



**Third  
Presbyterian  
Church**  
*Seeking the Light*

“Isn't it amazing that we are all made in God's image,  
and yet there is so much diversity among his people?”  
Desmond Tutu

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

March 15, 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 at 10:45am.

**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 today 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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William W. Young, Pastor Emeritus	
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 "Two Chorale Preludes" Johannes Brahms  
*(My Jesus Calls to Me – My Heart is Filled with Longing)*

CHORAL INTROIT "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" LAND OF REST  
(10:45) 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.  
Abide with us, that so, this life  
Of suffering over past,  
An Easter of unending joy  
We may attain at last!

\* 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: Give thanks to God, who is good.  
PEOPLE: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
LEADER: Let the redeemed of God say so,  
let those gathered in from every land say so.  
PEOPLE: **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

\* HYMN 85 "What Wondrous Love Is This" WONDROUS LOVE

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have given us a sure word, sealed by your Spirit in the free gift of your Son. In Christ you have set us free from bondage, bound up and healed our wounds, and led us into paths of peace. But still we listen to other voices, as though your word were just one among others.

God, in your mercy forgive us. Enable us by your Spirit and free us for joyful service. 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

## DISMISSAL of CHILDREN for CHURCH SCHOOL CHAPEL

(10:45)

*(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.

TALLIS' CANON

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.*

## EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10

*(Pew Bible, NT page 192)*

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "God So Loved the World"

Bob Chilcott

Keely Futterer, *soprano*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- *John 3:16*

GOSPEL LESSON John 3:14-21

(*Pew Bible, NT page 94*)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Inclusive"

John Wilkinson

\* HYMN 436 "We Are Your People"

(10:45)

WHITFIELD

\* 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.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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 Lord is My Light”

Fred Gramann  
Cody Muller, *bass*

The Lord is my light and salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Whom shall I fear? Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. May I dwell in the house of the Lord for all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord. *The Lord is my light...* I believe that I shall see the beauty of the Lord in the land of the living.

- from Psalm 27

\* 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: **God of compassion, receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

\* HYMN 76 “My Song Is Love Unknown”

LOVE UNKNOWN

\* CHARGE  
and BENECTION

\* 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 III in A Major: Con moto maestoso"

(includes tune of Hymn 240 – Out of the Depths)

Felix Mendelssohn

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of the parents and grandparents of the Comstock and Hunsberger families.*

*The Memorial Prayer candle is lit today  
to remember all those who are grieving and mourning.*

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

*PREACHER:* John Wilkinson

*LITURGISTS:* Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks; 10:45: Josh Zeh

*ACOLYTES:* 10:45: Maisie Merz, Bizzy Merz

*DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST:* Peter DuBois

*ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:* Mary Ann Rutkowski

*ASSISTANT ORGANIST:* Caroline Robinson

*GREETERS:* 10:45: Camille Clayton, Peg Rachfal, Darryl Powell,  
Holly Powell, Bernie Todd Smith

*USHERS:* 8:30: Hank and Lea Theuer

10:45: Nancy Adams, Robb Adams, Bill Boller,  
Priscilla Boller, Otto Muller-Girard, Jr., Jeff Sprague,  
Beth Tschorke, Phil Tschorke

*COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:* Parish D Deacons: Susan Carter, Matt Anderson

## Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting is called for March 29 following 10:45am worship to act on a report from the Nominating Committee.

March 15, 2015



## MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday Seminar—9:30am

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

**March 22: Special Music: Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms"** Explore the beauty and simplicity of the "Chichester Psalms" *with Ralph Locke of the musicology faculty at the Eastman School of Music*. It will be performed by the Third Church Chancel Choir at the 10:45am service following the presentation.

### Growing in the Word—9:30am, Parlor

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

**March 22: Jeremiah 31:31-34: "Written on our Hearts,"** *with Paul Gongloff*

### 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).

### Happy Bunch Out to Lunch Today

NAPA Wood Fired Pizza (573 South Clinton Avenue). Contact Karen Anne Bills at [karenannebills@gmail.com](mailto:karenannebills@gmail.com).

### 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.

### Family Night at Rock Ventures Tonight!

**5:00pm, Belay Training**

**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](http://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. Please consider bringing and using your bike or ski helmet. Pizza will be provided. Contact Becky at [rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org) or Jane at [jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org) with your name, phone and email address and number attending.

