



Seeking the Light

"Marriage is a gift God has given to all humankind for the well-being of the entire human family."

Book of Order
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Worship of God
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 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.

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 "Adagio in E Major" Frank Bridge

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

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

* 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 8

LEADER: O Lord our God,
how exalted is your name in all the world!
PEOPLE: **Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**
LEADER: You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
PEOPLE: **O Lord our God,
how exalted is your name in all the world!**

* HYMN 473 "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

God of all, we confess that we love too few and too little. We fail to glimpse your image in each and every child. We keep silent when children's needs cry out for help. O God, in your tender mercy: Open our eyes to see every child as a reflection of you. Open our hearts to cherish each child as we would love our own. Open our mouths to speak your word of justice to protect children in harm's way. These things we pray as your imperfect but precious children, in the name of Jesus. 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

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)
I. TALLIS' CANON II.
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

RECEPTION
of NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION
CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

WELCOME
(10:45)

God calls us to be a servant people and gathers us into the body of Christ. We rejoice that God has added you to our number this day and we recognize you as brothers and sisters in faith. We renew our covenant to live and work together in the spirit of Christ and so to love and support one another that we may give honor and glory to God. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to the care and ministry of this congregation.

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

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

(Pew Bible, NT page 203)

LEADER:
PEOPLE:

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SOLO
(8:30)

"Esurientes implevit bonis"
(from "Magnificat")

J.S. Bach

Melissa Zgouridi, *alto*

*Esurientes implevit bonis et divites
dimisit inanes.*

He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
- Luke 1:53

ANTHEM
(10:45)

"Sing, My Soul, God's Wondrous Love" Ned Rorem

Sing, my soul, God's wondrous love, Who, from yon bright throne above, Ever watchful o'er our race, Still to us extends His grace.

Heav'n and earth by God were made, All is by God's scepter sway'd; What are we that God should show So much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good, Bought us with the Savior's blood, And, to make our safety sure, Guides us by His spirit pure.

Sing, my soul, adore God's name; Let God's glory be thy theme: Praise God till He calls thee home, Trust God's love for all to come.

- *From the 1841 Protestant Episcopal Hymnal (USA)*

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:15-22

(Pew Bible, NT page 24)

LEADER:
PEOPLE:

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Whose Head and Whose Title"

John Wilkinson

* HYMN 532
(10:45)

"O God You Give Humanity Its Name" SURSUM CORDA

* 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 is special about human beings?

PEOPLE: **God made us, male and female, in the image of God.**

LEADER: What does it mean that we are made in God's image?

PEOPLE: **It means we are made to reflect God's goodness, wisdom and love. Amen.**

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

Linc and Sue Spaulding

PRESENTATION
of OFFERINGS

SOLO
(8:30)

"Liebt, ihr Christen, in der Tat"
(from Cantata 76)

J.S. Bach

*Liebt, ihr Christen, in der Tat!
Jesus stirbet für die Brüder,
Und sie sterben für sich wieder,
Weil er sich verbunden hat.*

Love, Christians, through your deeds! Jesus died for his brothers, and they die again for each other, since He has bound them together.

ANTHEM
(10:45)

“Thou Art the Way”

Christopher Steel
Cody Muller, *bass*

Thou art the way: by thee alone from sin and death we flee;
And he who would the Father seek must seek him, Lord, by thee.

Thou art the truth: thy word alone true wisdom can impart;
Thou only canst inform the mind and purify the heart.

Thou are the life: the rending tomb proclaims thy conquering arm;
And those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the way, the truth, the life: grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

- *Bishop G. W. Doane*

* 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: **Generous God, we are your children. Over and over your grace sustains us; over and over your love provides for us; over and over your arm steadies us. We return to you these gifts with gratitude and joy, and ask that you bless them for us by your church in service to the world and in our ministry with children everywhere. 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**

(10:30)

*** GREETING**

POSTLUDE "Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne" Dieterich Buxtehude

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 honor of all police officers and firefighters—those who keep us safe.*

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today in recognition of Children's Sabbath and all children, in particular those who face challenges to their physical and emotional well-being.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson

LITURGISTS: 8:30: Martha Langford

10:45: Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks, Ian Crowley-Perry

ACOLYTES: Erin Colaluca, Danielle Lipari

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter A. DuBois

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Mary Ann Rutkowski

GREETERS: Camille Clayton, Darryl Powell, Holly Powell,
Peg Rachfal

USHERS: Robb Adams, Nancy Adams, Bill Boller, Priscilla Boller, Otto
Muller-Girard, Jr., Jeff Sprague, Phil Tschorke, Beth Tschorke

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Membership and Evangelism Committee

MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome New Members!



