



Seeking the Light

“Advent is a time of exquisite balance between the sadness of the mess we live in, and the bliss of the world we would like to live in. Advent is when we acknowledge that bliss is not the blotting out of pain with port and plum pudding, but a process, a pilgrimage, a pregnancy, and—amidst the chaos of the world’s governing—a cry for the coming reign of God.”

Margaret Hebblethwaite
*Opening the Scriptures:
Faith through the Year*

**The Worship of God
First Sunday of Advent**

November 30, 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.

Children and Worship: Today we offer quiet activities for school aged children during worship in the sanctuary. There is a table and chairs on a rug under the Arnold Park balcony where children will have the opportunity to read books and do activities that relate to our scriptures for the day.

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) "Andante Sostenuto"—Symphony No. 9 Charles-Marie Widor
("Gothique")

(10:45) "Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland" BWV 659 J.S. Bach
("Savior of the Nations, Come")

LIGHTING of THE ADVENT CANDLE

8:30—Roxanne Boyer

10:45—Kiara, Declan, Gabrielle and Miranda Owen
from Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

LEADER: As we light the first Advent candle, we remember the psalm's invitation for God to come into our lives: "Stir up your might, and come to save us!" With the people of old, we cry out, "Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. Give us life, and we will call on your name."

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

PEOPLE: **As we wait on you, O God, invite us into your presence and salvation.**

(sung three times)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and common time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' are written below the notes.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The second line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and common time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!' are written below the notes.

* HYMN 5 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

PICARDY

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Forgive us, God of power, for failing to live in service to your will. We have sought our own paths instead of your way. We bow to the demands of this world more than we seek your coming kingdom. Yet you, O God, are our Creator; we are the work of your hand. Do not remember our iniquity. Rule in us, and renew us by your Spirit that every moment we may be ready to serve you. In Christ's name we pray. 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, school aged children are invited to gather at the table under the Arnold Park balcony for quiet activities during worship. Child care is provided for children, Kindergarten and younger, in the Education Building.

**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.

OLD TESTAMENT

LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9

(Pew Bible, OT page 694)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

“The People That Walked in Darkness”

G.F. Handel

(8:30)

Cody Muller, *bass*

ANTHEM

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Hugo Distler

(10:45)

adapt. Peter DuBois

Lo! How a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung, Of Jesse's lineage coming, As men of old have sung. It came a Flow'ret bright Amid the cold of winter, When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The Rose I have in mind. With Mary we behold it, The Virgin Mother kind. Through God's eternal will, She bore to us a Savior When half-spent was the night.

This Flow'r whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air, Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness ev'rywhere. True man, yet very God! From sin and death He saves us, And lightens ev'ry load.

- 15th century German carol

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:24-37

(Pew Bible, NT page 50)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“An Invitation to Watchfulness”

John Wilkinson

*** HYMN 8**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

TRURO

(10:45)

*** AFFIRMATION
of FAITH**

from "Our Song of Hope"
Reformed Church in America

We sing to our Lord a new song;
We sing in our world a sure Hope:
Our God loves this world,
God called it into being,
God renews it through Jesus Christ,
God governs it by the Spirit.
God is the world's true Hope.

We are a people of hope
waiting for the return of our Lord.
God has come to us
through the ancient people of Israel,
as the true Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth,
as the Holy Spirit at work in our world.

Come, Lord Jesus:
We are open to your Spirit.
We await your full presence.
Our world finds rest in you alone. 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)

"But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming" G.F. Handel

ANTHEM
(10:45)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

15th Century French melody
arr. Andrew Carter

O Come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's
tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save, And give them victory
o'er the grave: Rejoice! Rejoice! ...

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine
advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows
put to flight: Rejoice! Rejoice! ...

O come thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heavenly
home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to
misery:
Rejoice! Rejoice! ...

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
Who to thy tribes on signal's height,
In ancient times did give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

- text from the Latin "O" Antiphons

* 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: Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love. Amen.

*** HYMN 15 "Rejoice! Rejoice Believers"**

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*** 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)

**Choral Prelude on "Nun Komm der Heiden
Heiland" BWV 661**

Johann Sebastian Bach

(10:45)

"Toccatà on 'Veni Emmanuel'"

Andrew Carter

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
John G. Pierce, Jr. and Lew Wallace by Dot Wallace and family.*

*The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit to lift up prayers for peace and justice in Ferguson, Missouri and cities
across the nation.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson

LITURGISTS: Lynette Sparks, Martha Langford, Jeremy Peters (10:45)

ACOLYTES: Natalie Vinton, Bizzy Vinton

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson

GREETERS: Cynthia Capps, Betty Iwan, Jack Salzer, Connie Schultz,
Betsey Wheeler

USHERS: (8:30) Bill Adams, Linda Adams; (10:45) Jim Boyer, Roxanne
Boyer, Jobin Philip, Beth Sieber, Betsy Vinton, Griff Vinton,
Jeff Weis, Rob White

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Deacons, Parish L: Sue Bixler, Kay Ramsay



November 30, 2014

MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Gratitude · Blessings · Generosity · Praise · Hope



Third Presbyterian Church Stewardship 2015

Thanks to those who have already pledged. As of November 23, we have received 271 pledges totaling \$730,684 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.

