



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

Of course the Church is conservative for it as so much to conserve. But let it conserve a vision of the world's destiny and not the structures of the world's past. Let the Church in remembering Christ remember that it is conserving the most uprooting, the most revolutionary force in all history. For it was Christ who crossed every boundary, broke down every barrier. He crossed the boundaries of class by eating with the outcasts. He crossed the boundary of nations by pointing to a Samaritan as the agent of God's will. He transgressed religious boundaries by claiming the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath. Everywhere he manifested his freedom and called others to theirs, calling them forth from family, national, and religious loyalties to loyalty to the world at large. If ever there was a man who trusted his origins and had the courage to emerge from them, it was Christ.

William Sloane Coffin

Credo

The Worship of God Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2015

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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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 "Prelude in D-flat Major" Frédéric Chopin

CHORAL INTROIT "Come! Come! Everybody Worship" Natalie Sleeth
Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise!
Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always!

Worship and remember the Lord's unending care,
reaching out to love and help people everywhere!

Come! Come! Everybody worship...

* 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: From you comes my praise
in the great congregation;

PEOPLE: **All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the
nations shall worship before God.**

LEADER: Posterity will serve God;

PEOPLE: **Future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim God's deliverance
to a people yet unborn.**

* HYMN 429 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" ABBOT'S LEIGH

* PRAYER
of ADORATION *(UNISON)*
We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by
your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high.
Be glorified anew in the love we have for one another
as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus. 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

(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**

(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.

**NEW TESTAMENT
LESSON**

Acts 8:26-40

(Pew Bible, NT page 127)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "The Beatitudes"

Arvo Pärt

(see note "About Today's Music")

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

- *Matthew 5:3-12*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8

(Pew Bible, NT page 109)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Signs and Seals”

John Wilkinson

* 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.

ORDINATION
and INSTALLATION of
ELDERS and DEACONS

LEADER: There are different gifts,

PEOPLE: **But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

LEADER: There are different ways of serving God,

PEOPLE: **But it is the same Lord who is served.**

LEADER: God works through different people in different ways.

PEOPLE: **But God’s purpose is achieved through them all.**

LEADER: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

PEOPLE: **To use for the common good.**

LEADER: Together we are the body of Christ.

PEOPLE: **And individually members of it.**

PRESENTATION
of THOSE ELECTED

TO BE ORDAINED
AND INSTALLED AS ELDERS

Janet Davies, Jane Dickinson, Lily Hutkowski,
Katie Orem, Emily Rachfal

ELDERS TO BE INSTALLED

Laurie Mahoney, Susan Melech, Carol Roth,
Susan Vaala, Josephine Whang

TO BE ORDAINED
AND INSTALLED AS DEACONS

Cynthia Capps, Renee Clarke-Peters, Mary DuBois,
Judy Gordon, Michael Gorman, Susan Joseph,
Maisie Merz, Diana Phillips

DEACONS TO BE INSTALLED

Christina Jones, Kay Ramsay

THE CONSTITUTIONAL
QUESTIONS
ORDINATION BY PRAYER
AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

RECOGNITION OF TRUSTEES

Sandra Gianniny, Frances Gotcsik, Gregg Hamberger,
William Jones, James Moore

PRESENTATION
of OFFERINGS

*In addition to our regular offering, a special offering for Presbyterian
Disaster Service will be received this morning to respond to the
earthquake in Nepal. Special envelopes are in the pew racks.*

ANTHEM

“Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace”

M. Roger Holland, II

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred,
let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is
doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness,
light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I
may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be
understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it's in
giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and
it's in dying that we are born to eternal life.

- Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, alt.

* 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.
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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: **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life. Give us grace to serve him by loving one another, and to follow in his commandments as we share his risen life. Amen.**

* HYMN 442 "The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

* CHARGE
and BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE
* GREETING

POSTLUDE "Hornpipe"
(from "Water Music")

G.F. Handel

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Naramore, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. David C.
Naramore, Jr., Charles B. Naramore, Barbara Naramore Rich, Douglas LaBudde.*

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today for the people of Nepal.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson
LITURGISTS: Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks, Katie Orem
ACOLYTES: Natalie Vinton, Audrey Vinton
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson
GUEST JR. CHOIR CONDUCTOR: Jeanne Fisher
GREETERS: Bonnie DeHollander, Alice Fishbeck, Ann Haag,
Jack Salzer, Carl Wheeler
USHERS: Jim Boyer, Roxanne Boyer, Jobin Philip, Beth Sieber,
Betsy Vinton, Griff Vinton
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Session

This morning we will dedicate a plaque in memory of Jim Chisholm in a brief gathering in the hallway leading to the Education Building/Chapel following the 10:45 service. Join us as you can.

