



Seeking the Light

Despite Jesus' absence, despite the presence of circumstances that conspire to rob us of wakefulness and hope, Christians express expectation. They anticipate.

We rely upon one another and upon the best of our traditions to sustain us when doubt and fatigue prove overwhelming. We forgive one another's sins, study scriptures, baptize people into a new identity, and share a meal to recognize the sustenance God provides.

These things aren't mere rituals or time-fillers. They sustain us in Jesus' absence, when the hazards of nighttime, fatigue, and resignation confront us all. They promote readiness.

Matthew Skinner

The Worship of God
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 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 on the church website. 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

(8:30) "Rhosymedre" R. Vaughan Williams
(10:45) "Wachet auf! Ruft uns die Stimme" J.S. Bach
(based on Hymn 17 – "Sleepers, Wake!")

* CHORAL INTROIT (10:45) "Sing We Now with Grateful Voice" Sharon Elery Rogers
Junior Choir

Sing we now with grateful voice;
In the Lord, let us all rejoice.
Sing with our hearts and voices praise,
To Christ our hymns we raise.

* 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 Psalms 118:24 and 95:6-8

LEADER: This is the day that the Lord has made.

PEOPLE: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

LEADER: O come, let us worship and bow down.

PEOPLE: **Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

* HYMN 470 "O Day of Radiant Gladness" ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

DISMISSAL
OF CHILDREN
FOR CHURCH
SCHOOL CHAPEL

(10:45)

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

I. II. 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.

EPISTLE LESSON

LEADER:

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

(Pew Bible, NT page 204)

PEOPLE:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SOLO "En Prière"

(8:30)

Gabriel Fauré

Paige Kiefner, *soprano*

Si la voix d'un enfant peut
monter jusqu'à Vous, O mon
Père, Ecoutez de Jésus, devant
Vous à genoux, La prière! Si
Vous m'avez choisi pour
enseigner vos lois Sur la terre, Je
saurai Vous servir, auguste Roi
des rois, O Lumière! Sur me
lèvres, Seigneur, mettez la vérité
Salutaire, Pour que celui qui
doute, avec humilité Vous
révère! Ne m'abandonnez pas,
donnez-moi la douceur
Nécessaire, Pour apaiser les
maux, soulager, la douleur, La
misère! Révèlez Vous à moi,
Seigneur en qui je crois Et
j'espère: Pour Vous je veux
souffrir et mourir sur la croix, Au
calvaire!

*If the voice of a child can rise
upward to Thee, To draw near
Thee, Listen, Father, and see,
Jesus kneels before Thee, Let me
hear Thee! If Thou has chosen
me to teach on earth Thy law,
Let me hear Thee, That I know
how to serve, O mighty King of
kings, Let me hear Thee!
Through my lips, O Savior,
teach all how to love And to fear
Thee, For that all those who
doubt, in humbleness of heart
May revere Thee! Abandon not
Thy child, but endow me with
love And with kindness, That I
may comfort pain and may heal
their despair, And their
blindness! Reveal Thyself to me,
Since I have faith in Thee, Let
me hear Thee: On Calvary I'll lie,
I will die on the cross, To draw
near Thee!*

- text by Stéphan Bordèse; English by Marion Farquhar

ANTHEM "Morning Trumpet"

(10:45)

arr. Alice Parker

and Robert Shaw

Cody Muller, *bass*

O, when shall I see Jesus, And reign with Him above, And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. And from the flowing fountain Drink everlasting love, And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. Shout O glory, for I shall mount above the skies, When I hear the trumpet sound in that morning. When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin, And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. And with my blessed Jesus Drink endless pleasures in, And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. *Shout O glory. . .* Through grace I am determined to conquer though I die, And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. And then away to Jesus On wings of love I'll fly, And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. *Shout O glory. . .*

- text by John Leland

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:1-13

(Pew Bible, NT page 28)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "It's All a Matter of Timing"

John Wilkinson

* HYMN 13
(10:45)

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

* AFFIRMATION
of FAITH

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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

Ann McMican

PRESENTATION
of OFFERINGS

SOLO
(8:30)

“Be Still My Soul”

arr. Stephen Paulus

ANTHEM

(10:45)

“Keep Your Lamps”

André Thomas

Mary Cowden, *djembe*

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Keep your children don't get weary. Christian journey soon be
over, The time is drawing nigh. Keep your lamps trimmed and
burning, the time is drawing nigh.

* 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: **Lord our God, in Jesus Christ you have taught us that love is the fulfilling of the law. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 409

“Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”

ABERYSTWYTH

* 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)

"Caprice sur les Grands Jeux"

Louis-Nicholas Clerambault

(10:45)

"Rigaudon"

André Campra

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Christopher J. Mould.*

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today in loving memory of Christopher J. Mould.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson

LITURGISTS: Lynette Sparks, Martha Langford, Katie Orem (10:45)

ACOLYTES: Bizzy Vinton, Audrey Vinton

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Mary Ann Rutkowski

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson

GREETERS: Bob Eames, Maryjane Link, Jeff Morrison, Kelly Thevenet-Morrison, Betsey Wheeler

USHERS: Elmer Dustman, Ann Haag, Hope Herting, Gloria Pleger, Anne Sievers, Don Schichler, Rebecca Schichler

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Dining Room Ministry



November 9, 2014

MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

An Invitation to Give: Stewardship 2015

While stewardship is a year-round conversation, the focused Third Church stewardship effort culminates on Stewardship Sunday next week. 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. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Sunday Seminar at 9:30am (Johnston Hall)

Today: Constantine to Constance with Roderic P. Frohman, Pastor Emeritus

Week 5: *Thomas Aquinas and the High Middle Ages—1200 to 1300AD* Castles, Cathedrals, Knights, Universities, the Magna Carta and Marco Polo.

