



Seeking the Light

It is as strange a scene as there is in the Gospels. Even without the voice from the cloud to explain it, they had no doubt what they were witnessing. It was Jesus of Nazareth all right, the man they'd tramped many a dusty mile with, whose mother and brothers they knew, the one they'd seen as hungry, tired, and footsore as the rest of them. But it was also the Messiah, the Christ, in his glory. It was the holiness of the man shining through his humanness, his face so afire with it they were almost blinded.

Frederick Buechner
"Whistling in the Dark"

**The Worship of God
Transfiguration Sunday**

March 2, 2014

8:30 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 "Concerto I in G Major"
(Allegro) – Grave

J.S. Bach
(after Johann Ernst)

* 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 99

LEADER: Let us praise God's great and awesome name.

PEOPLE: **God has established equity
and declared justice and righteousness.**

LEADER: Let us extol the Lord our God,
and worship at God's holy mountain.

PEOPLE: **For the Lord our God is holy,
and greatly to be praised.**

* HYMN 75 "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

DEO GRACIAS

PRAYER of CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait.

Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Peter 1:16-21 *(Pew Bible, NT page 236)*

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "Hear My Prayer, O Lord"

Antonín Dvořák
Keely Futterer, *soprano*

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 17:1-9 *(Pew Bible, NT page 18)*

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "What Do We See When We See Jesus?" John Wilkinson

* AFFIRMATION
of FAITH

Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

PRESENTATION of OFFERINGS

SOLO "Laudate Dominum"

.W.A. Mozart

(translation) Praise the LORD, all you nations! Extol God, all you peoples! For great is God's steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD.

- Psalm 117

* 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

THE SACRAMENT of THE LORD'S SUPPER

* INVITATION
TO THE LORD'S TABLE

* GREAT PRAYER
OF THANKSGIVING

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.**
LEADER: It is indeed right to give you thanks and praise...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name...

* SANCTUS

Richard Proulx

(organ intro)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er and might, heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Blest is the One who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SHARING THE BREAD

(Gluten-free bread is provided this morning for the Lord's Supper. Each bread tray contains pieces of gluten-free bread individually packaged in small plastic bags. Please hold the elements until all have been served.)

*As you pass the elements, you are invited to say:
 The body of Christ for you.
 The blood of Christ for you.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek you with a sincere heart you reveal the beauty of your face. You feed us at Christ's table and strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross. Open our hearts to its transfiguring power; that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk the path of discipleship as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN 423

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

DUKE STREET

* CHARGE
and BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL
RESPONSE

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.

* GREETING

POSTLUDE "Concerto I in G Major"
Allegro

J.S. Bach
(after Johann Ernst)

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Mary Lundberg, my wife of 30 years, by Paul McArthur.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson

LITURGISTS: Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter A. DuBois

USHERS: Bill and Linda Adams



As of February 25, we have received 391 responses pledging a total of \$866,268 (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 271-6537, 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 today in the Celebration Center following the 10:45am service of worship. 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.

Daylight Savings Time Begins Next Week

Set your clocks ahead one hour before retiring next Saturday, March 8.



March 2, 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 today) with Anne Merideth, Senior Lecturer in Religion at the University of Rochester

Growing in the Word: Parlor—9:30am
Matthew 17:1-9, with Holly Powell

Next week:

Growing in the Word will join the Sunday Seminar for *Meeting Jesus in His Parables Again for the First Time*, a four-week series with Jim Stewart.

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.

In Time for Lent in Our Library

We now have in our Church Library, FEASTING ON THE WORD...THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY, volume 2: LENT THROUGH EASTERTIDE. For each of the four biblical texts assigned for this period there are four different essays by writers from a wide variety of disciplines and religious traditions, and who teach in colleges and seminaries and lead congregations. The four volumes in this series are the generous gift of Jim Stewart.

Youth Revisioning Report

Hear the Results from YMA today at 2:00pm!
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.

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, ROC City Singers. We are looking for "expert" griddlers 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. Today is the last day to purchase tickets and they may be purchased prior to the Annual Meeting.

Simple Soup Supper and Ash Wednesday Worship

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.

Our Ash Wednesday service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes will take place in the Chapel at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

Thursday Voices

March 6, 12:00pm in Johnston Hall

During Lent we will explore the Lenten themes in select sermons. *A Friend of the Devil* by Samuel G. Candler with Lynette Sparks is the sermon for March 6.

Scot Symphonic Band Concert

Saturday, March 8, 7:30pm

The sights and sounds of Scotland will descend upon Third Church when the College of Wooster's Scot Symphonic Band performs in concert on Saturday, March 8 at 7:30pm in the Third Church Sanctuary. Directed by Thomas Roblee and assisted by Ned Brooks, the band has entertained audiences nationwide during its annual spring tour, which began in 1976. The ensemble's distinctive uniforms consist of kilts with hand-sewn pleats made from the college's MacLeod Tartan plaid, representing its Scottish Presbyterian heritage. Each Scot Band concert includes the traditional music of Scotland featuring bagpipers, drummers, and Highland dancers. The concert is free—donations will be received to support the band's expenses.

"That's A Family"

Sunday, March 9, 12:15pm

How do we define "family" in our lives... our culture...our church? Within our larger Third Church community we have lots of configurations to celebrate!

