



*Seeking the Light*

"Christian faith cannot exist apart from thinking....  
Thinking faith is Christian faith, and...  
today true Christian faith can be only thinking faith."

Fritz Buri

*Thinking Faith*

The Worship of God  
Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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.

**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. 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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Caroline Robinson, Assistant Organist	
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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 "Agnus Dei"  
(Lamb of God) Frank Martin

CHORAL INTROIT "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"  
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 HUNDRETH  
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: All who worship God,  
let us together praise the name of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **In the midst of the congregation  
we will praise you!**

LEADER: All the ends of the earth shall turn to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **All the families of the nations shall worship you,  
for dominion belongs to God!**

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

PRAYER  
of CONFESSION

**Faithful God, you call us to trust in your promises as you invited Abraham and Sarah. In Jesus Christ, you call us to take up our cross and follow, as he invited his disciples. We are quick to make excuses, afraid of the unknown, afraid of the hard work of discipleship. We are cautious; embarrassed to share the good news.**

**Forgive us. Give us the courage that comes from knowing that you walk with us. 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

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.*

FOCUS on INVITATION

James Stewart

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 22:23-31

*(Pew Bible, OT page 501)*

*(read responsively by verse)*

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

**“Eternal Light, Shine into Our Hearts”** Malcolm Archer  
Junior Choir and Chancel Choir

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts, Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil, Eternal Power, be our support, Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy on us; that with all our heart and mind and strength we may seek thy face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*- Alcuin of York (735-804)*

# DISMISSAL of CHILDREN

(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

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

LEADER:  
PEOPLE:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

(Pew Bible, OT page 13)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Rabbi Peter Stein  
John Wilkinson

## SERMON DIALOGUE

\* HYMN 488

“The God of Abraham Praise”

LEONI

\* AFFIRMATION of FAITH

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

**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 "The Call of Wisdom"

Will Todd

Sign interpretation: Sarah Cohen

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy; walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory. Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction, entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger. *I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me? I am here, I am with you.* Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value. Jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting. *I am here, I am with you...* Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom. Those who know me know my love; those who seek me find their answer. *I am here, I am with you...* God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit co-eternal. Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages. *I am here, I am with you...*

\* RESPONSE

- Michael Hampel (based on Proverbs 8)

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: **God of our forebears, as your chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown, so may your church be granted such faith that we may follow you with courage for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN 220 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" OLD HUNDREDTH

\* CHARGE  
and BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

\* GREETING

POSTLUDE "Prelude and Fugue in E minor" Johann Ludwig Krebs

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Daniel J. and Elayne M. Keane and Philip R. and Antoinette H. Adams, parents of Beth and Ned Adams.*

*The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today to lift up prayers of gratitude for the long-standing relationship between Temple B'rith Kodesh and Third Presbyterian Church.*

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:**

*PREACHERS:* John Wilkinson and Rabbi Peter Stein

*LITURGISTS:* Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks, Donna Brink Fox

*ACOLYTES:* Julia Wisbey, Natalie Vinton

*DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST:* Peter DuBois

*ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:* Mary Ann Rutkowski

*ASSISTANT ORGANIST:* Caroline Robinson

*GREETERS:* Bonnie DeHollander, Alice Fishbeck, Ann Haag,  
Jack Salzer, Carl Wheeler

*USHERS:* Jim and Roxanne Boyer, Jobin Philip, Beth Sieber, Betsy Vinton, Griff Vinton, Jeff Weis, Rob White

*COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:* Annual Meeting luncheon hosted by  
Congregational Fellowship Committee

Per its bylaws, the Session of Third Presbyterian Church has called for an annual meeting of the congregation **today** following this morning's worship service in the Celebration Center. Copies of the Annual Report are available in the narthexes and in the literature rack. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will hear reports on 2014 activities and review our 2015 financial picture. Congregational Fellowship will offer a light lunch during the meeting.

## Exploring Membership

Have you found your way to Third Church and want to know more about it? Do you wonder what deepening your ties to this community of faith might mean for you? Are you interested in becoming a member, but have questions?

The "Exploring Membership Dinner" on March 15 is a time to meet members, other newcomers and staff. This is an opportunity to share your story, hear from others about the journeys that brought us here, and explore ways to connect with the people here. Following the dinner, those who wish to become members of Third Church can choose to attend one of two New Member Gatherings: the first immediately following the dinner from 7:30 to 9:00pm or from 8:30 to 10:00am on Sunday, March 22. New members will be received by the church Session at 10:00am on March 22 and then presented at the 10:45am worship service. For more information or to reserve your place at the dinner, please RSVP to Lynette Sparks (271-6537, ext. 106 or [lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org)).



March 1, 2015

## MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Today's Pulpit Exchange

We are delighted to continue the tradition of sharing worship with our friends at Temple B'rith Kodesh and welcome Rabbi Peter Stein to the pulpit this morning to dialogue with John Wilkinson.

