



Seeking the Light

"In Lent, giving up illusion is the primary sacrifice: illusions about God, the world, safety, self-satisfaction; or, even clinging to the easier, friendlier Jesus of Galilee and Epiphany rather than traveling with the suffering Jesus of Jerusalem and Holy Week."

Suzanne Guthrie

The Worship of God
Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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.

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 10:45am 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 271-6537, 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 "Agnus Dei" Frank Martin
(Lamb of God)

* 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 22

LEADER: Praise the Lord, all you who worship the Holy One!
PEOPLE: **You children of Jacob, glorify God!
You children of Israel,
stand in awe of the Lord of Hosts!**
LEADER: All who hunger are fed in abundance at the Lord's table.
PEOPLE: **All who seek the Lord,
sing praises and worship the God of glory!**

* HYMN 288 "The God of Abraham Praise" LEONI

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Merciful God, look with favor upon us as we confess our sins. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Eternal Light, Shine into Our Hearts” Malcolm Archer

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)

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:31-38

(Pew Bible, NT page 44)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Questions, Questions”

Lynette Sparks

* AFFIRMATION of FAITH

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

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. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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...*

- Michael Hampel (based on Proverbs 8)

* 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

* THE SACRAMENT of
THE LORD'S SUPPER

* INVITATION TO
THE LORD'S TABLE

* GREAT PRAYER
OF THANKSGIVING

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.**

LEADER: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks,
O God...

... With the faithful of every time and place we sing to the
glory of your name:

Richard Proulx

(organ intro)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er and might, heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blest is the One who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

SHARING THE BREAD
AND CUP
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we
may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 220

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

OLD HUNDREDTH

* 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 "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.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Lynette Sparks
LITURGIST: Martha Langford
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson
USHERS: Bill and Linda Adams

Annual Meeting of the Congregation Today

Per its bylaws, the Session of Third Presbyterian Church has called for an annual meeting of the congregation **today** following this morning's 10:45 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.



March 1, 2015

MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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 register, contact the Church Office (271-6513).

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 following worship this morning in the Chapel narthex or on your way into the Annual Meeting lunch following the 10:45am service.

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 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 contact@gs4a.org.

Housing Assistance Needed

Friday, March 6

Our neighbors at Incarnate Word Lutheran Church 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) or Thatcher Lyman

(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.

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).



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
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
9:30 am	Youth Church School	CE/201
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
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

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
6:00 pm	Living Waters Wednesday	Chapel
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

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
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	Men's Group Brainstorming	JH
12:15 pm	Nominating Committee	Parker Room
12:15 pm	More Light Planning	Whitney Room
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!

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