



Seeking the Light

Sometimes, no matter how much we long to soar like an eagle, all we can do is barely manage to put one foot in front of the other, over and over and over again. Maybe that *is* the pinnacle. That the very best thing is simply to be able to walk, in faith and with strength, because God accompanies us.

Melissa Bane Sevier

**The Worship of God
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

February 8, 2015

8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

WELCOME TO THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence this morning. Third Church strives to be a faithful, open and inclusive congregation. We are a diverse people united by a common faith in Jesus Christ and by meaningful worship and service. We invite all who are seeking to live a life of Christian faith and discipleship to join us. If you are new to Third Church, the following information may be helpful.

Parking On Sunday mornings: Street parking is possible on both sides of East Avenue. On Sundays, the Arnold Park parking lot is available for handicap parking only. Other parking is available in the Meigs Street parking lot and can be found at:

- Jewish Community Federation (Sibley Place)
- American Association of University Women
- Rochester Area Community Foundation
- Century Club (all on East Avenue)

In the event of a **Medical Emergency**, please notify an usher or staff member. An AED and first aid supplies are located in the hallway between the sanctuary and elevator.

Hearing Assistance: The Chapel and Sanctuary are equipped with induction loop systems. Use the "T-switch" of your hearing aid. If you have difficulty hearing during the worship service, please speak with an usher immediately.

An Elevator is located at the Parish House-Education Building junction to assist in accessibility.

Large Print Bulletins and Bibles are available from the ushers. Hymnals and Bibles are located under the first row pews.

Children and Worship: Children's worship bulletins, Bibles and activity clipboards are available from the ushers.

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

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

Coffee Hour follows the worship service. All are invited to this time of fellowship in the Celebration Center.

Pastoral Care needs and prayer concerns may be communicated to Martha Langford.

More about Membership: If you are interested in joining Third Church, or just want to know more, contact Lynette Sparks. The next Exploring Membership Dinner will take March 15 at 6:00pm.

Newsletter: The *Messenger* is published monthly. Copies are available at the back of the Sanctuary, in the literature racks outside Johnston Hall and 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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Roderic P. Frohman, Pastor Emeritus	

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 "Four Short Preludes" Hermann Schroeder
(Maestoso – Andante sostenuto – Allegretto – Poco vivace)

CHORAL INTROIT "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
(10:45) Kathleen Thomerson
Junior Choir

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

* 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 147
LEADER: How good it is to sing praises to our God!
PEOPLE: **How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!**
LEADER: The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem
and gathers the exiles of Israel.
PEOPLE: **God heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.**
LEADER: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.
PEOPLE: **Make music to our God upon the harp.**

* HYMN 460 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"
GROSSER GOTT WIR LOBEN DICH

PRAYER

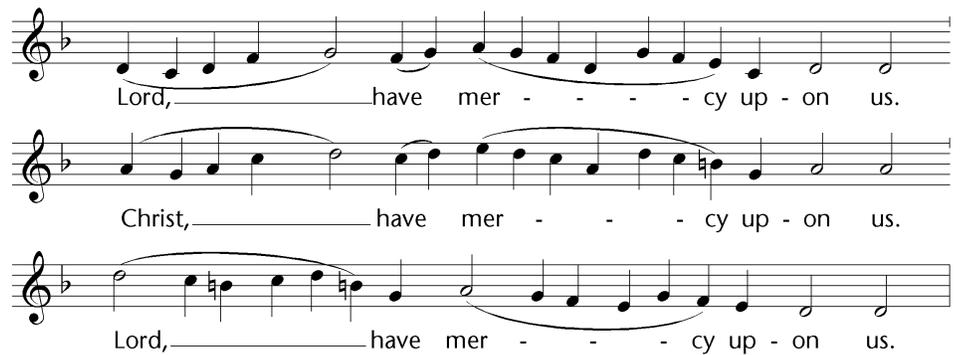
of CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. 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
 (sung twice: once in unison, once as a canon, beginning with the pulpit side)
 TALLIS' CANON
 I. II.
 Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through

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 door this and every coming day, that in your spirit)

DISMISSAL of CHILDREN



strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.

(10:45)

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 40:21-31

(Pew Bible, OT page 668)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Jubilate Deo”

Herbert Howells

(Collegium Regale)

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. *(Psalm 100)* 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.

EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 9:16-23

(Pew Bible, NT page 171)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Where We Find Our Strength”

John Wilkinson

* HYMN 265

(10:45)

“Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand”

WAREHAM

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. 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**

ANTHEM

"Praise God with Heart and Voice"

Cary Ratcliff

Praise God with heart and voice, come before him with thanksgiving. In him let us rejoice, to him grateful spirits bring; His hand by faith is seen guiding all our days, Praise God, his goodness sing. Earth shouts the praise of God; heavens hum God's hidden wisdom. Life sings his eye's detail, Distant oceans sound his power; Stars storm the void with voice: speak creation's rhymes; Time dances the plans of God. Praise him whose universe bursts bright with quiet meaning, Whose wounded world he gives light for its redeeming; Whose Word has come to us, spoken in our flesh;

Whose mercies our lives refresh. Hurl high our joy in him, sing deep our fresh-found gladness. Wing words of grateful span, tell his loving kindness. Thanksgiving we shall bring, hymns of beauty raise, Praise God through all our days; Hurl high our fresh-found gladness. Sing deep our joy in him.

