



**Third  
Presbyterian  
Church**

*Seeking the Light*

“Words  
are powerful  
forces of nature.

they are destruction.  
they are nourishment.  
they are flesh.  
they are water.  
they are flowers  
and bone.

they burn. they cleanse  
they erase. they etch.

they can either  
leave you  
feeling  
homeless

or brimming  
with home.”

Sanober Khan

**The Worship of God  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

August 9, 2015

10:00 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:** We offer quiet activities for school aged children during worship in the sanctuary. There are table and chairs on a rug under the Arnold Park balcony where children will have the opportunity to read books and do activities that relate to our scriptures for the day.

**Child Care** is available in the Education Building for infants and toddlers to kindergarten.

**Coffee Hour** follows the worship service. All are invited to this time of fellowship in the Narthex.

**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.



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



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### THIRD CHURCH STAFF

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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 "Sonata II in C minor" Felix Mendelssohn  
Grave – Adagio

\* DOXOLOGY *PLEASE STAND AS THE ORGAN INTRODUCTION BEGINS* OLD HUNDRETH  
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 130

LEADER: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in God's word I hope;

PEOPLE: **my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.**

LEADER: O Israel, hope in the Lord!

PEOPLE: **For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and great power to redeem.**

\* HYMN 393 "O Day of Rest and Gladness" ES FLOG EIN KLEINS VÖGELEIN

PRAYER  
of CONFESSION Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against  
you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have  
done, and by what we have left undone. We have not  
loved you with our whole heart and mind and  
strength. We have not loved our neighbors as  
ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us  
amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so  
that we may delight in your will and walk in your  
ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Following the children's message, school aged children are invited to gather at the table under the Arnold Park balcony for quiet activities during worship. Child care is provided for children, Kindergarten and younger, in the Education Building. (Nursery Room 107).*

DISMISSAL  
 of CHILDREN

*(sung twice: once in unison, once as a canon, beginning with the pulpit side)*

I. II. TALLIS' CANON  
 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.*

COMMISSIONING  
of YOUNG ADULT  
VOLUNTEER

Emily Stevens

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 4:25-5:2 *(Pew Bible, NT page 194)*

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "Hear Ye, Israel"  
(from Elijah) Felix Mendelssohn  
Paige Kiefner, *soprano*

GOSPEL LESSON John 6:35, 41-51 *(Pew Bible, NT page 98)*

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Power of Words" John Wilkinson

\* HYMN 459 "O Word of God Incarnate" MUNICH

\* AFFIRMATION  
of FAITH United Church of Canada

**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 live with respect in Creation, 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. 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

SOLO "En Prière"  
(In Prayer)

Gabriel Fauré

Si la voix d'un enfant peut monter jusqu'à Vous, O mon Père, Ecoutez de Jésus, devant Vous à genoux, La prière!

Si Vous m'avez choisi pour enseigner vos lois Sur la terre, Je saurai Vous servir, auguste Roi des rois, O Lumière! Sur me lèvres, Seigneur, mettez la vérité Salutaire, Pour que celui qui doute, avec humilité Vous révère! Ne m'abandonnez pas, donnez-moi la douceur Nécessaire, Pour apaiser les maux, soulager, la douleur, La misère! Révèlez Vous à moi, Seigneur en qui je crois Et j'espère Pour Vous je veux souffrir et mourir sur la croix, Au calvaire!

*If the voice of a child can rise upward to Thee, To draw near Thee, Listen, Father, and see, Jesus kneels before Thee, Let me hear Thee! If Thou has chosen me to teach on earth Thy law, Let me hear Thee, That I know how to serve, O mighty King of kings, Let me hear Thee! Through my lips, O Savior, teach all how to love And to fear Thee, For that all those who doubt, in humbleness of heart May revere Thee! Abandon not Thy child, but endow me with love And with kindness, That I may comfort their pain and may heal their despair, And their blindness! Reveal Thyself to me, Since I have faith in Thee, Let me hear Thee: On Calvary I'll lie, I will die on the cross, To draw near Thee!*

- text by Stéphan Bordèse; English by Marion Farquhar

\* 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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8.7.8.7 D  
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: **Grant us, O Lord, the grace always to do and think what accords with your purpose; that we, who cannot exist without you may be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN 462 "I Love to Tell the Story"

HANKEY

\* 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

"Sonata II in C minor"  
Allegro maestoso and Fugue

Felix Mendelssohn

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Esther M. White on what would have been her 99<sup>TH</sup> birthday, loving mother of Rob White (Cecil Buchinger), grandmother to Brad (Sara) White and Amanda White (Justin) Connolly, great-grandmother to Lucas and Jacob White and Sarah Connolly.*

*The Sanctuary Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today in celebration of the gift of baptism.*

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

***PREACHER:*** John Wilkinson

***LITURGIST:*** Lynette Sparks

***DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST:*** Peter DuBois

***GREETERS:*** Jack Salzer, Betsey Wheeler

***USHERS:*** Elmer Dustman, Ann Haag, Hope Herting, Jeremy Peters, Gloria Pleger, Don Schichler, Rebecca Schichler, Anne Sievers

**Call for Congregational Meeting**

In consultation with the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, the Session of Third Presbyterian Church has called for a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, August 30, following the 10:00 a.m. service of worship, so that we may consider calling the Reverend Lynette K. Sparks as Associate Pastor. All members are encouraged to attend. A mailing will be sent out soon with details.

