



Seeking the Light

“The wedding invitation has gone out. The question is not whether you can manage to fit this party into your schedule. This is the invitation that changes your schedule – and your life.”

Sally A. Brown
Feasting on the Gospels: Matthew

The Worship of God
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 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)
- 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 clipboards are available from the ushers.

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

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

Coffee Hour follows the 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 is today at 6:00pm.

Newsletter: The *Messenger* is published monthly. Copies are available at the back of the Sanctuary, in the literature racks outside Johnston Hall and online. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter, contact Cindy Mark in the Church Office (cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6513, ext. 100).

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 "Studies in Canonic Style" Robert Schumann
IV. Innig (Intimately); VI. Adagio

CHORAL INTROIT "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN
(10:45) Junior Choir

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

* 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 106

LEADER: Praise the Lord.
O give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

PEOPLE: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

LEADER: Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.

PEOPLE: **Save us, O Lord,
and gather us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name,
and glory in your praise.**

* HYMN 145 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" MARION

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect your gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

(10:45)

PRESENTATION

Vincenzo Anthony Bonacchi

THE ACT OF BAPTIZING

WELCOME

ELDER:

Vincenzo 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 this child, 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.

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

1. Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, Bap - tized
2. Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you
with the Spir - it's sign, With this wa - ter God has
are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly
sealed you Un - to love and grace di - vine.
give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.

Text: Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980
Tune: V. Earle Copes, 1959

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(10:45)

Following the children's message, children are invited to proceed to the education building for Sunday school. The nursery on the middle level of the education building is available for children to age three.

DISMISSAL of CHILDREN

(10:45)

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

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.

EPISTLE LESSON

LEADER:

PEOPLE:

Philippians 4:1-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Pew Bible, NT page 198)

SOLO

(8:30)

"The Call"

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Isaac Wenger, *baritone*

ANTHEM

(10:45)

"Cantate Domino"

Hans Leo Hassler

Cantate Domino canticum novum,
Cantate Domino omnis terra.
Et benedicite nomini ejus, annuntiate
de die in diem salutare ejus.
Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus,
in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

- Psalm 96:1-3

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:1-14

(Pew Bible, NT page 24)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Excuses, Excuses”

Lynette Sparks

* HYMN 366

(10:45)

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

ST. CATHERINE

* AFFIRMATION
of FAITH

“Belonging to God: A First Catechism
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

LEADER:

Who are you?

PEOPLE:

I am a child of God.

LEADER:

What does it mean to be a child of God?

PEOPLE:

That I belong to God, who loves me.

LEADER:

What makes you a child of God?

PEOPLE:

**Grace—God’s free gift of love that I do not deserve
and cannot earn.**

LEADER:

What do we mean when we pray to God “in heaven”?

PEOPLE:

**We mean that God draws near to us from beyond this
world, and hears our prayers.**

LEADER:

What do we ask when we pray “Your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven?”

PEOPLE:

**We ask God to fulfill God’s purpose for the whole
world. We also ask God to make us able and willing to
accept God’s will in all things, and to do our part in
bringing about God’s purpose.**

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.**

FOCUS on STEWARDSHIP

Marcia Cupery

PRESENTATION
of OFFERINGS

SOLO

(8:30)

“I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies”

Felix Mendelssohn

ANTHEM

(10:45)

“My Song Shall Be Always of the Loving-Kindness of the Lord”

Gerald Near

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord; with my mouth will I show forth thy truth. For I have said, Mercy is set up for ever; thy truth shalt thou establish in the heavens.

- from Psalm 89

* 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: **God of compassion and generous love, we give you thanks for the riches of the earth, which sustain our lives and which you have created for our joy. We thank you for Jesus, whose life, death, resurrection, and ascension renews our strength and revives our hope. We give you thanks for the Holy Spirit, who comes among us, invites us to dine with each other and with you, and keeps us in faith. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need and the work of your church. Amen.**

* HYMN 388

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ANGEL’S STORY

* 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 and Fugue in D Major" (BWV 532) J.S. Bach

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 Carolyn Merriam, by her family.

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today for all those facing surgery or recovering.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Lynette Sparks
LITURGISTS: Martha Langford, Donna Brink Fox (10:45)
ELDER ASSISTING AT BAPTISM: Ann Haag
ACOLYTES: Randy Carlson, Trevor Lucas
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Mary Ann Rutkowski
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson
GUEST CHOIR DIRECTOR: Jeanne Fisher
GREETERS: Bob Eames, Maryjane Link, Dick Moxley,
Joan Moxley, Betsey Wheeler
USHERS: Elmer Dustman, Ann Haag, Hope Herting, Gloria Pleger,
Rebecca Schichler, Don Schichler, Anne Sievers
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Worship, Music and Arts Committee

Exploring Membership Dinner

Today 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? Reserve your place for the Exploring Membership dinner by contacting Lynette Sparks (271-6513, ext. 106 or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org.)



