



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

“With the drawing of this Love and the voice of this Calling
We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.”

T.S. Eliot

Little Gidding

The Worship of God
Transfiguration of the Lord

February 15, 2015

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.

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

Children and Worship: We offer quiet activities for school aged children during worship in the sanctuary. There is a table and chairs on a rug under the Meigs Street 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. The next Exploring Membership Dinner will take place 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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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" Charles-Marie Widor
(from Symphony No. 6 in G minor)

* 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

LEADER: O God, you summon the day to dawn,
and you teach the morning to waken the earth.

PEOPLE: **Great is your name.
Great is your love.**

LEADER: For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

PEOPLE: **Great is your name.
Great is your love.**

LEADER: For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,
and the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

PEOPLE: **Great is your name
Great is your love.**

LEADER: Your love and mercy shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

PEOPLE: **Great is your name.
Great is your love.**

* HYMN 489 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" UNSER HERRSCHER

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with all of our heart. We have not loved others as you love us. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Following the children's message, school aged children are invited to gather at the table under the Meigs Street balcony for quiet activities during worship. Child care is provided for children, Kindergarten and younger, in the Education Building.

DISMISSAL
of CHILDREN

(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

II Corinthians 4:3-6

(Pew Bible, NT page 180)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "O God, Be Gracious to Us"

Hal Hopson

O God, be gracious to us and bless us, O God, make your face to shine upon us, that your name may be known upon the earth, your saving power among the nations. O God... Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you. Let the nations be glad; let the nations sing for joy! For God shall judge the people with equity. Let the nations be glad; let the nations sing for joy! The earth has yielded once again its increase, and God, even our own God, is with us. O God... And God, even our own God is with us. Let all the earth fear him.

- Adapted from Psalm 67

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:2-9

(Pew Bible, NT page 44)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Coming Down the Mountain"

John Wilkinson

* HYMN "Holy Spirit, Lord of Love"

RATISBON

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, Lord of love,
 2. From their bright bap - tis - mal day,
 3. Give them light Thy truth to see,
 4. When the ho - ly vow is made,

Thou who cam - est from a - bove,
 Through their child - hood's on - ward way,
 Give them life to live for Thee,
 When the hands are on them laid,

Gifts of bles - sing to be - stow On Thy wait - ing
 Thou hast been their con - stant guide, Watch - ing ev - er
 Dai - ly pow'r to con - quer sin, Pa - tient faith the
 Come, in this most sol - emn hour, With Thy sev'n - fold

Church be - low; Once a - gain in love draw near
 by their side; May they now till life shall end,
 crown to win; Shield them from temp - ta - tion's breath,
 gifts of pow'r, Come, Thou bles - sed Spir - it, come,

To Thy child - ren gath - ered here.
 Choose and know Thee as their Friend.
 Keep them faith - ful un - to death.
 Make each heart Thy hap - py home.

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.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

STATEMENT
on ORDINATION

REAFFIRMATION
of the
BAPTISMAL COVENANT

THANKSGIVING
for BAPTISM

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER of ORDINATION

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

DECLARATION of ORDINATION

Welcome

Charge to
The Ordained

Presentation of
Symbols of Ministry

PRESENTATION of OFFERINGS

In addition to our regular Third Church offering today, we are receiving an offering to support the Presbytery of Genesee Valley Committee on Preparation for Ministry. Funds are used to underwrite costs of the ministerial inquiry and care process, such as career assessment and counseling. The loose offering will be designated to support this committee, and you may designate checks by making them payable to "Presbytery of Genesee Valley" and writing "CPM" in the memo.

ANTHEM "Immortal, Invisible"

Eric Thiman

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy Justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, life Thou givest - to both

great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all; We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish - but nought changeth Thee. Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light, Thine Angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; All laud we would render; O help us to see 'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee. Amen.

- text by W. C. Smith

* 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: **Gracious and eternal God: We thank you for the promise and power of baptism. We thank you that your Spirit calls each of us into lives of hope and joy. Receive now the gifts that we share so that the church here and in every place might serve in love. As you have gathered us in, so send us out as your grateful followers. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN 288 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

* CHARGE
 and BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* GREETING

POSTLUDE "Finale"
 (from Symphony No. 6 in G minor)

Charles-Marie Widor

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Andrew Primerano, who would have turned 22 on February 12.

