



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**
Seeking the Light

Compassion is sometimes the fatal capacity
for feeling what it is like to live inside somebody else's skin.
It is the knowledge that there can never really be any peace
and joy for me until there is peace and joy finally for you too.

Frederick Buechner

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

March 8, 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 next Sunday, 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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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 "Toccatà Undecima" George Muffat

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: The heavens are telling the glory of God.
PEOPLE: **The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**
LEADER: There is no voice, there are no words,
PEOPLE: **yet their voice goes out through all the earth—
words of great praise to the end of the world!**

* HYMN 83 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" DEO GRACIAS

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Righteous God, we seek your forgiveness. Our lives fall short of your will for us. We transgress your holy law, or fulfill its letter but violate its spirit of divine love. Our sin skews our living out of kilter, distorting our values and judgment. We need your mercy and your power, O God!

Cleanse our hearts of every fault, and refresh us with your Holy Spirit, that our lives may please you with true obedience and loving service. 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

(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)
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.

OLD TESTAMENT

LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

(Pew Bible, OT page 66)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

“Give Me Jesus”

(8:30)

arr. Moses Hogan
Paige Kiefner, *soprano*

ANTHEM

“Beati quorum via”

(10:45)

Charles V. Stanford

Beati quorum via integra est: Qui ambulant in lege Domini.

(translation) Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk
in the law of the Lord.

- *Psalm 119:1*

EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 1:18-25

(Pew Bible, NT page 166)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Compassionate”

John Wilkinson

* HYMN 80

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

LONESOME VALLEY

* 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.

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)

"O Divine Redeemer"

Charles Gounod

ANTHEM
(10:45)

"The Heavens are Telling"
(from "The Creation")

Franz Josef Haydn

Paige Kiefner, *soprano*
Matthew Swensen, *tenor*
Cody Muller, *bass*

The heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of his work displays the firmament; Today that is coming speaks it the day, The night that is gone to following night. In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.

- from Psalm 19

* 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: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your mercy and love; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

*** HYMN 427 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"**

BLAENHAFREN

*** 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 "Prelude & Fugue in E minor"
(“The Cathedral)**

J.S. Bach

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Dallas Sterrett given by the Sterretts and Schillers.*

*The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today to lift up prayers
for all who face religious persecution.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson

LITURGISTS: Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks; 10:45: Corni Labrum

ACOLYTES: 10:45: Jarr Briggs, Sara Dickinson

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Mary Ann Rutkowski

GREETERS: 10:45: Bob Eames, Maryjane Link, Jeff Morrison, Kelly
Thevenet-Morrison, Betsey Wheeler

USHERS: 8:30: Deb Allyn, Suzy Hengerer

10:45: Elmer Dustman, Ann Haag, Gloria Pleger, Anne
Sievers, Don Schichler, Rebecca Schichler

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Worship, Music & Arts Committee

March 8, 2015



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Seminar—9:30am

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

March 15: Thinking Theologically about Equity, Poverty, and Wealth *with David Yoon-Jung Kim, Arthur J. Gosnell Associate Professor of Christian Social Ethics at CRCDS.*

Growing in the Word—9:30am, Parlor

Today: Exodus 20:1-17: "The Ten Commandments," *with Jim Stewart*

March 15: Ephesians 2:1-10: "Saved by God's Grace," *with Holly Powell*

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.

Tour Today for Guests/Newcomers

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sanctuary, chapel, and other important spaces, sharing important highlights of our historical and current ministries. The tour will begin at the front of the sanctuary following the 10:45 service.

Men's Group Activity Brainstorming

Today in Johnston Hall after 10:45am worship

Please grab a beverage (and maybe a cookie) after 10:45am worship and then join a group of Third Church men in Johnston Hall to brainstorm possible activities to explore our faith and deepen our fellowship. The goal of the brief meeting is to talk about potential activities and establish some groups to plan them. To jump start the planning process, please take a quick survey at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TPC Men](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TPC_Men) . If you are interested in getting involved but can't attend today, please contact Paul Bishop at pabishop@live.com or Andrew Elder at andrew_elder@pobox.com (or see either on in person).

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 narthex following the Chapel service or during coffee hour in the Celebration Center.

YOUth Program

Covenant Singers will rehearse at 4:30 and will be followed by Youth Supper and Fellowship tonight! Annelise Bay will be sharing her summer experience with the Akaa Project. #akaa rocks.

Living Waters Wednesdays—March 11



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.

Blue Out

Today we 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 Easter Sunday, April 5.

Thursday Voices

Looking at the Sunday scripture readings for the Season of Lent

March 5: including John 2:13-22, with John Wilkinson

March 12: including John 3:14-21, with Martha Langford

Family Night at Rock Ventures

Sunday, March 15, 6:00-8:30pm

1044 University Avenue

Cost: \$15/person with a max of \$40/family; waiver required - bring it with you or fill it out and submit it online. It can be found on the Rock Ventures website at www.rockventures.net or <http://www.rockventures.net/RV%20Liability%20Waiver.pdf>.

Attire, shoes and helmets: Wear something you can move in! Sneakers are the recommended footwear (getting your toe in tight places is important, so you will want a shoe that can wedge the toe right in.) A limited number of special climbing shoes are available—they are quite helpful, but not necessary. Please consider bringing and using your bike or ski helmet.

Food: Pizza will be provided. New this year: We are *not* allowed to bring food in.

RSVP: Email Becky at rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org or Jane at jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org with your name, phone and email address and number attending.

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 pre-concert talk with Artistic Directors Juliana Athayde and Erik Behr will begin at 7:00pm, followed by the concert. 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 contact@gs4a.org

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 "compassionate" 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.

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CALENDAR for March 8 – March 15

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	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	Education Building
11:45 am	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center
12:00 pm	Nominating Committee	Parker Room
12:00 pm	Men's Brainstorming Group	JH
12:15 pm	More Light Planning	Whitney Room
12:15 pm	Revisioning/Implementation	CE/Youth Lounge
4:30 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	CC/Youth Lounge

Monday, March 9

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:00 pm	Spiritual Direction Group	Parlor
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 Group	CE
7:00 pm	Children's Ministry	Whitney Room

Tuesday, March 10

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
7:00 pm	Session	JH

Wednesday, March 11

2:00 pm	Great Schools/Summer Learning	JH
4:30 pm	Triple Play	JH
5:00 pm	Children's Bell Choir	Moot Arts Room
5:30 pm	Qabats	CC
5:30 pm	Parent Pittsburgh Trip Child Protection Training	CC
6:00 pm	Living Waters Wednesdays	Chapel
6:30 pm	Choir Sectional Rehearsals	
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, March 12

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

5:30 pm	Corner Place Steering Committee	Off Site
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Arts Room
6:00 pm	RAIHN Dinner	CC

Friday, March 13

7:00 pm	Chamber Music Pre-Concert Talk	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Chamber Music Society Concert	Sanctuary

Saturday, March 14

9:30 am	Commissioning Class Retreat	CE/Youth Lounge
10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC

Sunday, March 15

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
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School Chapel	Chapel
12:00 pm	Happy Bunch Out to Lunch	Off Site
12:15 pm	Revisioning/Implementation	Parker Room
4:30 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Children/Youth Rock Ventures	Off Site
6:00 pm	Exploring Membership Dinner	JH

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