- text by Cary Ratcliff

* 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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 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: **Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and in your presence angels stand in awe. Enlarge our vision, that we may recognize your power at work in your Son, and join the apostles and prophets as heralds of your saving word. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.**

* HYMN 282 "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

* 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 "Finale"
(Symphony No. 2)

Charles-Marie Widor

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Frances O'Neil Rupp and Richard W. Rupp, parents of Susan Rupp.

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today to lift up prayers for neighbors in our community facing poverty.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson
LITURGISTS: Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks; 10:45: Mary DuBois
ACOLYTES: 10:45: Chiara Figer, Trevor Lucas
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Mary Ann Rutkowski
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson
GREETERS: 10:45: Bob Eames, Jeff Morrison, Kelly Thevenet-Morrison, Maryjane Link, Betsey Wheeler
USHERS: 8:30: Deb Allyn, Suzy Hengerer
10:45: Elmer Dustman, Ann Haag, Hope Herting, Gloria Pleger, Anne Sievers, Don Schichler, Rebecca Schichler
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Adult Spiritual Formation

Parking Update. To enable those with mobility challenges, the entire Arnold Park parking lot has been designated for handicapped parking on Sunday mornings. Thanks for your assistance with this.

February 8, 2015



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Service of Ordination Next Sunday

Sarah Walker Cleaveland, who grew up in and became a member of Third Presbyterian Church, will be ordained by the Presbytery of Genesee Valley on behalf of the Presbytery of Chicago to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament as a Teaching Elder at next Sunday's 10:45am service. Sarah has been called to serve as Associate Pastor at the Winnetka Congregational Church in Illinois.

Sunday Seminar—9:30am

Today—Justice and the Prophets: The Phenomenon of Prophecy: Anne Merideth, Senior Lecturer in Religion at the University of Rochester, will discuss the origins of the phenomenon of prophecy in Ancient Israel, its development over the course of Jewish history, as well as some of the main themes found in the prophetic books with focus on issues related to social and economic justice. She will explore the origins and provide an overview of prophecy in Ancient Israel in the first of three sessions.

February 15—Justice and the Prophets: Prophets as Social Critics: Anne Merideth will explore Amos, Micah and first Isaiah this week.

Growing in the Word—9:30am, Parlor

Today—Mark 1:29-39: "Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law," with *Darryl Powell*

February 15—Mark 9:2-9: "The Transfiguration," with *Jim Stewart*

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 271-6537, ext. 108 or mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org.

YOUth News

BAKE SALE TODAY! The Youth invite you to a wonderful selection of baked goods available at coffee hour today. Proceeds will help support Youth activities.

Tonight: It is a RAIHN week so we are staying in the Celebration Center and spreading out from there. Drop off and pick up are still through the Arnold Park door.
#Youthimplementationteamvisit
#funinthe sanctuary

Living Waters Wednesdays—February 11, 6:00pm



You are invited to join us in the Third Church Chapel this coming Wednesday at 6:00pm for this new worship opportunity. Martha Langford is leading worship.

Thursday Voices—February 12, 12noon

A discussion of *What About the Victims?* by Andrew Sung Park will be led by Lynette Sparks in Johnston Hall. Copies are available in the literature rack outside the church office.

Souper Bowl Thanks!

A heartfelt thank you to the Third Church congregation for helping our YOUth meet their Souper Bowl of Caring goal. This year's SBoC offering total was \$2,124 and 180 pounds of food for the Food Cupboard. Awesome!

RAIHN Needs

Would you consider picking up one bag of RAIHN laundry as we finish our rotation week

on February 15? Come sign out your bag by the elevators on the lower level – any time after 9:00am on take-down Sunday, February 15. It won't need to be returned until ahead of our next rotation in May!

Chapel Concert by Candlelight

Thursday, February 12, 7:30pm

Cellist and baroque cellist Glenna Curren, an active Third Church, member will perform the upcoming Chapel Concert by Candlelight. She currently performs and teaches in Rochester and has performed across the United States and five European countries as a soloist, chamber musician and orchestral musician. She has collaborated in performance with some of the early music world's most highly regarded performers. Her program will include two of the incomparable unaccompanied suites of Johann Sebastian Bach. This concert is made possible in part through the generosity of the Janet S. and David B. Reed Fund.