October 12, 2014

MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

About today's Worship

Today John Wilkinson is preaching at Worthington (Ohio) Presbyterian Church, his home church, for the installation service of the congregation's new pastor.

We celebrate the baptism this morning at 10:45am of **Vincenzo Anthony Bonacchi**, born July 29, 2014, son of Ryan and Angela Johnson Bonacchi.

An Invitation to Give: Stewardship 2015

While stewardship is a year 'round conversation, the focused Third Church stewardship effort began this month, culminating with Stewardship Sunday on November 16. Our theme, "An Invitation to Give," connects with our Year of Invitation and reminds us that God invites us to share from what God has so abundantly shared with us. Over the course of the following Sundays, you will hear church members sharing their own experiences of responding to this invitation. Additionally, if you would like to attend an in-home stewardship conversation with John Wilkinson, please contact Beth Williams at the church office. Finally, members of the Stewardship Committee will be making a number of home visits to connect with a range of members for conversation. Please say "yes" if you are called.

Invitation to Prayer

Each Sunday the Chapel is open for prayer at 10:00am. 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.

Sunday Seminar 9:30am Johnston Hall

Constantine to Constance

Today:

The Forge of Christendom—1000 to 1200AD

The strange and convulsive transition at the end of the first millennium of Christianity: Second comings, Comets, Canossa, Crusades, Climactic Anomalies, and a Conquering William. Led by Roderic P. Frohman, Pastor Emeritus.

October 19

Urban Education and a Report from Raleigh

This past spring, eleven people traveled to Raleigh, North Carolina to learn about their public education successes and see what lessons might be applied to Rochester. Come learn about the trip, and more so, help us consider next directions in what we are calling the "Great Schools for All" conversation. Led by Lynette Sparks.

Growing in the Word 9:30am Parlor

Today: Philippians 4:1-9: *Steadfast Faithfulness* with Susan Rupp.

October 19

Matthew 22:15-22: *Civil Disagreement* with Paul Gongloff.

Bread for the World Letter Signing

Please join us at coffee hour today to sign letters advocating for improved delivery of food aid and nutrition of pregnant mothers and young children.

Supporting Rochester School Children

Monthly donations for UPT Children's Programs:

October—Glue Sticks

November—Gloves and Hats

Contact Beth Laidlaw (elaidlaw@monroecc.edu).

Youth Program Activities

There will be *no* rehearsals or program today in honor of the Columbus Day holiday.

Calvin Guild—October 15, 12:00pm

Our new Associate Director of Music, Mary Ann Rutkowski, is a wonderful singer and had a leading role in the last Pittsford Musicals production. She will entertain with show tunes and fun songs. A simple soup and sandwich lunch is available at a cost of \$7 per participant. RSVP to Dot Wallace at 223-8502.

Living Waters Wednesdays in the Chapel at 6:00pm



You are invited you to join us in the Third Church Chapel on Wednesday evenings for a new worship opportunity. John Wilkinson leads this Wednesday.

RAIHN Training & Volunteers

If you are looking to become RAIHN-trained ahead of our November 2nd hosting rotation — or would like a refresher—please join the next certification session on Wednesday, **October 15**, 7:00-9:00pm, at Church of the Assumption, 20 East Ave., Fairport. Please RSVP to Lou Loggi (781-4237) or Laurie Mahoney (747-5852).

Needs for the next rotation November 2-9...

- Hosting dinners and overnights, preparing hot breakfasts on the weekend, and hosting at the Day Center on Saturday or Sunday
- Working behind the scene setting up bedrooms, shopping for food and supplies, laundering linens and towels and

converting “bedrooms” back to Sunday School rooms

Please contact Lou Loggi (louis.loggi@gmail.com or 585-781-4237) or Laurie Mahoney (LMahone1@rochester.rr.com or 585-747-5852) to sign up.

Thursday Voices—October 16, 12noon, Johnston Hall

Reflecting on Caring for Creation:

Appreciating Wilderness by Susan P. Bratton led by Lynette Sparks.

EROI Organ Concert—Friday, October 24

This year’s Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative Festival delves into the fascinating world of convergent media devoted to the art of organ accompaniment to silent films. Organist Tom Trenney will accompany Ted Wilde’s 1928 comedy, *Speedy*. A pre-performance talk precedes the 8:00pm performance at 7:30pm. Tickets (\$15 regular/\$10students) are available at the door one hour prior to the performance.