Sixth Grade Heifer Fair Auction Today!

The sixth grade Sunday school class, taught by Lori Gilley, has worked very hard to organize this event, which will support mission efforts important to the class. The class hopes to raise \$2000 in the auction. Thank you in advance for your support. And thanks to all those who donated items.

PARTIAL LIST OF ITEMS AVAILABLE

Collections & Packages

Baby items
Picnic in the Park
Christmas in May
Kitchen
Comfort

Around the House

Circus Quilt
Quilt and 2 Shams
Tea Set
Cookie Jar
Artwork

Also Available

Jewelry
Lots of items for kids to bid on
that start at 25 cents!

Services

Dinner and Dessert for Two
Gourmet Dinner for Two
Garden Consultation
CPR Class for Eight

Gift Certificates

Chi Wah Organica Hair
Country Club Diner
T's Family Restaurant
Cold Stone Creamery

May 3, 2015



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

New Sanctuary Chancel Furnishings

This morning we welcome a new cross, candle stands and flower stand to the sanctuary chancel. They were designed by Terry Eason as part of our "Faith for the Future" capital campaign and crafted by New Holland Church Furnishings, who also created the new baptismal font and restructured the pulpit, lectern, communion table and pews. The cross and other furnishings echo the Romanesque style of the sanctuary.

These beautiful and inspiring furnishings were obtained through a generous gift from Janet S. Reed in memory of her late husband, David Barcalo Reed. They will be formally dedicated on May 31, along with our new Glory to God hymnals.

About Today's Music

The first anthem today, "The Beatitudes," is by Estonian composer Arvo Pärt (born 1935), composed in 1990. He is one of the first, and most interesting, of the Eastern European composers to emerge in recent years. Pärt developed a style of composition that reduces music to the most basic intervals, often outlining simple chords in various inversions over an extended period of time. In this piece, the simplicity of the harmonies, and the pauses within the phrases, help to give primacy to the text and allow the meaning of the words to settle in. The carefully measured phrases of choral recitation also move through a subtle ascending key shift beginning in F-minor and reaching a climax on the word, "Amen." At that point the choir falls silent, and the organ bursts forth in a blaze of glory, retracing the harmonic path laid out by the choir, and returning to the F-minor sonority of the opening. The simple declamation of the text, and the timeless quality of the phrases, give a

mystical, and almost hypnotic, quality to the music.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Out of Chaos, Hope

The death toll from the massive earthquake in Nepal continues to rise. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas. The needs for the response will be great.

God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" –Give. Act. Pray. Special disaster assistance envelopes may be found in the pew pockets. Be generous as you are able.

Retiring Officers

As we ordain and install new officers this morning, we thank the outgoing classes for their service over their three-year terms:

Retiring Elders are *Susan Fox, Fred Ling, Susan Melech, Carol Miller, Robert Pethick, James Stewart, Robert Swensen, Kara Torres* and Youth Elders *Abby Lindsey* and *Anna Wisbey*.

Retiring Deacons are *Sue Bixler, Richard Colaluca, Jennifer Dinse, Hope Herting, Gayle Phillips, Ann Sievers, Sue Spaulding*, and Youth Deacons *Kaitlyn Cox* and *Josh Zeh*.

Retiring Trustees are *Kenneth Cupery, Susan Danielson, Sean Ossont, Erika Stanat* and *Steven Thompson*.

Spiritual Development

9:30am Seminar

Ben Eshleman, named an R.I.T. Wolf Scholar for his research on Rochester's transgender history, will present **Being Transgender Today**, exploring the social, legal, and health concerns of transgender persons and how this matters for us as people of faith.

Return for the **Lunch and Learn** at 12:15pm for a panel discussion with Ben Eshleman and community partners: Emily Heninger and Julie Acosta from the Trans Alliance of Greater Rochester, Cara Wood from Trillium Health, and the Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley. A \$5 donation is suggested to cover the cost of the lunch. You are welcome to attend even if you haven't made a prior reservation.