*The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today
to celebrate the ordination of Sarah Walker Cleveland.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson
LITURGISTS: Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks

THE ORDINATION COMMISSION

RULING ELDERS: Therese Markham, First Presbyterian Church, Honeoye Falls
Susan Orr, Laurelton United Presbyterian Church
Karen Walker, Third Presbyterian Church
Tracy Walker, Third Presbyterian Church

TEACHING ELDERS: Val Fowler, First Presbyterian Church, Honeoye Falls
Carol Anne Strawbridge, Honorably Retired
John Wilkinson, Third Presbyterian Church, Moderator
Designee

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: Adam Walker Cleaveland, Presbytery of Chicago
Associate Pastor, Winnetka Presbyterian Church

ACOLYTES: Lydia Stratton-Smith, Meghan Elder
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Mary Ann Rutkowski
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson
GUEST CONDUCTOR: Jeanne Fisher
GREETERS: Darryl Powell, Hannah Powell, Holly Powell, Peg Rachfal,
Betsey Wheeler, Jean Whitney
USHERS: Nancy Adams, Robb Adams Bill Boller, Priscilla Boller, Otto
Muller-Girard, Jr., Jeff Sprague, Beth Tschorke, Phil Tschorke
RECEPTION COORDINATORS: Tina Jones and Cathy Norton

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.

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 and review our 2015 financial picture. Session will offer a light lunch during the meeting.

February 15, 2015



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

About Today's Worship

Our worship this morning will include the ordination of Sarah Walker Cleaveland as Minister of Word and Sacrament/Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). A commission appointed by the Presbytery of Genesee Valley will conduct the ordination on behalf of the Presbytery of Chicago, which Sarah has been called to serve as Associate Pastor of the Winnetka Congregational Church.

Sarah is a child of Third Church and went through the ordination process for Genesee Valley Presbytery, first an inquirer, and then a candidate under our care. We are grateful for her ministry and delighted to welcome members of the presbytery and its congregations to worship this morning.

All are invited to a reception in the Celebration Center following worship.

GREETINGS from the People of the Winnetka Congregational Church

Our church family shares in the joy of Sarah Walker Cleaveland's ordination at Third Presbyterian Church, where she was nurtured in faith growing up. We feel blessed that Sarah accepted the call to be our Associate Pastor with emphasis on families and youth, and we look forward to her ministry with our congregation. May God's peace be with Sarah and the people of Third Presbyterian Church on this very special day.

Sunday Seminar—9:30am

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

February 22: Prophets, Human Suffering and Justice: Exploring first Isaiah, second Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Jonah

Growing in the Word—9:30am, Parlor

Today: Mark 9:2-9: "The Transfiguration," with *Jim Stewart*

February 22: Mark 1:9-15: "The Wilderness Temptation," with *Paul Gongloff*

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.

Celebrity Organist in Recital

Today at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary

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.

Evensong at Christ Church Pittsford Tonight

John Wilkinson will be the speaker at a service of evensong at Christ Church Pittsford, tonight, February 15, at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome.

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, today 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.

Pulpit Exchange—February 27 & March 1

We will continue the tradition of sharing worship with our friends at Temple B'rith Kodesh on Friday, February 27. There will be both a reception before the service (6:30pm) and following the 7:00pm service. Rabbi Stein will lead a Sunday Seminar on March 1 and then he will dialogue with John Wilkinson during the 10:45am worship service.

Skiing Event—February 27

Come beginning at 3:00pm for an afternoon of skiing at Hunt Hollow Ski Club. Rental

equipment is available. 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 a participatory gathering based on the themes in Barbara Brown Taylor's "Learning to Walk in the Dark." 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

Peanut Butter (18 oz.), Cereal

Donations for UPT Children's Programs

*February: Hand Sanitizer
March: Socks & Underwear*

Cameron Community Ministries

Men's Clothing

CALENDAR for February 15 – February 22

Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Childcare up to Kindergarten	CE
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parker Room
9:30 am	Ordination Commission	Parlor
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship, Ordination of Sarah Walker Cleaveland	Sanctuary
	Children's Worship Table	Under Meigs Street balcony, Sanctuary
11:45 am	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center
12:00 pm	Happy Bunch Out to Lunch	<i>Off Site</i>
12:15 pm	Youth Revisioning/Implementation	Parker Room
12:15 pm	Meigs Street Ramblers	Moot Arts Room
4:00 pm	Celebrity Organ Recital	Sanctuary

Monday, February 16—Presidents' Day Office Closed

Tuesday, February 17

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
4:00 pm	Great Schools for All	JH
5:45 pm	Mardi Gras	CC
6:00 pm	Commissioning Class	CC

Wednesday, February 18—Ash Wednesday

12:00 pm	Calvin Guild	JH
5:00 pm	Shawl Knitting Ministry	JH
6:00 pm	Simple Meal	JH
7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship	Chapel
7:45 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, February 19

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Arts Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Arts Room
8:00 pm	Multimedia Concert	Sanctuary

Friday, February 20

Saturday, February 21

10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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Sunday, February 22

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	Nominating	Parker Room
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
1:00 pm	Memorial Service for Anne Young	Sanctuary

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