



Seeking the Light

Make no mistake.
This blessing that comes
like hands laid
upon your head,
a mantle draped
across your shoulders:
you do not bear it
alone.

Jan Richardson
"Blessing of Elijah"

The Worship of God
Transfiguration of the Lord

February 15, 2015

8:30 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 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 "Variations on an Old American Tune" Zachary Wadsworth
(Theme—II Sprightly, with wit—III. Adagio—
VI. Adagio con molto rubato)

* 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 50)

LEADER: The mighty one, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

PEOPLE: **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

LEADER: Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around him.

PEOPLE: **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth,
that he may judge his people:**

LEADER: "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

PEOPLE: **The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.**

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

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

God of glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you, yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you—in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us our sins, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - - - cy up - on us.
 Christ, have mer - - - cy up - on us.
 Lord, have mer - - - cy up - on us.

Peter DuBois, 2004

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Friends, believe the good news.
 PEOPLE: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

* RESPONSE:

organ intro
 Glo-ry be to God: Cre - a - tor, Christ, and
 Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
 shall be: World with - out end. A - men! A - men!

Peter DuBois, 2007

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 2 Kings 2:1-12 (Pew Bible, OT page 332)
 LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
 PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness" Antonín Dvořák
 Matthew Swensen, *tenor*

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:2-9 (Pew Bible, NT page 36)
 LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
 PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "So Now What?" Lynette Sparks

*** AFFIRMATION of FAITH**

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. 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 "If With All Your Hearts"
(from "Elijah")

Felix Mendelssohn

*** 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!

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: **O Lord our God, you are great indeed, clothed in majesty and splendor. You loved the world so much that you sent your beloved Son to dwell with us. By his death he conquered death, and by his rising he gives eternal life. We praise you for your saving grace. Transfigure us by your Spirit, and let your love shine in all we do and say, that all the world may see the radiant light of God guiding all creation, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

ELLACOMBE

* CHARGE
and BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL
RESPONSE

**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.**

* GREETING

POSTLUDE "Variations on an Old American Tune" Zachary Wadsworth
(VII. Joyfully)

*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.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Lynette Sparks
LITURGIST: Martha Langford
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson
USHERS: Hank and Lea Theuer

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

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

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 prior to the concert.

Evensong at Christ Church Pittsford Tonight

John Wilkinson will be the speaker at a service of evensong at Christ Church Pittsford, tonight 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, 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 and the performance is free and open to the public. It promises to be a stimulating and unique artistic experience – combining music, art, and animation. 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.

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

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| 8:30 am | Child Care | CE |
| 8:30 am | Worship | Chapel |
| 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 |
| 11:00 am | 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

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| 5:45 pm | Third Church Ringers | Moot Arts Room |
| 8:00 pm | Multimedia Concert | Sanctuary |

Tuesday, February 17

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| 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 |
| 7:00 pm | Commissioning Class | CC |

Friday, February 20

Saturday, February 21

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

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| 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 |

Wednesday, February 18—Ash Wednesday

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| 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

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| 9:30 am | Food Cupboard | CC |
| 10:45 am | Celebration Ringers | Moot Arts Room |
| 12:00 pm | Thursday Voices | JH |

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