *The Warhorse* with Martha Langford.

Youth Revisioning

Last Spring the Session approved the Youth Revisioning Committee's request to work with an outside consultant and examine the current structure of our youth programming. We are excited to welcome YMA to Third Church February 28-March 2 to facilitate "listening

groups" with interested church members to gather input and provide the congregation with recommendations on how to build on our success.

How can you be a part of this exciting process?

Join a listening group! See the Youth Table at coffee hour today or next Sunday. These groups will meet for about an hour and will be held Friday (February 28) afternoon and evening and Saturday (March 1) morning. Space is limited.

Hear the Results from YMA! On Sunday, March 2, YMA will present their report and suggested timeline following the Congregational meeting and lunch.

Once the recommendations have been reviewed we will need congregation members to help us implement the new ideas.

Doctoral Lecture/Recital

Tuesday, February 18, 8:00pm
Christ Church, 141 East Avenue
Assistant Organist **Tom Mueller** will present his doctoral lecture-recital. All are invited to attend. The topic is "Organ Continuo Practice in Viennese Concerted Sacred Music" and will include performance of movements from Haydn's *Mass in B-flat*,

"Theresienmesse." Michael Ruling will conduct, with chorus and soloists Liz Lang, soprano; Elizabeth Fildes, mezzo-soprano; Matthew Valverde, tenor; and Samuel Krall, baritone.

Calvin Guild

Wednesday, February 18, 12:00pm

Ann Haag will describe medicine on an Indian reservation. A simple soup and sandwich lunch will be available at a cost of \$7 per participant. RSVP to Dot Wallace, 223-8502.

Baby Items Needed at Cameron

Recently Cameron Community Ministries has been seeing a very steep increase in the need for baby items, especially diapers, formula, and warm clothing. Additionally, gently used equipment for infants such as strollers or Pack-n-Plays are needed. Donations can be dropped off at the church or directly to Cameron.

Understanding Poverty in our Community

Who Is My Neighbor?

Tuesday, February 25, 7:00pm

Johnston Hall

Ed Doherty, vice president for Community Programs at the Community Foundation will share details from "Poverty and the Concentration of Poverty in the Nine-County Greater Rochester Area." The report gives details about startling statistics behind our community's ongoing struggles with significant poverty issues. A time for questions and answers will follow his talk.

Mardi Gras

Tuesday, March 4: 5:45-8:00pm

Join us for the traditional pancake supper for Mardi Gras! The evening will include Dixieland Jazz by the Meigs Street Ramblers, delicious pancakes made by our own "Arnold Park Flippers," and entertainment by the RAPA show choir. We are looking for "expert" gridders to join the Arnold Park Flippers, and/or to lend us your griddle for the evening. Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch if you can lend a hand. Tickets are available today after church through March 2.

Simple Soup Supper

March 5, 6:00pm, Johnston Hall

Join us for a simple soup supper before the Ash Wednesday service. All are welcome to join us for this free meal.

Anyone willing to make a crock pot full of soup should contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537 ext. 118.

Volunteer Tutors Needed

See your city schools at work as you work with students.

At Elementary School #3, Corn Hill area, 5th grade math tutors are needed from 3:30-4:30 one day per week, your choice. Work with students doing multiplication and division games to reinforce math facts. No algebra involved!

At Young Mothers' and Interim Health Academy, off St. Paul St., biology regents review is needed. Texts and review tests provided. Time and day is your choice.

Contact Sue Maddock at
smasue@rochester.rr.com or call 244-
0633.

Scot Symphonic Band Concert

We are pleased to host a concert by the Scot Symphonic Band and Highland Dancers from the College of Wooster in our sanctuary on ***Saturday, March 8*** at 7:30pm. ***HOUSING HELP NEEDED:*** As part of our sponsorship of this concert, we need a number of persons willing to house the students (some 95 of them!) They will be housed in pairs on that Saturday night, with breakfast in host homes on Sunday morning. If you are able to house two or more students, please contact Jenny Bay or Chris Stevens as soon as possible:
jcbay@rochester.rr.com or
stevens35@gmail.com.

HUNGER SUNDAY

Next Sunday please bring:
Canned Tuna (packed in water)
Canned Chicken

Food Cupboard needs your
donations

EVERY SUNDAY!

CALENDAR FOR February 16 – February 23

Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parker Room
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Large Group Church School	Education Building
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:15 pm	Happy Bunch Out to Lunch	<i>Off Site (Country Club Diner)</i>

Monday, February 17—Presidents' Day

Office Closed

Tuesday, February 18

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
7:00 pm	Deacons	JH

Wednesday, February 19

12:00 pm	Calvin Guild	JH
4:00 pm	Sojourn with the Psalms	Parlor
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, February 20

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Arts Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	More Light Committee	Whitney Room

Friday, February 21

Saturday, February 22

10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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Sunday, February 23

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Room
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parker Room
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Nominating Committee	Parker Room
12:15 pm	Meigs Street Ramblers	Moot Arts Room
4:30 pm	Junior High Bells	Sanctuary
4:30 pm	Covenant Ringers	Moot Arts Room
5:15 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner and Fellowship	JH

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