### Calvin Guild—March 18

**12:00noon, Johnston Hall**

Jim Moore will review "The Brothers: John Foster Dulles and Allen Dulles and their Secret War" by Stephen Kinzer. The book is an excellent retelling of the role which the Dulles brothers played in US foreign policy from the 1940s through the 1960s. AARP eligible members and friends are welcome to join Calvin Guild members for a light soup and sandwich lunch (\$7.00). RSVP to Dot Wallace, 223-8502.

## Living Waters Wednesdays—March 18



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

## Thursday Voices

*Looking at the Sunday scripture readings for the Season of Lent*

**March 19: including John 12:20-33, with Martha Langford**

**March 26: including Mark 11:1-11, with John Wilkinson**

## 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.

## Special Music Presentation on March 22

The Chancel Choir, accompanied by Organ, Harp and Percussion, under the direction of Peter DuBois will present the "Chichester Psalms" written by Leonard Bernstein. The work as a whole has an incredible emotional and dynamic range, and it is a very affirmative piece, both in text and in music. This presentation promises to be a meaningful addition to our observance of Lent. Plan to attend and bring your friends

with you. A special offering will be received that morning to support the cost of the special music 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](mailto:contact@gs4a.org)

## Lunch and Learn—Money Matters

**Sunday, April 19, 12:15pm**

Celebration Center

In personal finances, as in life, we find the "certainty of uncertainty."

- Do I need a rainy day fund?
- Have I planned for the unexpected?
- What about the kid's education?
- Will my savings take me through retirement?
- Where do I begin?

Our speaker, Ed Lapinski, a certified financial planner from Waddell & Reed, will explore these questions and how one plans for the seasons of life. There is a \$5.00 suggested donation for lunch. Please reserve your place with the Church Office (271-6513).

## Pictorial Update April 24 & 25

Let's put faces with names! In 2012, Third Church published a new pictorial directory with the help of Lifetouch photography. Three years later, it's time for updates. Please consider having a picture made if you are not in the current directory. Photography session will take place on Friday, April 24, and Saturday, April 25. For more information, please contact Rose Pethick (388-8546).

### 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*

## Sixth Grade Heifer Fair Auction

### *Request for Donations & Save the Date— May 3!*

The sixth grade Sunday school class has done a project each year since second grade... community service, made quilts for those who were ill, and adopted families. Since this is their last year in grade school, they wanted to go out with a bang! On **May 3** after worship, they will hold a Silent Auction. The proceeds from the auction will purchase animals from the Heifer Project and items through the Presbyterian Gift catalog which benefits various ministries and projects of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Each student has chosen an animal/item they want to buy. They have calculated that at least \$2,000 is needed to accomplish it.

They are not only asking you to "Save the Date," they are also asking for your help. If you have any items you would like to donate for the auction, they would appreciate the donation. Nothing is too big or too small. Direct donations or questions to Lori Gilley at 230-3179 or [lori.a.gilley@gmail.com](mailto:lori.a.gilley@gmail.com).

**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.

## Easter Floral Decorations

If you would like to make a donation to help support the cost of our Easter decorations and lilies for our homebound members, please send your check to the church office marked "*Easter Decorations*" and note clearly the names that should be included in the Easter bulletin.

I would like this gift to be:

\_\_\_\_\_ In loving memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_ In celebration of:

*Palm Sunday is the deadline for receiving donations.*



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.

## CALENDAR for March 15 – March 22

### 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
<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 Chapel	Chapel
11:45 am	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center
12:00 pm	Happy Bunch Out to Lunch	
4:30 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth/Children at Rock Ventures	<i>Off Site</i>
6:00 pm	Exploring Membership Dinner	JH

### Monday, March 16

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:30 pm	Spiritual Direction	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	CEB04

### Tuesday, March 17

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

### Wednesday, March 18

10:30 am	Bell Ensemble Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
12:00 pm	Calvin Guild	JH
5:00 pm	Shawl Knitting Ministry	Parlor
5:00 pm	Children's Bell Choir	Moot Arts Room
5:30 pm	Qabats	CC
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Living Waters Wednesdays</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
6:00 pm	Choir Event	Choir Room
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

### Thursday, March 19

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
7:30 pm	Chapel Concert by Candlelight	Chapel

### Friday, March 20

9:30 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parlor
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### Saturday, March 21

9:00 am	Presbytery Meeting	<i>Bethany</i>
10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
10:00 am	Commissioning Class Faith Statement	CE
1:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

### Sunday, March 22

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	New Member Orientation	Library
<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
10:00 am	Special Session Meeting	Library
<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
4:30 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
5:30 pm	Revisioning/Implementation	CC/CE
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	CC/CE

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