



# 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

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 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.



[www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org)



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### THIRD CHURCH STAFF

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John Wilkinson, Pastor	ext. 105
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Caroline Robinson, Assistant Organist	
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 "Prelude in D-flat Major"

Frédéric Chopin

### \* 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.

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Tune: TRURO

## 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

“Easter Carol”

Richard Proulx  
Gabrielle Owen, *flute*

On that bright joyful Easter Day the sun arose with brighter ray, When Christ, to earthly sight made plain, The glad apostles saw again. Alleluia! Surrexit Christus hodie!

His wounds to them Christ then did show, Which from his risen body glow; And they aloud declared and said: “The Lord is risen from the dead!” Alleluia! Surrexit Christus hodie!

First witnesses to Easter morn Were women three who came forlorn; Then Magdalen did cease her sighs, When Christ she saw with joyful eyes. Alleluia! Surrexit Christus hodie!

All glory, Lord, to you we pray, Arisen from the dead today; O great Creator be our guide Throughout the days of Eastertide. Alleluia! Surrexit Christus hodie!

*- Ambrosian Hymn, 4<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Century*

### 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.

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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THE SACRAMENT  
of THE LORD'S SUPPER

\* INVITATION

TO THE LORD'S TABLE

\* GREAT PRAYER

OF THANKSGIVING

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.**

LEADER: We praise you, gracious God...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name...

\* SANCTUS

(organ intro) Richard Proulx

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord,  
God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-  
san-na in the high-est. Blest is the One who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho-  
san-na in the high-est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

SHARING THE BREAD

*(Gluten-free bread is provided this morning for the Lord's Supper. Each bread tray contains pieces of gluten-free bread individually packaged in small plastic bags. Please hold the elements until all have been served.)*

*As you pass the elements, you are invited to say:  
The body of Christ for you.  
The blood of Christ for you.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Almighty God, you Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life, and we thank you for this meal shared at his table. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life. Amen.**

\* HYMN 442 "The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

\* 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 "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.*

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

*PREACHER:* John Wilkinson  
*LITURGISTS:* Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks  
*DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST:* Peter DuBois  
*ASSISTANT ORGANIST:* Caroline Robinson  
*USHERS:* Bill and Linda Adams

*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.*

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.

### 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 at 10:45, 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.

Join us 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](http://gs4a.org/register)

**Sponsored by:** *Great Schools for All.*

Learn more about GS4A at

[www.gs4a.org](http://www.gs4a.org).

**Questions:** Email [contact@gs4a.org](mailto: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](mailto:mjlink@earthlink.net) if you would be willing to be the donor.

## RAIHN@Third Rotation—May 17-24

Please sign up now for our 41<sup>st</sup> RAIHN rotation week when we'll welcome five families on May 17. Use our on-line volunteer sign-up tool -- [www.thirdpresbyterian.org/raihn](http://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*

## **Sixth Grade Heifer Fair Auction Today Following 10:45am Worship!**

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

#### **Services**

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

#### **Around the House**

Circus Quilt  
Quilt and 2 Shams  
Tea Set  
Cookie Jar  
Artwork

#### **Gift Certificates**

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

#### **Also Available**

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

# CALENDAR for May 3 – May 10

## 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	Youth Church School	CE 201
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
10:40 am	Church School	Education Building
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
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>
<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
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
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Living Waters Wednesdays</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
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
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
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
<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
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC