



Seeking the Light

At our best, Christians have always been just as comfortable living, learning and sharing the Gospel in the market of ideas as in the ministry of the church, in bars and board rooms as well as in basilicas, in university lecture halls as easily as in church fellowship halls. In an outward, centrifugal movement modeled after Paul at the Areopagus, believers have welcomed the opportunity to meet real people where they really live, work, and think, in order to gain a hearing for their “strange ideas” about repentance, rebirth, and the resurrection.

Dan Clendenin

The Areopagus Then and Now

**The Worship of God
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

May 25, 2014

8:30 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
- Strathallan Hotel
- 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 clipboards are available from the ushers.

Large Group Church School is available today for children up to first 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 concerns 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. The next Exploring Membership Dinner takes place June 8.

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 "Toccata Undecima" George Muffat

* DOXOLOGY *PLEASE STAND AS THE ORGAN INTRODUCTION BEGINS* OLD HUNDRETH

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 66

LEADER: Bless your God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.

PEOPLE: **God holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

LEADER: Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

PEOPLE: **Blessed be God, who rejects not our prayer,
who does not withhold steadfast love from us.**

* HYMN 476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" LYONS

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon 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

SACRAMENT
of BAPTISM

(8:30)

PRESENTATION
THE ACT OF BAPTIZING
WELCOME

William McCullough Warren

ELDER:

William is now received into the holy catholic church. Through baptism God has made him a member of the household of faith, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. We, the members of this congregation, have promised to nurture and to love him, and to assist him to be a faithful disciple.

PEOPLE:

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you and to help you to know and follow Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(10:45)

(Children, 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

(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.*

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:15-21 *(Pew Bible, NT page 109)*
LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
arr. Margaret Bonds
Paige Kiefner, *soprano*
(8:30)

ANTHEM "Make a Joyful Noise"
Hal Hopson
(10:45)

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Make a joyful noise all ye people. Let the heavens be glad, and let the nations rejoice. The Lord is a mighty God forever. Holy, Holy, Holy. The heavens and the earth are full of God's glory. Holy, Holy, Holy. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Make a joyful noise, all ye people. Sing shouts of joy and praise forever. The Lord is gracious. God's mercy endureth forever. Bless God's name forever.

- adapted from the Psalms

**NEW TESTAMENT
LESSON** Acts 17:22-31 *(Pew Bible, NT page 137)*
LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Proclaiming the Unknown God" Martha Langford

* **HYMN 268** "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" HOLY MANNA

*** AFFIRMATION
of FAITH**

The Study of Catechism Q7, 31, 54

- LEADER: What do you believe when you confess your faith in “God the Father Almighty?”
- PEOPLE: **That God is a God of love, and that God’s love is powerful beyond measure.**
- LEADER: What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as “our Lord?”
- PEOPLE: **That having been raised from the dead he reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over those who confess him by faith; and that by loving and serving him above all else, we give glory and honor to God.**
- LEADER: What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?
- PEOPLE: **That apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ’s service.**

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE
and THE LORD’S PRAYER**

(Prayer Request cards are available in pew pockets and can be placed in the offering plate.)

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)

“God Shall Wipe Away All Tears”

Roy Peery

ANTHEM
(10:45)

“Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord”

David J. Evans
arr. Indria Hughes

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here, Come bow before him now with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground, Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around, He burns with holy fire; with splendor he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light, Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place, He comes to cleanse and hear, to minister his grace, No work too hard for him: in faith receive from him, Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. Amen.

* 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: **We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

* 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 Prelude on "HYFRYDOL"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Molly and Bob Ross by their family.*

*The Sanctuary Memorial Candle is lit on this Memorial Day Weekend in memory of all who
have died in service to our country.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Martha Langford

LITURGISTS: (8:30) Lynette Sparks
(10:45) Lynette Sparks, Christie Lutzer

ELDER ASSISTING AT BAPTISM: Chris Bensch

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter A. DuBois

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Tom Mueller

GREETERS: Cynthia Capps, Camille Clayton, Connie Schultz,
Bernie Todd Smith, Dot Wallace

USHERS: Sue Danielson, Miriam Gale, Tom Gillett, Ann McMican,
Jack Mould, Janet Stewart, David Tennant, Paul Zeh

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Worship, Music and Arts Committee



May 25, 2014

MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Today's Baptism

We celebrate the baptism at 8:30 this morning of **William McCullough Warren**, son of Rudy and Margaret Warren (*D East Central Parish*).

Adult Spiritual Formation

Sunday Seminar today: Contemporary Understanding of Marriage: Personal Reflections Volunteers will be invited to share their personal stories of marriage, unions and family. Participants will be asked to reflect on how these stories inform our own perspectives on "Marriage Equality."

June 1: The Justice of the "Good War" Join Robert Westbrook, the Joseph F. Cunningham Professor of History at the University of Rochester, as he shares his scholarship on the struggle of Americans with the ethical demands of the war. His work focuses on World War II; yet the ethical issues find resonance in our morning papers as our nations engage in warfare and conflict in the modern day.

Growing in the Word today: John 14:15-21: Promised Spirit of Truth—led by Jim Stewart

June 1: Acts 1:6-14: Where's Jesus?—led by Susan Rupp

Thursday Voices

May 29: A Spiritual MRI (based on Psalm 139), led by Martha Langford.

Grocery Run Kick-off Meeting

Sunday, June 1, 9:15am

Interested in being part of the East Avenue Grocery Run Planning Team? Come to a meeting June 1 for our first meeting of the year to plan for the November 1 event. Interested but not able to attend, contact Kerrie Merz at kmerz1@rochester.rr.com.

BIG LUNCH with a Mission Next Week

Sunday, June 1 at Noon: Join us as we welcome our neighbors to a big cookout on the lawn. Come and enjoy hot dogs, ice cream with toppings, and great fellowship. We invite you to also consider contributing one of the following food items for Cameron Community Ministries: **Cereal, Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, Pasta and Pasta Sauce.** You may also make a monetary donation to Cameron.

Invitation to Prayer

Each Sunday the Chapel is open for prayer between worship services. 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 at 271-6513, ext. 108 or mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Presbytery Thank You

Thanks to the many people who helped in hosting the presbytery meeting this past Tuesday. Thanks to Jo Whang for her coordination, and all who provided hospitality by greeting and assisting with registration. Thanks to a magnificent dinner crew for serving such a wonderful meal. Thanks to the Chancel Choir for sharing your gifts in the evensong service. And thanks to the entire staff for your efforts. The experience was smooth and hospitable and we received many positive comments.

Exploring Membership Dinner

Sunday, June 8, at 6:00pm in Johnston Hall

Have you found your way to Third Church and want to know more? Are you interested in becoming a member, but have questions? For more information or to reserve your place at the dinner, please RSVP to Lynette Sparks (271-6513, ext. 106 or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org.)

Faith in Action Dinner—June 11

Help honor this year's Third Church honorees, Linc and Sue Spaulding, at the 2014 GRCC Faith in Action Dinner. This year's event is Tuesday, June 11 at the Burgundy Basin Inn, 1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford, NY. The gathering will begin at 5:30pm; a served dinner and program will be at 6:00pm. We are reserving a table for Third Church members. Tickets are \$40 each. If you would like to honor Linc and Sue with your presence at the dinner, please contact Lynette Sparks.

GA Update and Viewing Party

The election of the General Assembly moderator will happen Saturday night, June 14. The business meeting begins at 7:00pm and the election itself will begin at approximately 7:30, lasting about 90 minutes.

You can watch all the moderator action happening LIVE in Detroit from the comfort of our Celebration Center! We will have the live stream over the web projected larger than life as we watch the speeches, Q & A and election of the moderator! Bring munchies or a non-alcoholic beverage to share, and wear your Wilkinson colors! (blue and green!).

If you can't join us that evening but still would like to view the election, you can log on at www.pcusa.org.

Meals with a Meaning

We are looking for individuals to host other church members in their homes for dinner on **Saturday, October 4**. Last year we had 17 host homes and 22 hosts and hostesses who will tell you that it was a wonderful experience. If you would like to consider being a host this year or if you would like to co-host, please contact Maryjane Link through email at mjlink@earthlink.net or 738-1538.

HUNGER SUNDAY

Next Sunday please bring:
Peanut Butter and Jelly or Jam (18 oz)
Food Cupboard needs your donations
EVERY SUNDAY!

CALENDAR for May 25 – June 1

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		Parlor
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer		Chapel
10:45 am	Worship		Sanctuary
11:00 am	Large Group Church School		CE
12:15 pm	Coffee Hour		CC

Monday, May 26—Memorial Day (Office Closed)

Tuesday, May 27

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Incoming Trustees	Parker Room
7:00 pm	Trustee Meeting	CC

Wednesday, May 28

4:00 pm	Sojourn with the Psalms	Parlor
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, May 29

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
5:30 pm	Peacemaking	Off Site

Friday, May 30

9:30 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parlor
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Saturday, May 31

10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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Sunday, June 1

8:13 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:15 am	EAGR Planning	CE/Youth Lounge
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30 am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Big Lunch	Grounds
4:00 pm	Graduating Seniors Tea	Off Site

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