November 16: *The Darkness Before Dawn—1300 to 1415AM*

Famine, three competing Popes, the bubonic plague, gunpowder, the Renaissance, Chaucer, Wycliffe, and Jan Hus.

Growing in the Word at 9:30 (Parlor)

November 16: Matthew 25:14-30 Parable of Talents, with Jim Stewart

Christmas Basket Ministry

So far, 34 church families have signed up to purchase, pack and deliver a Christmas basket of food to families from Schools 3, 35 and RAIHN on Saturday, December 20. 41 more baskets are needed to reach our goal of 75. Sign up today in the Celebration Center or contact Rose Pethick at rpethick@frontiernet.net or 388-8546.

This Week @YOUTH

The Youth are on retreat this weekend exploring our Faith Footprints. They will be returning around noon today. #watsonhomesteadrocks #funtimes

Living Waters Wednesdays



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

Call for Ushers

We are seeking ushers to serve at Sunday morning worship at both services. Please contact Jeff Weis at jweis@rochester.rr.com to let him know of your interest!

Thursday Voices in Johnston Hall

November 13, 12:00noon

Stumbling Over the Stumbling Stone by Richard Rohr with Martha Langford.

Great Schools for All Symposium

Tomorrow

Third Church is hosting the *Great Schools for ALL Education Symposium*, where key Monroe County leaders are being invited to engage in conversations to help develop a vision, principles and values leading to equitable education for all students in our community. Contact Lynette Sparks at 271-6537, ext. 106 or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org for more information.

CRCDS Preview Day—November 17

Are you interested in taking courses at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School? There are opportunities to audit courses, take them for credit, or start a degree program. You are invited to a special November 17 Preview Day on campus. Call 340-9500 or register at www.crcds.edu.

Transgender Day of Remembrance/Vigil

The More Light Committee of Third Presbyterian Church invites you to participate in the following events, as well as lift up prayers for those in the transgender community who have been subject to violence and prejudice.

Rochester Transgender Day of Remembrance Service

November 16, 2:00pm

Open Arms MCC
707 E. Main Street

Guest Speaker: Kristi Boyer, a transgender minister.

Rochester Area Trans* Day of Remembrance Vigil

November 20, 6:30pm

Open Arms MCC
707 East Main Street

Senior Voice Recital November 14

The congregation is invited to attend Third Church member and tenor soloist Matthew Swensen's senior voice recital at the Eastman School on Friday evening, November 14 at 7:00pm in HATCH RECITAL HALL at the Eastman School of Music on East Main Street. His program will include pieces by Handel with baroque ensemble, a Seiber song with guitar, as well as pieces by Strauss and Petersen-Berger. He will also be singing songs by Rochester composer Cary Ratcliff accompanied by Linnea Rowley on oboe.

Calvin Guild—November 19, 12:00pm

Larry Iwan will speak on "The Didjeridu and Australian Aboriginal Culture." A simple soup and sandwich lunch will be available at a cost of \$7 per participant. RSVP to Dot Wallace at 223-8502.

Chapel Concert by Candlelight

Thursday, November 20, 7:30pm

The Chapel Concert by Candlelight series begins with "*Decho Ensemble*," featuring saxophone duo Jake Swanson and Sarah Marchitelli in a return

performance. They'll be joined by David Chatterton, cello, and Kate Parker, piano. Jake and Sarah have performed together throughout the United States, Europe, and in Puerto Rico. This program will feature transcriptions of classical music, original music for saxophones, and music written expressly for the Jake and Sarah duo. The Candlelight Series is made possible in part by support from the Janet S. and David B. Reed Fund.

Donations for UPT Children's Programs

*November: Gloves & Hats
December: Coloring Books*

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 an ongoing need for
Peanut Butter (18 oz.)*

Interfaith Thanksgiving Day Service at 11:00am

This year's gathering will take place on Thanksgiving at Temple Beth El, 139 Winton Road South. All are welcome to join in this long-standing tradition.

Growing in Prayer: An Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 7, 9:00am to Noon
You are invited to delve into the practice of prayer as drawn from the Christian tradition and from other faiths. Explore the spirituality of silence and the spirituality of the senses as you seek to grow in prayer. Leaders for this event will include Darryl Powell, Spiritual Care Coordinator at St. John's Meadows, and Martha Langford, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.

For more information or to register for this retreat, please contact Martha Langford, 271-6513 ext. 108; mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org.

CALENDAR for November 9 – November 16

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	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30 am	Junior High Church School	CE 201
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School Chapel	Chapel
11:45 am	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center
12:00 pm	Youth Return from Retreat	
6:00 pm	Great Schools for All Dinner	JH

Monday, November 10

9:00 am	Great Schools for All Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:00 pm	Shawl Knitting Ministry	Parlor
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
6:45 pm	Yoga	JH

Tuesday, November 11

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

Wednesday, November 12

3:00 pm	Valley Manor Tea	<i>Off Site</i>
5:00 pm	Children's 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 Waters Wednesdays Reception	Gosnell Cloister
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, November 13

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
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Room
7:00 pm	Corner Place Steering Committee	<i>Off Site</i>

Friday, November 14

Saturday, November 15

10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
1:00 pm	Youth Musical Auditions	Choir Room

Sunday, November 16—Stewardship Sunday

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	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>
12:00 pm	Montreat Informational Meeting	CE/Lounge
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/Fellowship	CC/CE

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