



Seeking the Light

“Much of the exasperation with what people term ‘organized religion’ comes from the fact that the Christian church has often given so much weight to doctrinal accuracy that the life-giving potential of worship, and faith itself, gets lost in the shuffle, made all but inaccessible to the skeptical multitudes.”

Kathleen Norris
Amazing Grace

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

February 23, 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. Church School is available for children up to sixth grade.

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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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 "Pastorale"

David Conte

* 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.

CHORAL INTROIT

"Seek Ye First"

Karen Lafferty

(10:45)

Junior Choir

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

* CALL to WORSHIP

from Psalm 119

LEADER: With my whole heart I seek you;
I treasure your word in my heart.

PEOPLE: **Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes.**

LEADER: Deal bountifully with your servant,
so that I may live and observe your word.

PEOPLE: **Open my eyes, so that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.**

* HYMN 220

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O Merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. 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

BELL ANTHEM

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Cathy Moglebust
 Third Church Ringers

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)

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.)

FOCUS on MISSION

UPT Education
Beth Laidlaw

OLD TESTAMENT

LESSON

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

(Pew Bible, OT page 106)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“I Will Arise and Go to Jesus”

Cary Ratcliff

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore, Jesus, son of God will save you, full of pity, love and power. I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms; in the arms of my dear savior; Oh, there are ten thousand charms. Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if ye tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

- Joseph Hart, 1759

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:38-48

(Pew Bible, NT page 5)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Religion and Rules”

John Wilkinson

*** HYMN 374**

“Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace” DICKINSON COLLEGE

*** 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**

ANTHEM "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy" Maurice Bevan

There's a wideness in God's mercy Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice Which is more than liberty. There is
no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in heav'n;
There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgement
giv'n.

For the love of God is broader Than the measure of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind. But we make
his love too narrow By false limits of our own; And we magnify his
strictness With a zeal he will not own.

There is plenteous redemption In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the Head. There is
grace enough for thousands Of new worlds as great as this; There is
room for fresh creations In that upper home of bliss. If our love
were but more simple, We should take him at his word; And our
lives would be all gladness In the joy of Christ our Lord.

- *Frederick William Faber, 1854*

* 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: **Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 421 "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

WAREHAM

* 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

(8:30) "Scherzetto"
(10:45) "Fugue in D"

Percy Whitlock

J.S. Bach

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Elizabeth Young DeBruyne.*

*The Sanctuary Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today
for all those who live with dementia and for those who care for them.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson

LITURGIST: (8:30) Martha Langford
(10:45) Martha Langford, Christie Lutzer

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Christina A. Lenti

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Tom Mueller

GREETERS: (8:30) Cynthia Capps, Camille Clayton, Connie Schultz,
Bernie Todd Smith, Dot Wallace

USHERS: (8:30) Janet Jones-Brower
(10:45) Sue Danielson, Miriam Gale, Tom Gillett,
Ann McMican, Jack Mould, Janet Stewart,
David Tennant, Paul Zeh

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Parish F Deacons: Sue Lednar, Rich Colaluca



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 cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6513, 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 next **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 Chapel and Sanctuary narthexes or may be found 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 23, 2014

MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Spiritual Formation Today

Sunday Seminar: Johnston Hall—9:30am
Israel: from Family to Nation to a Scattered People (series concludes March 2) with Anne Merideth, Senior Lecturer in Religion at University of Rochester

Growing in the Word: Parlor—9:30am
Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18, *Living as holy people* with Paul Gongloff

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, 271-6513, ext. 108 or mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Thursday Voices

February 27, 12:00pm in Johnston Hall
The Dangers of Self-Righteousness from William Sloan Coffin's book, *The Heart is a Little to the Left* with Charles Stratton.

Youth Revisioning

Come help us improve on greatness! Third Church has a strong Youth Program that serves 7-12th graders and their families.

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. 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.

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 271-6513 ext. 118.

DRM Volunteer Opportunities

Our Dining Room Ministry teams have some spaces available and would love to add to their numbers. Each team works one Saturday morning every ten weeks from approximately 10:00 to 1:00. We welcome children to join their parents on our teams as well. If this would fit into your schedule, please see Nancy or

Robb Adams or email us at nancycadams@hotmail.com. Thank you for giving this opportunity of serving our hungry neighbors your consideration.

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:

Peanut Butter (18 oz)

Jelly or Jam (18 oz)

Food Cupboard needs your donations

EVERY SUNDAY!

CALENDAR FOR February 23 – March 2

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	Church School	Education Building
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
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

Monday, February 24

8:30 am	Chapel Bells	Moot Arts Room
9:00 am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:30 pm	Worship, Music & Arts	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Membership & Evangelism	Whitney Room
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
6:45 pm	Yoga	JH
7:00 pm	Youth Committee	CE/Youth Lounge

Tuesday, February 25

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

Wednesday, February 26

4:00 pm	Sojourn with the Psalms	Parlor
5:00 pm	Children's Musical Speaking Parts	
5:30 pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Qabats	CC
6:45 pm	Glorious Voices	
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, February 27

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Arts Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
2:00 pm	Book Club	Library
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Sanctuary

Friday, February 28

1:00 pm YMA Listening Group JH

Saturday, March 1

8:00 am YMA Listening Group JH
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry CC

Sunday, March 2

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	Annual Meeting/Lunch	CC
1:00 pm	Meigs Street Ramblers	Moot Arts Room
2:00 pm	YMA Listening Group	JH
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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