Del and Jean Fix



Carrie Grinstead

About Today's Worship

This morning John Wilkinson's sermon focuses on recent Presbyterian actions on marriage. This June, the 221st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) agreed to grant ministers discretion in determining whether or not to conduct same-gender marriages in civil jurisdictions where such marriages are legal. This action is called an "authoritative interpretation." The action effectively removes the ban on Presbyterian ministers marrying same-gender couples in those jurisdictions. The

vote on the authoritative interpretation – which took effect immediately – was 371-238 or 61 percent to 39 percent.

The Assembly also approved sending out for presbytery approval a constitutional amendment to W-4.9001 of the PC(USA)'s *Book of Order* that would change the constitutional definition of marriage from "between a man and a woman" to "between two people, traditionally a man and a woman." The vote on the proposed constitutional amendment – which goes to the denomination's 172 presbyteries for ratification – was 429-175 or 71 percent to 29 percent. A majority of the presbyteries must vote approval of the measure for it to take effect.

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The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and Prayer of Thanksgiving used in this morning's worship are adapted from resources that mark this year's "Children's Sabbath," a national effort that lifts up the needs of children. Third Church joins with other Urban Presbyterians Together churches, as well as other religious bodies in our region, in commemorating Children's Sabbath.

High quality child care can be the start of a bright future for parents and children: As part of our observance of the Children's Sabbath, we have the opportunity today during Coffee Hour to sign a letter to our state government leaders in support of child care assistance for parents who work but have low incomes. High-quality early childhood development and learning interventions serve as a buffer to the negative effects of poverty and provide a foundation for future success with lifelong benefits.

Please stop by the table in the Celebration Center during coffee hour to sign a letter.

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. 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.

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 (Johnston Hall)

Today: Urban Education and a Report from Raleigh: 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 the next directions in what we are calling the "Great Schools for All" conversation. Led by Lynette Sparks and Beth Laidlaw.

October 26:

Marking 50 Years: the 1964 Elections

This marks the fiftieth anniversary of the 1964 presidential election. On the face of it, this election was a smashing triumph for American liberalism, but the seminar focuses on the way in which it forecast the conservative dominance of American politics over the last generation. Led by Robert Westbrook, University of Rochester, Joseph F. Cunningham Professor of History.

Growing in the Word (Parlor)

Today:

Matthew 22:15-22

Civil Disagreement, with Paul Gongloff

October 26:

Matthew 22:34-46

Greatest Commandment, with Paul Gongloff

Happy Bunch Lunch Today

The Happy Bunch will meet at NAPA Wood Fired Pizza (573 S. Clinton Avenue) following worship this morning.

This Week @YOUTH

It's going to get messy tonight! Wear your old clothes, or at least clothes you can get messy! We are celebrating Halloween tonight! #pumpkinmania #jockolanternsrule.

Living Waters Wednesdays



You are invited you to join us in the Third Church Chapel on at 6:00pm on Wednesday evenings for a new worship opportunity. Martha Langford leads this Wednesday.

Thursday Voices

October 23, 12:00noon in Johnston Hall
Reflecting on Caring for Creation.

Faithful Eating by Norma Wirzba led by Martha Langford.

EROI Lecture and Concert—October 24

This year's Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative Festival delves into the fascinating world of convergent media with a four-day event devoted to the art of organ accompaniment to silent film. As part of the festival, Third Church will host a performance in our sanctuary on

Friday, October 24: 7:30pm: Lecture; 8:00pm: Ted Wilde's 1928 comedy *Speedy*, with accompaniment by Tom Trenney. Tickets (\$15 regular/\$10 students) are available at the door one hour prior to the performance.