Please join the Children's, Youth, and More Light Committees as we host an intergenerational lunch and discussion centered around viewing the 30-minute film, "That's a Family." In this film, children from a variety of different family configurations will introduce viewers to their own unique families. Although designed with school-age children in mind, you will find it relates to all ages. Following the film, there will be activities and discussion time for both children and parents. We will finish no later than 2:00pm.

So that we can plan for food, please RSVP to Becky or Jane or by visiting the Youth Weebly webpage no later than March 5. Be sure to check out the special display on families in the Children's Library this month!

Monday Evening Prayer

March 10, Chapel, 7:00pm

A Service of Healing and Wholeness with the "Laying on of Hands"

During the season of Lent, come for a time of healing and renewal in the candlelit beauty of the Chapel. The liturgy will be led by Martha Langford, with music by Daniel Fischer, cantor, Susie Kieren, oboe, and Sandy Gianniny, harp. Candle lighters are Janet Curry and Betty Iwan.

Exploring Membership

Sunday, March 16, 6:00pm

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. Come to Johnston Hall and meet members, staff, and other newcomers. Share your story and hear about the journeys that brought others here. Explore ways to connect with others and to put your faith in action. Our next Exploring Membership Dinner will be on Sunday, March 16 at 6:00pm in Johnston Hall. For more information or to reserve your place at the dinner, please RSVP to Lynette Sparks (271-6513, ext. 106 or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org.)

Lenten Retreat—April 5

"My Bright Abyss: Meditation of a Modern Believer" by Christian Wiman

In this interactive morning, John Wilkinson will lead us in an exploration of Christian Wiman's best-selling and well-reviewed book "My Bright Abyss," which asks many of the

questions that contemporary people of faith are asking. You can find many positive reviews on the internet; Kathleen Norris calls it a "daring and urgent book."

All Third Church-ers are encouraged to read the book, whether you can be present on April 5 or not. The book is now available in hardcover and paperback; one way to order it is through Amazon.com via the Third Church website.

A brief essay called "Love Bade Me Welcome" was a precursor to the book. You can read it by logging into: <http://www.onbeing.org/program/remembering-god/feature/love-bade-me-welcome-gazing-abyss/4662>. Printed copies of the essay are available at the church office.

There is no cost for the morning. For planning purposes, please register by contacting the church office.

Contact John Wilkinson if you have any questions or comments about the book or the Lenten gathering. We hope you can join us on April 5.

Dining Room Ministry 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 10:00am to 1:00pm. 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.

Sunday Celebration at Cameron

On March 9, we're looking for volunteers to help prepare the meal, help serve or provide cupcakes. Contact Lorenda Gauronski, (703-5887 or LorendaGauronski@yahoo.com) for questions or if you are able to volunteer.

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.

Souper Bowl of Caring Update

Third Church is indeed generous! This year we collected \$2407 for the Souper Bowl of Caring! Thank you!

RAIHN Request

RAIHN -- in winter

We've just finished an inspiring rotation with ten RAIHN guests taking refuge from the brutal cold in our snug Christian Education building. We found, however, that we need more blankets. Each guest was provided two blankets to start, but that wasn't enough. The floors are cold and the windows are drafty. We needed more blankets than we have in our supplies. So, as you move toward spring, please remember our RAIHN guests and bring any spare, washable, twin-size blankets you have to the church office with a note that they're for RAIHN at Third Church. If you'd like a receipt for tax purposes, please include your name with your donation. And thanks....

HUNGER SUNDAY

Next Sunday please bring:

Spaghetti

Pasta Sauce (26 oz cans)

Food Cupboard needs your donations
EVERY SUNDAY!

CALENDAR FOR March 2 – March 9

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
9:30 am	Commissioning Class	CE/Youth Lounge
9:30 am	Youth Church School	CE/Room 201
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	Education Building
12:00 pm	Annual Meeting/Luncheon	CC
1:15 pm	Meigs Street Ramblers	Moot Arts Room
2:00 pm	YMA Congregational Report	Johnston Hall
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 Fellowship/Dinner	Choir Room

Monday, March 3

9:00 am	Food Cupboard	CC
2:00 pm	Library Committee	Library
5:00 pm	Shawl Knitting Ministry	Parlor
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
6:45 pm	Yoga	JH
7:30 pm	Born This Way!	Parlor

Friday, March 7

1:00 pm	Food Cupboard	Parker Room
9:30 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parlor

Saturday, March 8

10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
7:30 pm	Scot Symphonic Band Concert	Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 4

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
5:45 pm	Mardi Gras	CC
7:30 pm	UPT Anti-Gun Violence	Parker Room

Sunday, March 9 *Daylight Savings Time Begins*

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
9:30 am	Commissioning Class	CE/207
9:30 am	Youth Church School	CE/201
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:15 pm	Parent to Parent: That's A Family	JH
4:30 pm	Cameron Sunday Celebration	Off Site
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

Wednesday, March 5-Ash Wednesday

4:00 pm	Sojourn with the Psalms	Parlor
5:30 pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Simple Soup Supper	JH
7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship	Chapel
7:45 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, March 6

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Arts Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
6:15 pm	Boy Scout District Meeting	CC
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Whitney Room

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