



*Seeking the Light*

“Lamb of God, Rose of Sharon, Prince of Peace—none of the things people have found to call him has ever managed to say it quite right. You can see why when he told people to follow him, they often did, even if they backed out later when they started to catch on to what lay ahead. If you're religiously inclined, you can see why they went even so far as to call him Messiah, the Lord's Anointed, the Son of God, and call him these things still, some of them.”

Frederick Buechner

**The Worship of God  
Christ the King Sunday**

November 23, 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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### THIRD CHURCH STAFF

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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 "Praeludium in G" Nicolaus Bruhns

\* CHORAL INTROIT "For These Blessings" Natalie Sleeth  
(10:45) Junior Choir

Gracious God, for every blessing  
We would bring Thee thanks always.  
Every gift Thy love expressing  
To Thy children day by day.

Lord, most Holy,  
All thy creatures, great and small,  
Give Thee now our thanks unending  
For these blessings, one and all,  
For these blessings, one and all.

\* 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 100, King James Version

LEADER: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

PEOPLE: **Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.**

LEADER: Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;

PEOPLE: **we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

LEADER: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise:

PEOPLE: **be thankful unto him, and bless his name.**

LEADER: For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;

PEOPLE: **and his truth endureth to all generations.**

\* HYMN 150 "Come, Christians Join to Sing" MADRID

PRAYER  
of CONFESSION

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love.

In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord 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

ANTHEM  
(10:45)

“Sing a Grateful Alleluia”

Joseph M. Martin  
Glorious Voices  
Janet Davies, *accompanist*

Sing a grateful alleluia to the Lord who gives us song.  
Sing a grateful alleluia; bless His name with voices strong.  
Alleluia, come and sing alleluia to the King.  
Alleluia voices raise loud hosannas in grateful praise.  
Sing a grateful alleluia.

Cheerfully, joyfully, we will sing to the King.  
Alleluia, praise the Lord!

Sing a gentle alleluia for the joy of heav'nly food.  
Sing a gentle alleluia from a heart of gratitude.  
Alleluia, come and sing alleluia to the King.  
Alleluia voices raise soft hosannas in grateful praise.  
Sing a gentle alleluia.  
Cheerfully, joyfully, we will sing to the King.  
Alleluia, praise the Lord!

Sing a joyful alleluia. Let a cheerful song go forth.  
Sing a joyful alleluia, bless God's name forevermore.  
Alleluia, come and sing alleluia to the King.  
Alleluia voices raise loud hosannas in grateful praise.  
Sing a joyful alleluia.  
Cheerfully, joyfully, we will sing to the King.  
Alleluia, praise the Lord!  
Alleluia, praise the Lord!

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(10:45)

*(Children, age 3 through sixth grade, may depart for 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.*

## EPISTLE LESSON

LEADER:  
PEOPLE:

Ephesians 1:15-23  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*(Pew Bible, NT page 192)*

SOLO  
(8 :30)

"Sanctus"  
(from "St. Cecilia Mass")

Charles Gounod  
Matthew Swensen, *tenor*

ANTHEM "Jubilate Deo"

(10:45)

Benjamin Britten  
Covenant Singers, Chancel Choir

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

- Psalm 100 (with Gloria Patri)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:31-46

(Pew Bible, NT page 29)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "From Christ to Church and Back Again" John Wilkinson

\* HYMN 559 "We Gather Together"

(10:45)

KREMSER

\* AFFIRMATION  
of FAITH

from 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.**

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)

"The Goodness of God"

C. P. E. Bach

ANTHEM  
(10:45)

"Glory to God, the King of Heaven" Franz Josef Haydn  
Paige Kiefner, *soprano*  
Riki Connaughton, *alto*

Glory to God, the King of heaven, Glory to God, sing praises to Him, bless God's holy name forevermore. Let all nations call Him wonderful, We will praise God's goodness. We praise Him, we give thanks to Him, we glorify God's name. Let us give thanks for God's wondrous glory. God almighty reigns forever in the firmament of His power. Lord God of heaven we beseech Thee, God Creator, we beseech Thee, hear our humble prayer. Praise to the Lord our God omnipotent, And sing praises unto Jesus Christ His only Son. Sing to the Lord, shout out His majesty. Sing to the Son, the blessed Jesus, Bow before Him, all ye nations, Earth and heaven adore Him. Thou our strength and our salvation, Lord God almighty. Glory to God who reigns in heaven, Praise God with gladness forevermore.