Third Graders to Receive Bibles

Third Graders will receive their Bibles on October 26 during the 10:45 worship service. Letters were mailed to Third Grade families early this week. Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch if you did not receive a letter.

Kenya Update

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 contact Lynette Sparks at lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 106.

School 3 Seeks Chaperones

Elementary School #3 is looking for a few chaperones to accompany kindergartners through fifth grade classes on a trip to Genesee Country Village and Museum on **Tuesday, October, 28**. Contact Sue Maddock for information: smasue@rochester.rr.com or call 244-0633.

East Avenue Grocery Run—November 1

Total Number Registered: 525

Third Church Members Registered: 132

The East Avenue Grocery Run is the major source of funding for our Dining Room Ministry and Food Cupboard programs. We are able to bring in outside corporate funding to pay for the large race expenses because the event is well-regarded and well-attended. That's why we need YOU! Please consider walking or running to support the Grocery Run. You can register coffee hour or online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Rochester/EastAvenueGroceryRun>. Participate at any level that you feel comfortable.

Grocery Run Spirit Day—October 26

With only one more week until the best non-holy day at Third Presbyterian Church, wear your favorite Grocery Run shirt on October 26 and get EXCITED for November 1st! Let's show our dedication to GETTING FIT and FIGHTING HUNGER!

RAIHN Rotation Volunteers Needed

November 2-9: For more information about where help is needed and to volunteer, contact Lou Loggi at louis.loggi@gmail.com or 781-4237 or Laurie Mahoney at lmahone1@rochester.rr.com or 747-5852.

With Heart and Voice: Remembering Richard Gladwell

On Monday evening, November 3 at 7:30pm, the community is invited to gather in the Third Church sanctuary for a special Choral Evensong to celebrate the life of Richard Gladwell, creator of the nationally syndicated radio program, *With Heart and Voice*, in which he shared his passion for sacred choral and organ music.

Donations for UPT Children's Programs

We are asking UPT congregations to wrap our arms around children in UPT programs through monthly donations:

October: Glue Sticks

November: Gloves & Hats

Do You Tweet? Join the Conversation!

Third Church is developing new streams of community outreach on social media. Our daily Twitter feeds provide information about our ongoing programs and services, as well as sermon highlights and other important news about the work of our congregation. Please help us expand this dialogue further into the community by following @ThirdChurchROC on Twitter. And you can join the conversation at #yearofinvitation. Let's get connected!

HUNGER SUNDAY

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

CALENDAR for October 19 – October 26

Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	New Member Gathering	Library
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	Session Meeting to Receive New Members	Library
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
12:00 pm	Happy Bunch Out to Lunch	<i>Off Site</i>
4:30 pm	Junior High Bells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:30 pm	Covenant Ringers Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
5:15 pm	Covenant Singers Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner and Fellowship	CC/CE Lounge

Monday, October 20

5:00 pm	Shawl Knitting Ministry	Parlor
5:30 pm	Stewardship	Parker Room
6:30 pm	Yoga	JH
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC

5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Room
6:45 pm	Seminar on Non-Violence	JH

Friday, October 24

7:30 pm	EROI Pre-Concert Talk	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	EROI Silent Film Concert	Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 21

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Property Committee	Whitney Room
7:00 pm	Trustees	CC
7:00 pm	Deacons	JH
7:00 pm	Children's Ministry	CE
7:30 pm	Hymnal Committee	Parker Room

Saturday, October 25

10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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Sunday, October 26

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship/Bibles to 3rd Graders	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:00 pm	Kenya Trip Informational Meeting	JH
12:00 pm	DRM Leader Meeting	Parker 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 Fellowship/Program	CC/CE

Wednesday, October 22

5:00 pm	Junior High Bell Choir	Moot Arts Room
5:30 pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
5:30 pm	Qabats	CC
6:00 pm	Living Waters Wednesdays	Chapel
6:45 pm	Living Water Wednesday Reception	Cloister
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, October 23

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
1:00 pm	Book Club	Library

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