Kenya Update—Info Meeting October 26

If you were unable to attend the recent informational meeting but are interested in the Kenya trip, another informational meeting will take place following worship on October 26, or you may contact Lynette Sparks.

East Avenue Grocery Run—November 1

Volunteer Opportunities!

We are in need of enthusiastic volunteers to help with the event. Please consider volunteering your time and inviting friends and family members to help out too. On race day we need volunteers at various times between the hours of 7:00am and 11:30am.

Whether you are participating in the race or not, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities before and after the 5K - so don't worry about missing out! Volunteers are needed to:

- Prepare for the race beforehand
- Help register participants before and on the day of the event
- Assist at the finish line and refreshment tables

- Lend a hand with the children's events and canned goods collection
- Serve as Third Church representatives providing directions and answering questions
- Assist with event set up and clean up

Contact Becky Picone at becky.picone@gmail.com or 473-2483 to become an East Avenue Grocery Run volunteer.

Online EAGR Store!

We are pleased to announce the addition of the EAGR Apparel on-line store featuring sportswear for women, men and children. Please browse the catalog and order at www.companycasuals.com/EAGR2. For problems or concerns, email EAGRapparel@gmail.com and someone will respond to you promptly.

Day at the Farm—Saturday, October 18

9:30am Wickham Farms, Route 250, Penfield
Come join the group at 9:30am (*one half hour before they open!*) for a morning of fun! \$4 per person, \$10/max per family will get you a hay ride and a trip through the corn maze with your Third Church friends! The Children's Ministry Committee will provide a doughnut and cider snack for all. It would be helpful to RSVP on Facebook or to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch (rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org).

Happy Bunch Out to Lunch—Sunday, October 19

The Happy Bunch will meet at NAPA Wood Fired Pizza (573 S. Clinton Avenue). All are welcome. Direct questions to [Karen Anne Bills](mailto:karenannebills@gmail.com) at karenannebills@gmail.com.

A Taste of Cameron—October 24, 6:30pm

Artisan Works, 565 Blossom Road
Help Cameron Community Ministries celebrate 30 years while you enjoy samplings from area restaurants, wineries and breweries! For further details or to purchase tickets: phone: 254-2697; email: www.CameronYouth@gmail.com. For more information and to register online, regarding Cameron Community Ministries, visit their website.

School 3 Seeks Chaperones

Elementary School #3 is looking for a few hardy chaperones to accompany kindergarteners through fifth grade classes on a trip to Genesee Country Village and Museum on Tuesday, October, 28. Volunteers will receive free admission. The trip leaves in the morning and will return at about 2:00pm. Other trip times and dates are available. Funds for this trip were partially provided by Downtown Presbyterian Church, our sister UPT church. Contact Sue Maddock for information about this great opportunity at smasue@rochester.rr.com or call 244-0633.

Cameron Seeks Volunteers

Cameron Community Ministries is looking for kitchen volunteers who can help prepare/serve meals from 9:00am-2:00pm, on a weekly basis. Help is also needed with food pick-ups from FoodLink, some area restaurants and Wegmans. A large car or pick-up truck is helpful and the times vary. If you can help, please contact Cameron Community at 254-2697 or ccmvolunteerc@gmail.com.

Do You Tweet?

If you use Twitter, we encourage you to follow @ThirdChurchRoc. We will be increasing our Twitter presence this fall, so join us!

HUNGER SUNDAY
Food Cupboard has a desperate need for Peanut Butter (18 oz.)

CALENDAR for October 12 – October 19

Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	Johnston Hall
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	Education Building
11:45 am	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center
6:00 pm	Exploring Membership Dinner	Johnston Hall

Monday, October 13—Columbus Holiday

Office Closed

Tuesday, October 14

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
12:30 pm	UPT Great Schools for All	JH
7:00 pm	Session	JH

Wednesday, October 15

11:30 am	UPT Clergy	CC
12:00 pm	Calvin Guild	JH
5:00 pm	Children's Bell Choir	Moot Arts Room
5:30 pm	Qabats	CC
5:30 pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
6:00 pm	Living Waters Wednesdays	Chapel
6:45 pm	Living Waters Reception	Gosnell Cloister
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, October 16

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

Friday, October 17

9:30 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parlor
3:00 pm	Advertising Council	JH

Saturday, October 18

10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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Sunday, October 19

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	New Member Gathering	Library
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Jr. 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
10:00 am	Special Session Meeting	Library
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	Happy Bunch Out to Lunch	<i>Off Site</i>
4:30 pm	Junior High Bells	Sanctuary
4:30 pm	Covenant Ringers Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
5:15 pm	Covenant Singers Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth Supper & Fellowship	CC/CE

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