



“This is a God who is not identified with
the help of a dictionary
but through a relationship.”

Kathleen Norris,
Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith

**The Worship of God
First Sunday in Lent**

February 22, 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 10:45 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. Copies of the congregational prayer list may be found in the church office.

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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THIRD CHURCH STAFF

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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 "Sonata No. 2 in C minor" Felix Mendelssohn
Grave - Adagio

CHORAL INTROIT "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
(10:45) LAND OF REST
Junior Choir

Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins,
And close by Thee to stay.

* 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, we yearn to take refuge in you.
PEOPLE: **We open our minds for your word.**
LEADER: O God, we long to ease the troubles of our hearts.
PEOPLE: **We lift our hearts, ready and waiting.**
LEADER: O God, we seek to travel your journey of steadfast love.
PEOPLE: **We give our lives.**
LEADER: O God, we are eager to learn your path of faithfulness.
PEOPLE: **We dedicate ourselves again to your call.**
LEADER: O God, we listen for your word: "You are my beloved."
PEOPLE: **To you, we belong completely.**

* HYMN 81 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" ST. FLAVIAN

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Most merciful God, whose son Jesus Christ was
tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess
before you our own sinfulness. We have hungered
after that which does not satisfy. We have
compromised with evil. We have doubted your power
to protect us.

Forgive our lack of faith. Have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. 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

SACRAMENT
of BAPTISM

(10:45)

PRESENTATION

Frederick Charles Fischer

THE ACT OF BAPTIZING

WELCOME

ELDER:

Frederick is now received into the holy catholic church. Through baptism God has made him a member of the household of faith, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. We, the members of this congregation, have promised to nurture and to love this child, and to assist him to be a faithful disciple.

PEOPLE:

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you and to help you to know and follow Christ.

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

KINGDOM

1. Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, Bap - tized
 2. Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you

with the Spir - it's sign, With this wa - ter God has
 are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly

sealed you Un - to love and grace di - vine.
 give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.

Text: Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980
Tune: V. Earle Copes, 1959

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

I. II.

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

Genesis 9:8-17

(Pew Bible, OT page 7)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

"Lord, God of Abraham"

Felix Mendelssohn

(8:30)

(from "Elijah")

Cody Muller, *bass*

ANTHEM

"Go Not Far From Me"

Niccolo Zingarelli

(10:45)

Go not far from me, O God; Cast me not away in the time of age; Forsake me not when my strength faileth me. O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise, That I may sing Thy glory and honour all the day long.

- Psalm 71:12, 9, 8

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:9-17

(Pew Bible, NT page 34)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Spiritual"

John Wilkinson

* HYMN 434

(10:45)

"Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples"

KINGSFOLD

* AFFIRMATION of FAITH

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

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

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.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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)

"It is Well with My Soul"

arr. John Ness Beck

ANTHEM "Morning Glory, Starlight Sky"

Cary Ratcliff

(10:45)

Morning glory, starlit sky, soaring music, scholar's truth, flight of swallows, autumn leaves, memory's treasure, grace of youth; Open are the gifts of God, gifts of love to mind and sense; hidden is love's agony, love's endeavor, love's expense. Love that gives, gives evermore, gives with zeal, with eager hands, spares not, keeps not, all outpours, ventures all, its all expends. Drained is love in making full, bound in setting others free, poor in making others rich, weak in giving power to be. Therefore he who shows us God helpless hangs upon the tree; and the nails and crown of thorns tell of what God's love must be. Here is God: no monarch he, throned in easy state to reign; here is God, whose arms of love aching, spent, the world sustain.