Celebrity Organist in Recital

Sunday, February 15, 4:00pm

One of the most widely traveled and exciting concert organists in the world today, **Thomas Trotter**, will be performing at Third Church as part of the Rochester Celebrity Organ Recital Series. His program will include music by J.S. Bach, Jonathan Dove, Paul Dukas (Mr. Trotter's own transcription of "The Sorcerer's Apprentice"), Marcel Dupré, G.F. Handel, Paul Hindemith, and John Stanley. Tickets are available at the door one hour prior to the concert. \$12 regular /\$10 seniors /\$5 students. More information is available at www.rochesterago.org/rcors.

Mardi Gras—February 17, 5:45pm

Join us for a wonderful evening—fresh pancakes, Dixieland Jazz and great fellowship. The evening will wrap up by 8:00pm. Tickets can be purchased for \$5/person, \$25/ max per family, through Sunday, February 15 following worship or by contacting Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at 271-6537, ext. 118 or rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Ash Wednesday—February 18, 6:00pm

Join us for a simple soup supper in Johnston Hall before the Ash Wednesday service. All are welcome to join us for this free meal. Anyone willing to make a crock pot of soup should contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at 271-6537, ext. 118 or rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org.

A service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes will take place in the Chapel at 7:00pm. Martha Langford will preach.

Multimedia Concert

Thursday, February 19, 8:00pm

You are cordially invited to attend the premiere performance of "H" – a multimedia collaboration, to be held in our Sanctuary. There is a pre-concert chat at 7:00pm. This performance is free and open to the public. It promises to be a stimulating and unique artistic experience – combining music, art, and animation. Featuring new music by Matt Curlee; art direction by Henry Schmidt; and animation by John Krisman. Performers will include faculty, alumni, and students of the Eastman School of Music, utilizing organ, strings, choir, and jazz ensemble. More information about this project can be found at www.h-universe.org.

Skiing Event—February 27

Come beginning at 3:00pm for an afternoon of skiing at Hunt Hollow Ski Club. Lift tickets for adults are \$25; skis, boots and pole rentals are available for \$15; snowboard and boots, \$20. Contact Will Crain (wcrain@bluefrog.com) or Sean Ossont (sean_ossont@hotmail.com) for more information. RSVP to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch (271-6537, ext. 118 or rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org) by February 21.

Looking Ahead to Lent

Saturday, March 7, 9:00am-12:00noon John Wilkinson will lead an interactive gathering based on the themes in Barbara Brown Taylor's

"Learning to Walk in the Dark." You do not need to read the book to participate, but doing so will be helpful. It is a very accessible and engaging read. If you order the book through Amazon, we encourage you to do so through the Third Church website. To register, contact the Church Office (271-6513).

Great Schools for All Symposium Update

The next step in the *Great Schools for ALL* efforts to guarantee access to a quality education for every child in greater Rochester is the formation of five work groups (county-wide magnet schools, socio-economically integrated summer learning programs, expansion of the Urban-Suburban program, regional planning, and outreach/diversity efforts) to achieve greater socio-economic integration. Each group is tasked with spending 60 days establishing straightforward objectives, reviewing relevant research, assessing opportunities for and barriers to success, and proposing action steps that could be initiated within the next year. For more information, please refer to the January 2015 communication available at <http://bit.ly/1BkrsYX> or contact Lynette Sparks or John Wilkinson at greatschools4all@gmail.com.

Food Cupboard Needs

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

Donations for UPT Children's Programs

*January: Kleenex Boxes
February: Hand Sanitizer*

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Per its bylaws, the Session of Third Presbyterian Church has called for an annual meeting of the

congregation on **Sunday, March 1** following the 10:45am service of worship in the Celebration Center. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

We will hear reports on 2014 activities, elect new officers and review our 2015 financial picture.

Session will offer a light lunch during the meeting.

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	Youth Church School	CE/201
9:30 am	Commissioning Class	CE/Youth Lounge
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:40 am	Church School	Education Building
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center
12:00 pm	Nominating	Parker Room
12:15 pm	Meigs Street Ramblers	Moot Arts Room
2:00 pm	RAIHN Guests Arrive	
4:30 pm	Covenant Singers	Chapel
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	CC

Monday, February 9

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:30 pm	Stewardship	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
6:30 pm	Yoga	JH

Tuesday, February 10

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Property Committee	Whitney Room
7:00 pm	Session/Trustees	JH
8:00 pm	Trustees	CC

Wednesday, February 11

5:00 pm	Children's Bell Choir	Moot Arts Room
5:30 pm	Qabats	CC
6:00 pm	Living Waters Wednesday	Chapel
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Sectional Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, February 12

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Arts Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
1:00 pm	Book Club	Library
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Arts Room
7:00 pm	Corner Place Steering Committee	Off Site
7:30 pm	Chapel Concert by Candlelight	Chapel

Friday, February 13

9:30 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parlor
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Saturday, February 14

10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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Sunday, February 15

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:40 am	Church School	CE
10:45 am	Worship/Ordination	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:00 pm	Happy Bunch Out to Lunch	Off Site
12:15 pm	Meigs Street Ramblers	Moot Arts Room
12:15 pm	Youth Revisioning/Implementation	Parker Rm
4:00 pm	Celebrity Organ Recital	Sanctuary

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