- paraphrase of the "Gloria in excelsis"

\* 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 praise you, great God, for you are ruler of the universe, and have sent your Son to be King of kings. We rejoice that he governs the nations in justice and righteousness. We celebrate his victory in his life, death, resurrection, and ascension to honor and might at your side. Accept our homage as we offer our lives in the service of Christ's realm. Amen.

\* HYMN 151 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

\* 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 "Crown Imperial"

William Walton

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Frederick Ritter in honor of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday from his family.*

*The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today to lift up prayers for peace in the Middle East.*

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:**

**PREACHER:** John Wilkinson

**LITURGIST:** Lynette Sparks

**ACOLYTES:** Trevor Gauronski, Zach Gauronski

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST:** Peter DuBois

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Mary Ann Rutkowski

**GREETERS:** Cynthia Capps, Rob Keefe, Carol Roth,  
Connie Schultz, Dot Wallace

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

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:** Deacons, Parish A: Sue Spaulding, Carl Wheeler

Gratitude · Blessings · Generosity · Praise · Hope

An invitation to

*Give*

Third Presbyterian Church Stewardship 2015

Thanks to those who have already pledged. As of November 16, we have received 212 pledges totaling \$616,558 toward a goal of \$984,000. Pledge cards are available in the office, in the pew pads in the Chapel, and in the pew racks in the Sanctuary. You may mail them to the church or you may submit a confidential pledge to Carol Foster at [cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org).

November 23, 2014



## MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday Seminar at 9:30am (Johnston Hall)

**Today:** *Grace and Gratitude*, with Paul Gongloff.

Karl Barth once said, "Grace and gratitude belong together like heaven and earth. Grace evokes gratitude like the voice of an echo. Gratitude follows grace like thunder lightening." In our brief time together we will meet the mighty widow, the Ku Klux Klan, Rudyard Kipling, Osceola McCarty, Abraham Heschel, and one of the greatest of prayers: "Thanks."

**November 30:** Sunday Seminar combines with Growing in the Word: Isaiah 64:1-9: *Advent Hope*, with Jim Stewart.

### Growing in the Word at 9:30 (Parlor)

**Today:** Matthew 25:31-46  
*Seeing Jesus*, with Jim Stewart.

### Advent Wreathmaking Today

Join the Congregational Fellowship Committee in coffee hour after the 10:45am worship service today to make an Advent wreath for home devotion during the season of Advent which starts next Sunday! Materials for candle-lighting liturgy will be provided.

### Kenya Trip—Next Steps

All those who are interested in participating in the 2015 Kenya trip are invited to a meeting today following the 10:45 a.m. worship service in Johnston Hall. For details, please be in touch with Lynette Sparks at 271-6537, ext. 106 or [lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org).

### Christmas Basket Ministry

We have reached our goal of 75 church families to purchase, pack and deliver a Christmas basket of food to families from Schools 3, 35 and RAIHN on Saturday, December 20. However, you can still be involved! At least \$2000 in contributions toward gift cards and food purchases will be needed. Please make out checks to Third Presbyterian Church marked Christmas Basket 2014.

### This Week @YOUth

4:30pm: Jr. High Bells, Covenant Ringers;  
5:15pm: Covenant Singers; 6:00pm: Youth Dinner & Fellowship. On tap for tonight:  
#caregroups; #summer2015; #ya-ya

## Interfaith Thanksgiving Day Service

This year's Thanksgiving service will take place at 11:00am on Thanksgiving at Temple Beth El, 139 Winton Road South. All are welcome to join in this long-standing tradition.

## Thanksgiving Radio Broadcast

While you are preparing the turkey, or getting ready to watch football on Thanksgiving Day, tune in to WXXI-FM from 12:00-12:30pm to hear the Third Church Chancel Choir perform "The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass," by Carol Barnett! Taken from a recording of the November 2013 "Concert of Remembrance," the Mass blends the classical mass, modern choral sophistication, touching poetry and traditional bluegrass instrumentation into an exhilarating musical experience. If you didn't get to hear it live, here's your chance! You can let friends and family across the country know that they can livestream the broadcast by going to [www.wxxi.org/listen](http://www.wxxi.org/listen) and clicking on the stream for Classical 91.5.