- W. H. Vanstone (1980)

* 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: **O God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us in our journeys that we remindful of your presence, leading, guiding and comforting. In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 339 "Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

* 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

"Sonata No. 2 in C minor"

Felix Mendelssohn

Allegro maestoso and Fugue

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Anne Steele Young and Elizabeth Young DeBruyne.*

*The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today to lift up prayers
for victims of violence across the globe.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson

LITURGISTS: Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks; 10:45: Christie Lutzer

ELDER ASSISTING AT BAPTISM: Susan Fox

ACOLYTES: 10:45: Gregory Monrad, Erin Colaluca

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Mary Ann Rutkowski

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson

GREETERS: 10:45: Cynthia Capps, Camille Clayton,
Connie Schultz, Bernie Todd Smith, Dot Wallace

USHERS: 8:30: Janet Jones-Brower

10:45: Sue Danielson, Miriam Gale, Tom Gillett,
Ann McMican, Jack Mould, Janet Stewart,
David Tennant, Paul Zeh

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Parish B Deacons: Laura Loggi, Jennifer Dinse

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. The 2014 annual report is now available online and in various locations throughout the church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will hear reports on 2014 activities and review our 2015 financial picture. The Congregational Fellowship Committee will offer a light lunch during the meeting.



February 22, 2015

MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Today's Baptism

We celebrate the baptism this morning of **Frederick Charles Fischer**, born November 6, 2014, son of Daniel and Beth Fischer (*F South Southeast Parish*).

Memorial Service Today

A memorial service for **Anne Young** will take place in the sanctuary today at 1:00pm.

Sunday Seminar—9:30am

Today: Prophets, Human Suffering and Justice: Exploring first Isaiah, second Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Jonah *with Anne Merideth*

March 1: The Festival of Purim leading to Passover, *with Rabbi Peter Stein, Temple B'rith Kodesh*

Growing in the Word—9:30am, Parlor

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

March 1: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16: "Blessing Abraham and Sarah," *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 Program

Youth programming resumes March 1.

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 dialogue with John Wilkinson during the 10:45am worship service.

Living Waters Wednesdays—February 25



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

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.

Lent Retreat

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.

Another Successful RAIHN Rotation

The RAIHN volunteers' service, dedication and flexibility to our RAIHN anti-homelessness mission is very much appreciated by our guests, particularly at this difficult time of year. This rotation went very smoothly and our guests were highly satisfied with our facilities and hospitality. Thank you for helping to make it look easy at times! Special thanks to our youth who helped with our setup and take down. As

always, much gratitude to our supportive staff at Third Presbyterian Church. Your help is very much appreciated, as it makes our planning go smoothly.

Lou Loggi and Laurie Mahoney

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

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.



Today is the first Sunday of Lent. Today we also begin a marketing/communications effort intended to invite friends and neighbors across our communities to experience Third Presbyterian Church. Our focal point will be six words that help describe who we are:

- Spiritual
- Thoughtful
- Compassionate
- Inclusive
- Artistic
- Engaged

Each Sunday's worship will focus, in some way, on that theme word. We will also include that word and images to help illustrate it on our website, Facebook page and Twitter feed. Twice in Lent we will do mailings inviting people to connect with us.

In your bulletin is a postcard. You can take it home or mail it to a friend. If you'd like, you can write a brief reflection on your experience of Third Church as "spiritual" and put it in the offering plate. Or post your own reflection on our Facebook page.

Our hope is that as we invite people to connect with Third Church, that our own members and friends will experience a deeper connection.

CALENDAR for February 22 – March 1

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	Commissioning Class	CE/Youth Lounge
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:40 am	Church School	Education Building
11:00 am	Church School	Education Building
11:45 am	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center
12:00 pm	Nominating Committee	Parker Room
1:00 pm	Memorial Service for Anne Young	Sanctuary

Monday, February 23

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:30 pm	Worship, Music & Arts	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
6:30 pm	Zumba	CE/206
6:30 pm	Yoga	JH
6:00 pm	Membership & Evangelism	Whitney Room

Tuesday, February 24

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Property Committee	Whitney Room
7:00 pm	Deacons	JH

Wednesday, February 25

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

Thursday, February 26

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

Friday, February 27

9:30 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parlor
6:30 pm	Reception at B'rith Kodesh	Off Site
7:00 pm	B'rith Kodesh Worship	Off Site

Saturday, February 28

10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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Sunday, March 1

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
9:30 am	Youth Church School	CE/201
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30 am	Commissioning Class	CE/Youth Lounge
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Annual Meeting/Lunch	CC
12:15 pm	Revisioning/Implementation	Parker Room
4:30 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	CC/CE

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