



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

Only in love can I find you, my God... In love my whole being streams forth out of the rigid confines of narrowness and anxious self-assertion, which makes me a prisoner of my own poverty and emptiness... But when I love you, when I manage to break out of the narrow circle of self and leave behind the restless agony of unanswered questions, when my blinded eyes no longer look merely from afar and from the outside upon your unapproachable brightness, and much more when you yourself, O Incomprehensible One, have become through love the inmost center of my life, then I can bury myself entirely in you, O mysterious God, and with myself all my questions.

Karl Rahner

Encounters with Silence

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

March 22, 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.

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.

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 "O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig" BWV 618 J.S. Bach
(O Lamb of God, Most Holy – based on Hymn 82)

* 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 51

LEADER: Holy God, you desire truth in our inward being,
so teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.

PEOPLE: **Let us hear of joy and gladness,
so that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

LEADER: Hide your face from our sins and
redeem all our gross injustices.

PEOPLE: **Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within us.**

LEADER: Cast us not away from your presence
and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

PEOPLE: **Give us the joy of your saving help once again
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

* HYMN 76 "My Song Is Love Unknown" LOVE UNKNOWN

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

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 ARTISTIC

John Wilkinson

OLD TESTAMENT

LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

(Pew Bible, OT page 735)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "Agnus Dei"
 (from "Mass in B minor")

J.S. Bach
 Melissa Zgouridi, *alto*

GOSPEL LESSON John 12:20-33

(Pew Bible, NT page 106)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Social Location"

Martha Langford

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating, who has come in
Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

**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 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" William Ferris

* 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, we praise you that you look upon our frail lives with love and understanding, and that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ. We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life. By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service. Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 388

"O Jesus I Have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

* 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

"Herzlich tut mich verlangen"
(My Heart is Ever Yearning)

Johannes Brahms

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Bill Crain, beloved husband of Carol, father of Will Crain, Betsy Cosgriff, Mary Ellen Knickerbocker and Narina Schulz; grandfather of Liam and Schuyler Crain and Kelly, Riley and Carolyn Knickerbocker.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Martha Langford
LITURGIST: John Wilkinson
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson
USHER: Janet Jones-Brower

Congregational Meeting

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

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday:

8:30am Worship in Chapel*

10:30am Palm Processional Gathering in Chapel*

10:45am Worship in Sanctuary**

Tuesday, March 31: 9:15am Morning Prayer*

Wednesday, April 1: 6:00pm Living Waters Wednesdays*

Thursday, April 2, 7:30pm Tenebrae Worship Service**

Friday, April 3, 9:00am Ecumenical Good Friday Cross Walk
Gather at 530 Lyell Avenue

Friday, April 3, 12:15pm, Good Friday Worship*

Sunday, April 5, 9:00am & 11:00am Easter Worship Services**

**Chapel*

***Sanctuary*

March 22, 2015



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Seminar—9:30am

Today: Growing in the Word, Jeremiah 31:31-34: "Written on our Hearts," with *Paul Gongloff* will take place in Johnston Hall. The originally scheduled Sunday Seminar speaker has been called out of town.

March 29: "Christianity in Asia" with William Cook, Distinguished Teaching Professor of History at SUNY Geneseo. It is possible that before the end of the century there will be more Christians in China than in any other nation in the world. We will explore what people in traditionally Christian nations can learn from Christians in nations such as Japan, Korea and Vietnam.

Growing in the Word—9:30am, Parlor

March 29: Mark 11:1-11, 15:1-39: "Holy Week," with *Darryl Powell*

Invitation to Prayer

The Chapel is normally open for prayer at 10:00am each Sunday, but will not be next Sunday because of the Palm Processional. Please convey prayer requests to Martha Langford at 271-6537, ext. 108 or mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Youth Tonight!

Supper is at 6:00pm. #Implementationvisit #caregroups #drmbaking #yaya

Palm Sunday Processional

All ages are invited to participate in the processional. Meet in in the chapel next Sunday at 10:30am.

Living Waters Wednesdays—March 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.

Thursday Voices

Looking at the Sunday scripture readings for the Season of Lent

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

April 2: including Mark 16:1-8, with Martha Langford

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

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).

Photo Directory Supplement

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 taken if you are not in the current directory.

Photography sessions will take place on *Friday, April 24* (2:00pm until 9:00pm), and *Saturday, April 25* (10:00am until 5:00pm) for the New Member and Friends supplement. You may sign up following worship beginning March 29, online at www.thirdpresbyterian.org or by calling Rose Pethick (388-8546).

Special Concert on Sunday, April 12

The Junior Choir and Children’s Bell Choir will present a brief concert following 10:45am worship on April 12. This concert is in preparation for their upcoming trip to

Pittsburgh. Please join us! A freewill offering will be received to help offset the costs of this and future trips and endeavors.

Third Church More Light Q & A on Being Transgender Today

Q: What does “transgender” mean?

A: Transgender people are “wired” differently in utero and have unique brain structures which determine gender identification. A transgender child born with male anatomy may identify as female in gender, while a child born with female anatomy may identify as male in gender. Gender identification is experienced and expressed in very young children and is viewed as variant when it does not “match” external genitalia. For more information on recent brain research in this area, visit: www.queerty.com/excuse-me-your-kids-transgender-brain-is-showing-20110127. Join More Light for a Transgender Forum on May 3.

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.

Food Cupboard Needs
Peanut Butter (18 oz.), Cereal

Donations for UPT Children's Programs
March: Socks & Underwear
April: Stickers

Three things you can do this week to support the children of the City School District:

- Buy child-size socks and underwear and bring them to church.
- Donate money for School #35 field trips (3 classes of Kindergartners plan to go to the Zoo and 3 classes of Third Graders plan to attend a program about frogs hosted by Genesee Country Museum). Each trip

costs about \$100.00 per class. Donations collected at UPT School Support, 4 Meigs St., Rochester, NY 14607

- Write or email your school board members in support of the Urban-Suburban program (regardless of the district in which you reside).

Please do join us tomorrow, March 23 at 5:00pm, at Dewey Avenue Presbyterian Church to sort and distribute donations (2009 Dewey Avenue, back of the building).

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.

Easter Floral Decorations

If you would 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 "artistic" 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 22 – March 29

Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	New Member Gathering	Library
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	JH
9:30 am	Youth Church School	CE
10:15 am	Special Session Meeting	Library
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
4:30 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
5:30 pm	Revisioning/Implementation	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	CC/CE

Monday, March 23

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:30 pm	Worship, Music & Arts	Parker Room
5:30 pm	Spiritual Direction	Parlor
6:00 pm	Membership & Evangelism	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	CE/B04

Tuesday, March 24

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
7:00 pm	Youth Ministry	Parker Room

Wednesday, March 25

10:30 am	Bell Ensemble	Moot Arts Room
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, March 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, March 27

Saturday, March 28

10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Jr. 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
10:30 am	Gathering for Palm Processional	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:15 pm	Revisioning/Implementation	Parker Room

Next Sunday, join the choirs and clergy for the festive Palm Processional from the Chapel to the Sanctuary for 10:45am worship! Meet in the Chapel at 10:30.

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