Growing in the Word: Parlor

I John 3:1-7: "We are God's Children," led by Jeff Falter

Society for Chamber Music Concert

This evening, Sunday, May 3

The Society for Chamber Music in Rochester Presents Jon Nakamatsu Returns!

Preconcert Talk at 7:00pm

Concert at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

The concert includes *Intermezzo Op. 118* (Brahms), *Serenade in C major for String trio, Op. 10* (Dohnányi), and *Piano Quartet, Op. 13* (Strauss) played by Juliana Athayde, violin, Melissa Matson, *viola*, Steven Doane, *cello*, and Jon Nakamatsu, *piano*.

Tickets (\$30) are available at the door.

Register Now for Great Schools for All Education(GS4A) 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.*

Living Waters Wednesdays

**May 6, 6:00pm,
Chapel**

Join us in the Third Church Chapel for this worship opportunity.

John Wilkinson is leading worship.



Thursday Voices

Thursday, May 7, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

Lynette Sparks will lead a discussion on Douglas John Hall's essay, *Discovering Gospel*.

Sticky Lips BBQ Dinner Tickets on Sale

The annual Third Church Youth Sticky Lips BBQ lunch will be held **Sunday, May 17** from noon to 1:00pm. Tickets (\$12) are on sale today during coffee hour.

Out of town or just not into BBQ? Purchase a ticket or two and we'll donate them to our Dining Room Ministry guests. Your dollars will help twice!

Take Stock in our Youth

In July 2015, 24 Third Presbyterian Church youth and six adult leaders are embarking on a journey to Montreat in Black Mountain, NC. Montreat is a Presbyterian Conference center where hundreds of teenagers from all over the U.S. come to worship, share experiences through small groups, music, games and activities. The theme for our week is "This Is Our Story."

Please consider "buying stock" in our youth to help fund this journey. "Shareholders" will be invited to a tea following worship on September 20; they will see pictures of the trip, hear about their experiences and share a light lunch. Stock certificates will be available in coffee hour beginning today.

Fundraising Through Recycling

Are you looking for a safe way to dispose of used printer cartridges, old cell phones, cell phone batteries or batteries of all kinds? RECYCLE (and support Youth Ministries at the same time!) Look for the special recycling box located in the Celebration Center (*its new location*).

It's good for the earth - and good for our youth – earning money for future mission trips with each cartridge you contribute.

May 24 Flower Donor Needed

A donor for chancel flowers is needed for May 24. Please be in contact with Maryjane Link at 738-1538 or mjlink@earthlink.net if you would be willing to be the donor.

RAIHN@Third Rotation—May 17-24

Please sign up now for our 41st RAIHN rotation week when we'll welcome five families on May 17. Use our on-line volunteer sign-up tool -- www.thirdpresbyterian.org/raihn or call Laurie Mahoney @ 473-0583 or Lou Loggi at 781-4237.

East Avenue Grocery Run

The sixth East Avenue Grocery Run will be held Saturday, November 7. Mark your calendar now to participate in the fall!

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 May 3 – May 10

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	Plaque Dedication	Ramp Hallway
12:00 pm	Lunch and Learn	JH
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:15 pm	Sixth Grade Class Heifer Auction	CC
12:15 pm	Revisioning/Implementation	Parker Room
5:00 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
5:30 pm	Youth Bowling Event	<i>Off Site</i>
7:00 pm	Chamber Music Society Pre-concert Chat	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Chamber Music Society Concert	Sanctuary

Monday, May 4

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
2:00 pm	Library Committee	Library
5:30 pm	Stewardship	Parker Room
6:00 pm	More Light Committee	Whitney Room
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
6:30 pm	Zumba	CE/206

Tuesday, May 5

8:30 am	Great Schools for All Conference	<i>Off Site</i>
9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
5:30 pm	Peacemaking	<i>Off Site</i>
6:00 pm	Spiritual Formation	Parker Room
7:00 pm	Youth Committee	Library
7:00 pm	Congregational Fellowship	Whitney Room

Wednesday, May 6

9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker 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, May 7

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
3:00 pm	Gathering Tea	<i>Off Site</i>
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	CC
7:00 pm	UPT Vision	JH

Friday, May 8

9:30 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parlor
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Saturday, May 9

8:45 am	Deacon Retreat	JH
10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC

Sunday, May 10

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 Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:40 am	Covenant Singers Warm Up	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Third Church Ringers Warm Up	Sanctuary
	Carol Choir Warm Up	CE/Preschool Room
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC

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