Sunday Seminar at 9:30am (Johnston Hall)

Today: Sunday Seminary and Growing in the Word combine today to explore Isaiah 64: *Advent Hope*, with Jim Stewart.

December 7: *Reclaiming Christmas* with Martha Langford.

Explore and share a variety of simple spiritual practices that deepened the experience of Advent and Christmas.

Thursday Voices (12:00noon in Johnston Hall)

December 4: *It's About Time* by Martin B. Copenhaver, with John Wilkinson.

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.

Opportunity to Save Taxes

Do you own stocks that have appreciated over the years? If so, you might consider donating stocks to fulfill your pledge for 2014. You

might find it advantageous to prepay your pledge for 2015 as well.

You may give shares through your own broker. When you request a transfer of shares from your brokerage account to Third Church's account, be sure to provide a letter (with a copy to Third Church) saying something like this:

These shares are intended as a gift to Third Presbyterian Church. Would you kindly transfer these shares into the account of

Third Presbyterian Church
4 Meigs Street
Rochester, NY 14607
Tax ID #16-0743201

We understand that you may claim as a tax deduction the average of the high and low price **on the day the shares are transferred into Third Church's account**. This approach will help you if the current price of your stock is above its cost, because you won't have to pay a capital gains tax if you have held the stock longer than one year. But if the current price is below cost, have the broker sell the stock for you and then remit the proceeds to Third Church. That way you can take the loss for tax purposes.

Please contact Carol Foster at the church office, or your own broker, for further information. Thank you!

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 (or directly to the Third Church's donation page—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.

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.

Living Water Wednesdays



You are invited you to join us at 6:00pm in the Third Church Chapel next on Wednesday evening, December 3 for this new worship opportunity. John Wilkinson leads this week.

Chili Cook off December 7

The second annual Chili Cook-Off will take place following worship on December 7. You are invited to sample home-made recipes (\$5) and also to purchase baked goods. Funds raised will support Youth Programming.

Fair Trade Palestinian Olive Oil for Sale

The Peacemaking Mission Team will offer olive oil and olive products from the Cannan Fair Trade Cooperative for sale one say only, **December 7**, following 10:45am worship. Your purchase will help Palestinian farmers and women organized in village cooperatives.

Shop 'til You Drop at 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.

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.

Annual Jr. Choir Christmas Cookie Sale--December 14

The Junior Choir's annual Christmas Cookie Sale will be held this year on Sunday, December 14 following the 10:45am worship service. Please stop by the table at coffee hour to purchase some delicious treats! All funds raised will help support the costs of our upcoming trip to Pittsburgh in April. Thank you for support!

Congregational Advent Event—December 14, 6:00pm

Join with members of all ages in the Celebration Center for a simple spaghetti supper prepared by the Congregational Fellowship Committee. An informal time of carol singing will follow the supper. Please RSVP to the church office at 271-6513 or cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org by December 11. There is no set charge for this event, though a free-will will be received.

UPT Children's Program Support

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

*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.

Dining Room Ministry Christmas Team

Saturday, December 20, 10:00am-1:00pm

The time has come to gather our volunteer Dining Room Ministry team for our Christmas meal. We welcome regular Dining Room Ministry team, as well as others who have little or no experience with this ministry. Please contact Nancy Adams at nancycadams@hotmail.com if you are interested in joining us for this event.

Hunger Sunday

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

Shopping at Amazon Benefits Third Church

If you are planning on holiday shopping at amazon.com, please start by clicking on the 'Amazon button' on the Third Church web page. There is no additional cost to you when you purchase from Amazon in this way, and Third Church receives a commission from your purchase.

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 30 – December 7

Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Growing in the Word leads Sunday Seminar today	JH
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center

Monday, December 1

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
2:00 pm	Library Committee	Library
5:00 pm	Shawl Knitting Ministry	Parlor
5:30 pm	Personnel Committee	Whitney Room
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
7:00 pm	World AIDS Day Concert	Sanctuary

Friday, December 5

9:30 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parlor
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Saturday, December 6

9:00 am	Advent Retreat	JH
10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
3:00 pm	Health Meal Preparation	CC

Sunday, December 7

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/Chili Cook-Off	CC
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

Tuesday, December 2

ROC the Day

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
3:00 pm	Music Fund Raising	Parker Room
5:30 pm	Peacemaking	<i>Off Site</i>
7:00 pm	Congregational Fellowship	Whitney Room
7:30 pm	Outreach Steering Committee	Parker Room

Wednesday, December 3

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
6:30 pm	Choir Sectional Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Living Waters Wednesdays Reception	Narthex
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, December 4

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
5:30 pm	Joint Budget/Finance	JH
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Room
6:00 pm	Gun Violence Response Team	Parker Room
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Parker Room

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