



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

“The promise of resurrection, new life, and grace is so outlandish, so uncommon, and so desperately necessary that it has always elicited a measure of doubt. But it has also always elicited changed lives as well.”

David Lose

**The Worship of God
Third Sunday of Easter**

April 19, 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 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 June 14.

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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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

(8:30) "Rejoice, Beloved Christians"

J.S. Bach

(10:45) "Saraband"

Herbert Howells

(for the Morning of Easter)

* 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: We are called to be God's children.

PEOPLE: **God's love has been poured
on us through Jesus Christ.**

LEADER: Fear and doubt are gone.

PEOPLE: **Joy and celebration ring in our hearts.**

LEADER: Come, let us raise our voices in song.

PEOPLE: **Let us offer our hearts and souls
to God.**

* HYMN 122 "Thine Is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

PRAYER of ADORATION

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord.

Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

*** CONGREGATIONAL
RESPONSE:**



Christ is a - live, and comes to bring Good news to
this and ev - ery age, Till earth and sky and o - cean
ring With joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian Wren, 1968 Used by permission
Tune: TRURO

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. Because of the Junior Choir's visit to Pittsburgh, many classes will be combined. The 2nd Grade will join the 3rd Grade class. The 4th and 6th Grades will meet with the 5th Grade.)

**DISMISSAL
of CHILDREN**
(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.

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

LEADER:

PEOPLE:

I John 3:1-7

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Pew Bible, NT page 240)

ANTHEM

"Alleluia"

Randall Thompson

GOSPEL LESSON

LEADER:

PEOPLE:

Luke 24:36b-48

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Pew Bible, NT page 91)

SERMON

"Open Minds"

Lynette Sparks

* HYMN 111
(10:45)

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!” GELOBT SEI GOTT

* AFFIRMATION
of FAITH

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.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

“Christ Hath a Garden”

K. Lee Scott

Christ hath a garden walled around, A paradise of fruitful ground,
Chosen by love and fenced by grace From out the world's wide
wilderness. Like trees of spice his servants stand, There planted by
his mighty hand; By Eden's gracious streams that flow To feed
their beauty where they grow. Awake O wind of heaven and bear
Their sweetest perfume through the air: Stir up, O south, the
boughs that bloom, Till the beloved Master come: That he may
come and linger yet Among the trees that he hath set; That he
may evermore be seen To walk amid the springing green.

- text by Robert Bridges (after Isaac Watts)

* 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: **Lord God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us. All that we have is from your creative hand. All that we can give away we do through Jesus' love. All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom. Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

* HYMN 115 "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

ST. KEVIN

* 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 "Fanfare"

Richard Proulx

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
in tribute to the staff, members and friends of Third Presbyterian Church.*

*The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today
in gratitude for the lives of William W. and Anne Steele Young.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Lynette Sparks

LITURGISTS: Paul Gongloff, Susan Fox (10:45)

ACOLYTES: Erin Colaluca, Juliana Lutzer

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson

GREETERS: Camille Clayton, Rob Keefe, Connie Schultz,
Carol Roth, Dot Wallace

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Parish F: Sue Lednar, Rich Colaluca

April 19, 2015



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Worship This Morning

We are pleased to welcome and have The Rev. Paul Gongloff participate in worship this morning.

Junior Choir in Pittsburgh

The Junior Choir is singing in worship today at East Liberty Presbyterian Church, in Pittsburgh, PA. They will return to Rochester, arriving approximately at 6:00pm this evening.

One Service of Worship at 10:45am next Sunday

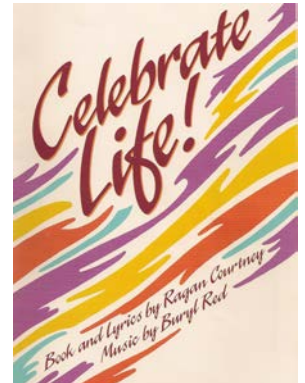
Next Sunday, due to the Unity Health Flower City Challenge which will affect East Avenue and streets leading to the church early that morning, we will NOT have an 8:30am service. Adult Spiritual Formation and Jr. Choir rehearsal will happen at their usual times, and we will have ONE worship service at 10:45am.

Memorial Service Scheduled

A memorial service for William W. Young will be held in the Sanctuary on Friday, April 24 at 2:00pm. A reception will follow.

Youth Musical—April 26, 10:45am

The Covenant Singers and instrumental ensemble will present the musical *Celebrate Life!* in worship next week at 10:45am. Through music and narration written by Ragan Courtney and Buryl Red, *Celebrate Life!* traces the life of Christ from prophecy to birth to ministry to Passion and Resurrection. It was last performed at Third Church in 1987, and has inspired generations of youth and young adults. In adapting to changing demands on our youths' and families' time, as well as the needs of the ongoing youth program of Third Church, this musical will be presented in a "concert version" rather than a fully-staged version. It will feature many of our talented youth in solo and speaking roles, and is sure to be a meaningful addition to our worship on April 26. Plan to come and support our youth!



Spiritual Formation on April 19

Sunday Seminar: Johnston Hall
Conversations on Caring for Creation with the Genesee Valley Presbytery Earth Care Team

Growing in the Word: Parlor
I John 3:1-7: "We are God's children," led by Jeff Falter

Living Waters Wednesdays



*April 22, 6:00pm,
Chapel*
Join us in the Third
Church Chapel for
this worship
opportunity. John
Wilkinson is leading

worship.