## Holly Bundles Available!

The holly hedge adjacent to the Meigs Street church entrance will be pruned in time for home holiday decorations. Bundles of holly will be available on **Sunday, November 30** and **Sunday, December 7**. A sign-up sheet is available in coffee hour. Any gifts of appreciation will be forwarded to the sanctuary flower fund.

## ROC the Day

On **December 2**, United Way of Greater Rochester is again sponsoring ROC the Day, a one-day giving event, when every community member will be able to easily make an online gift of any size to any local not-for-profit organization.

Third Church's Human Service Programs (*food cupboard, dining room ministry, tutoring, etc.*) are registered to receive donations on ROC the Day, so on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2**, from 12:00am—11:30pm, please ROC the Day by going on-line to [www.ROCtheDay.org](http://www.ROCtheDay.org) (or directly to the Third Church's donation page—[www.roctheday.org/Agency/ThirdPresbyterianChurchHumanServicePrograms](http://www.roctheday.org/Agency/ThirdPresbyterianChurchHumanServicePrograms)) and making a donation to support Third Church's Human Service Programs.

As this is an especially good way to encourage others to support our outreach programs, please share this information with family and friends.

## Living Water Wednesdays



There will be no Living Waters Wednesday service this week. You are invited to join us at 6:00pm in the Third Church Chapel next on Wednesday evening, December 3 for this new worship opportunity. John Wilkinson will lead the service.

## Shop 'til You Drop

### **Pittsford Plaza**

**Tuesday, December 2, 5:00-9:00pm**

Proceeds benefit RAIHN. Participating retail shops/restaurant are Benucci's Italian Ristorante, One World Goods, Hobby House Toys and Stefan Otter Fine Art Jewelers.

## Reclaiming Christmas: An Advent Retreat

**Saturday, December 6, 9:00am-12:00noon**  
Johnston Hall and Church Parlor with  
Martha Langford, Associate Pastor  
In an over-busy and over-commercialized  
season, share the secular and sacred  
Christmas traditions that are part of our  
lives and explore how we can practice  
them in ways that deepen our experience  
of this holy season. For more information or  
to register for this retreat, please contact  
Martha Langford at 271-6537, ext. 108 or  
mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org.

## Special Music for Advent--December 14, 10:45am

**J.S. Bach, Cantata 140** *Wachet auf, ruft uns  
die Stimme*

The Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Soloists  
will present this extraordinary Advent  
cantata in our worship. Based on the hymn  
of the same name (#17 in the *Presbyterian  
Hymnal*), written in 1599, it illustrates the  
Gospel text of the parable of the Wise and  
Foolish Virgins, and the relationship  
between the coming Christ (the  
Bridegroom) and the Church. It is glorious  
music and includes a familiar movement for  
tenors and orchestra, made popular by  
various transcriptions for organ and other  
instruments.

## UPT Children's Program Support

Three items you can give to the children of  
RCSD this season:

**November: Gloves & Hats**

**December: Coloring Books**

**Money for Field Trips**

Ways you can support the children of RCSD:

- Tutor
- Sort and distribute donations  
(5:00pm, December 1 at Dewey Avenue  
Presbyterian Church)

Contact Beth Laidlaw at  
elaidlaw@monroecc.edu.

## Hunger Sunday

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

## 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.

## Christmas Decorations

If you would like to make a donation to help support the cost of our Christmas decorations, please send your check to the church office marked "*Christmas Flowers*" and note clearly the names that should be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

*I would like this gift to be:*

\_\_\_\_\_ *In loving memory of:*

\_\_\_\_\_ *In honor of:*

\_\_\_\_\_ *In celebration of:*

\_\_\_\_\_ *A donation from:*

**The deadline for receiving donations is Monday, December 8.**

## CALENDAR for November 23 – November 30

### Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 am	Church School	Education Building
11:45 am	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center
12:00 pm	Advent Wreath Making	CC
12:00 pm	Kenya Trip Meeting	JH
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	CC/CE Lounge

### Monday, November 24

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:30 pm	Stewardship Committee	CE/202
5:30 pm	Worship, Music & Arts	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Membership & Evangelism	Whitney Room
6:45 pm	Yoga	JH

### Tuesday, November 25

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room

### Wednesday, November 26

### Thursday, November 27—Thanksgiving

#### Office Closed

11:00 am Thanksgiving Worship Service *Temple Beth El*

### Friday, November 28—Office Closed

### Saturday, November 29

10:00 am Dining Room Ministry CC

### Sunday, November 30

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
9:30 am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar/Growing in the Word	JH
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC

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