### Sunday Seminar—9:30am

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

**March 8:** There Is No Peace without Justice *with Kathy Sweetland, board president of Partners in Restorative Initiatives.*

## Growing in the Word—9:30am, Parlor

**Today: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16:** "Blessing Abraham and Sarah," with *Lynette Sparks*

**March 8: Exodus 20:1-17:** "The Ten Commandments," 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](mailto:mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org).

## YOUTH Program

Youth programming resumes today with Covenant Singers at 4:30pm and Youth Fellowship and dinner at 6:00pm.

## Living Waters Wednesdays—March 4



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

## 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." To help in planning, contact the Church Office (271-6513), to register.

## Blue Out

Next Sunday, March 8, we invite you to reflect on the ways we extend compassion to families recovering from the agony of disaster. The color blue can be a symbol of hope for the recovery and restoration of life that we know will come for survivors. Third Church has worked with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to send twelve volunteer work groups to help rebuild after Hurricane Katrina; we are sending another group to New Orleans in October 2015. We also support PDA financially by participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on April 5. Wear **something blue** next Sunday as a visible reminder that our compassion makes a difference for disaster survivors around the world.

## Hymnal Sales

Members of the congregation are invited to underwrite the purchase of 900 new hymnals. The cost is \$20 per hymnal and may be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. You may place your order in the Celebration Center both prior to and following the Annual Meeting.

## Chamber Music Society Concert

**Friday, March 13, 7:30pm, Sanctuary**  
The Society for Chamber Music in Rochester presents Sonic Brass and Organ featuring brass and percussion players from the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra with Third Church organist Peter DuBois. The sonic spectacular concert will feature music by Samuel Adler, Marcel Dupré, Giovanni Gabrieli, Nathan Stang, Charles-Marie Widor and premiering new transcriptions of music for organ and brass, including Richard Strauss' "Festmusic der Stadt Wien," and William Walton's "Crown Imperial." Tickets will be available at the

door (\$30/regular; students (with ID) admitted free.

### Chapel Concert by Candlelight

*Thursday, March 19, 7:30pm*

This Chapel concert will feature Keri Berger, Cantorial soloist at Temple B'rith Kodesh with musicians from Temple B'rith Kodesh. They will present a program of solo and choral music from the Jewish tradition. This concert is made possible in part through the generosity of the Janet S. and David B. Reed Fund. A freewill offering will be received to help support this special musical presentation.

### 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 [gs4a@gmail.org](mailto:gs4a@gmail.org).

### Housing Assistance Needed

*Friday, March 6*

Our neighbors at Incarnate Word are hosting a concert by the Kenyon College Chamber Singers and are asking for assistance in providing housing Friday evening for the 42 singers who will be on tour. If you can house two or more singers on Friday evening, please contact Tom Madden ([Thomas.madden@icloud.com](mailto:Thomas.madden@icloud.com)) or Thatcher Lyman ([incarnatewordmusic@gmail.com](mailto:incarnatewordmusic@gmail.com)) with the number of students you can host, plus a listing of any pets you may have. Students will need to be picked up following the concert Friday evening, and returned to the church Saturday morning.

### 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.



Throughout Lent, we continue our marketing/communications effort intended to invite friends and neighbors across our communities to experience Third Presbyterian Church. Our focal point is six words that help describe who we are; the word in bold print is this week's theme:

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

Each Lenten Sunday's worship focuses, in some way, on one particular theme word. Our website, Facebook page and Twitter feed also include the week's theme word and image. Twice in Lent we will do direct 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 "thoughtful" 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 March 1 – March 8

### Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
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
9:30 am	Youth Church School	CE/201
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 am	Church School	Education Building
12:00 pm	Annual Meeting/Lunch	Celebration Center
4:30 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	CC/CE

### Monday, March 2

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
2:00 pm	Library Committee	Library
6:00 pm	More Light Committee	Whitney Room
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
6:30 pm	Zumba	CE/206
6:30 pm	Yoga	JH
7:00 pm	Great Schools for All/Magnet Schools Work Group	CE/B04

### Friday, March 6

9:30 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parlor
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### Saturday, March 7\*

9:00 am	Lenten Retreat	JH
10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
2:00 pm	Memorial Service for Charles and Toni Frame	Sanctuary

### Sunday, March 8

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
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
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Men's Group Brainstorming	JH
12:15 pm	Nominating Committee	Parker Room
12:15 pm	More Light Planning	Whitney Room
12:15 pm	Revising/Implementation Team	CE/Youth Lounge
4:30 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	CC/CE

\*Set clocks ahead one hour before retiring; Daylight Savings Time returns!

### Tuesday, March 3

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
5:30 pm	Peacemaking	Off Site
6:00 pm	Spiritual Formation	Parker Room
7:00 pm	Congregational Fellowship	Whitney Room
7:00 pm	Youth Committee	Library

### Wednesday, March 4

5:00 pm	Children's Bell Choir	Moot Arts Room
5:00 pm	Shawl Knitting Ministry	Parlor
5:30 pm	Qabats	CC
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Living Waters Wednesday</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Sectional Rehearsals	
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

### Thursday, March 5

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
7:00 pm	Outreach	CC

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