Thursday Voices

*Thursday, April 23, 12:00pm, Johnston
Hall*

Exploring Abraham Heschel's book, *The Sabbath, "Holiness in Time"* with Lynette Sparks

Lunch and Learn—Money Matters

*Today's Lunch and Learn has been
cancelled.*

Organ Masterworks

with Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra

Today, 2:00pm

David Higgs, world-renowned organist and Chair of the Department of Organ, Sacred Music and Historical Keyboards at the Eastman School of Music, joins the RPO for music for organ and orchestra by Bach, Handel, Hanson and Barber. Tickets will be available at the door.

Sticky Lips BBQ Dinner— Tickets on Sale Today!

The annual Third Church Youth Sticky Lips BBQ lunch will be held **Sunday, May 17** from noon to 1:00pm. Ticket sales begin today!

Last Call:

Photo Directory Supplement

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). You may sign up following worship or online at www.thirdpresbyterian.org or by calling Rose Pethick (388-8546).

Men's Group Breakfast—Johnston Hall

Saturday, April 25, 8:30am

Join other men from Third Church for breakfast, fellowship, planning future activities and a discussion topic. Please RSVP to Paul Bishop, pabishop@live.com or Andrew Elder, andrew_elder@pobox.com so we can plan the breakfast. A \$5 donation for breakfast or the equivalent amount in food for the Food Cupboard is suggested.

Triple Play Intergenerational Mission Day

April 25, 8:00am – 2:00pm

Join the Presbytery at the Triple Play Intergenerational Mission Day on April 25 from 8:30am-2:00pm. We'll be gathering at the Gates Presbyterian Church and fanning out in teams for onsite mission work at seven sites representing agencies and congregations funded by the Triple Play grants. We'll gather together at Gates after our mission work to share lunch and our experiences. A \$10 registration fee is due by April 20 to Cheryl Battaglia, 1190 Winton Road South, Rochester, NY 14618 (programsecretary@pbygenval.org.)

Third Church More Light Q & A on Being Transgender Today

Q: What if you get sick and you're transgender?

A: The odds are high that you will be denied care, will not be given care by a provider versed in the healthcare needs of transgender individuals, or will be forced to present as the gender which was assigned to you at birth. If you have had hormone therapy or surgical procedures as part of a transition process, only a specialist will fully understand your medical needs. If you have not medically physically transitioned to your identified gender, you are likely to be addressed by your birth gender and treated accordingly. In the latter case, a trans-female would likely end up with a male roommate in the hospital and have great difficulty in maintaining her female appearance and personhood while a trans-male would end up with a female roommate and experience similar dysphoria and alienation.

For more information on anti-discrimination legislation, visit: www.prideagenda.org. Plan now to join More Light for a Transgender Forum on May 3.

Register Now for Great Schools for All Education(GGSA) Event

Please join participants from a broad section of the Greater Rochester community **on May 5, 2015** to build consensus around action steps to reduce the concentration of poverty in the Rochester city schools. The GS4A Coalition is looking for partners in progress as we build on work begun at our November 2014 conference, and continued by six working groups formed to develop possible responses to the crisis of high poverty schools.

**When: Tuesday, May 5, 2015
8:00am-12:30pm**

**Where: Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
141 Adams St., 14608**

Cost: None

REGISTER NOW: gs4a.org/register

Sponsored by: *Great Schools for All.*

Learn more about GS4A at www.gs4a.org.

Questions: Email contact@gs4a.org, or call Lynette Sparks or John Wilkinson at 585-271-6513. *Please forward this invitation to others interested in joining this conversation.*

UPT Children's Program Support

April: Stickers

May: Children's Scissors

Hunger Sunday

*Food Cupboard has an ongoing need for
Peanut Butter (18 oz.), Cereal*

CALENDAR for April 19 – April 26

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	Youth Church School	CE 201
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:40 am	Church School	Education Building
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:00 pm	Happy Bunch Out to Lunch	<i>Off Site</i>
2:00 pm	RPO Organ/Orchestra Concert	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Youth Musical Readers Rehearsal	Choir Room
5:00 pm	Covenant Singers Rehearsal (until 8:00pm)	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Musical Rehearsal Dinner	CC

Monday, April 20

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:30 pm	Officer Orientation/Training	Whitney Room
6:00 pm	Membership & Evangelism	CE/Top Floor
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
6:30 pm	Yoga	JH
6:30 pm	Zumba	CE/206
7:00 pm	Great Schools for All	CE/B04

Friday, April 24

9:30 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parlor
2:00 pm	Memorial Service for William W. Young	Sanctuary
2:00 pm	Directory Photos	Parlor

Saturday, April 25

8:30 am	Men's Breakfast	JH
10:00 am	Directory Photos	Parlor
10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
11:00 am	Covenant Singers	Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 21

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

Sunday, April 26

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
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	Covenant Singers Warm Up	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Musical	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:00 pm	Officer Orientation/Training	Whitney Room
12:00 pm	DRM Cooks Meeting/Lunch	JH
12:15 pm	Youth Revisioning/Implementation	Parker Rm

Wednesday, April 22

9:30 am	Great Schools for All	Johnston Hall
10:30 am	Bell Ensemble	Moot Arts Room
1:30 pm	Camp Cory Planning Meeting	Moot Arts Room
5:30 pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
6:00 pm	Living Waters Wednesdays	Chapel
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, April 23

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
1:00 pm	Book Club	Library
3:00 pm	Deacon Tea	<i>Highlands</i>
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Arts Room
6:30 pm	Covenant Singers Musical Rehearsal	Sanctuary

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