August 9, 2015



## MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Today's Baptism

We celebrate the baptism this morning of **Colin Robert Czadzeck**, born October 13, 2012, son of James and Courtney Fay-Czadzeck (*L West Parish*).

### Summer Book Reviews

**Today at 9:00am:**

*Three Women of Hope; Esther in Exile* and  
*Five Women* by Christianne Méroz,  
Led by translator Dennis Wienk

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*Being Mortal*, Atul Gawande  
led by Karen Walker

### Invitation to Prayer

**Each Sunday** the Chapel is open for prayer at 9:15am. 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 [mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org) or 271-6513, ext. 108.

### Summer of the *Century*

Join us this summer for informal discussions around thoughtful articles from recent *Christian Century* editions, with leaders Jim Stewart, Paul Gongloff, and Lynette Sparks. Conversations are on Thursdays from noon-1:00pm, through August 20. Copies of articles are available in the literature rack outside the church office.

### Next Church Blog

During August, John Wilkinson is curating the Next Church blog, which will focus on visions of the church in the new Presbyterian hymnal. John has written an introductory essay, and blog posts have been contributed by Third Church members and staff, as well as representatives of Genesee Valley Presbytery. Check it out for some insightful writing at <http://nextchurch.net/blog/>

### Summer Sizzle at the Corner Place

#### Volunteering at Corner Place

The Corner Place, sponsored by Third Church, which serves as an after school program, is piloting a summer program that meets two evenings a week in the Upper Monroe area. The program meets from 6:00-8:00pm on Mondays and Wednesday nights through August 19. As a volunteer, you may have the option to serve one day a week, or miss one week due to travels if compatible to scheduling. Volunteers are welcome to contact Sarah Peters at 705-7277 or [ingoodcompanyarts@gmail.com](mailto:ingoodcompanyarts@gmail.com).

### RAIHN Volunteers Needed!

#### **August 23-30**

Please contact [www.ThirdPresbyterian.org/raihn](http://www.ThirdPresbyterian.org/raihn) to participate in our 42<sup>nd</sup> hosting week at Third Presbyterian Church. Together we can meet our goal of providing a good

night's rest in a safe place where we share healthy meals with kindness, acceptance, warmth, and compassion. Direct your questions to Lou Loggi at [louis.loggi@gmail.com](mailto:louis.loggi@gmail.com) or 781-4237 or Laurie Mahoney at 747-5852 or [lmahone1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:lmahone1@rochester.rr.com).

### UPT School Support Team

As the school year approaches, it's time to think about school supplies for the coming year. There are many back-to-school sales going on now, so think about donating the following supplies for the six programs Urban Presbyterians Together support:

Composition Notebooks  
Spiral Notebooks  
Children's Scissors  
Pencils  
Construction Paper

### Call for Sunday School Teachers

As the teams begin to fill out, individuals are still needed to complete our teams in Kindergarten, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at [rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org) or Kris Pochodylo at [kpochody@rochester.rr.com](mailto:kpochody@rochester.rr.com).

### Youth Ministry Update

The Youth Ministry Implementation Team identified several exciting new programming ideas to enhance the relevancy of today's program. Adult advisors of all ages are encouraged to volunteer! Your assignment will be to—

- Join our youth from 6:00-8:00pm on about 18 Sunday evenings during the program year for dinner, discussion and fellowship

- Get to know about five youth personally, as the advisor of their care group
- Facilitate discussions using curriculum provided by our youth coordinator, Jane Carden
- Collaborate with other advisors during a monthly meeting
- Attend other events—retreats, service work, summer trips

Do consider this enriching ministry. You will make a difference in the lives of our young adults, and create lasting friendships!

Contact Jane Carden ([jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org)) for more information, or any member of the YMIT: Roxanne Boyer, Sue Lipari, Jim Pochodylo, Peg Rachfal, Lauren Rye or David Stimson.

### Chancel Choir Begins Soon!

The new season of singing for the Chancel Choir will begin on **Wednesday, September 2** with a "welcome" dinner at 6:15pm and rehearsal from 7:15 – 9:15pm. New members are most welcome to join this talented group that provides inspiring leadership in worship from September through June each year. This season, in addition to weekly worship leadership, the choir will be preparing two major works, the "Gloria" by Francis Poulenc, and "A German Requiem" by Johannes Brahms, in addition to our biennial Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival in January! Commitment to the schedule of rehearsals and services is important, and some music reading ability is helpful. All voice parts are welcome! To indicate

your interest, please contact Peter DuBois in advance to schedule a time to discuss membership in the choir (pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6513, ext 109).

### Junior Choir

All children, grades 3-6, are invited to sing in the Junior Choir. This wonderful group rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:30am and Wednesdays at 5:30pm. The choir participates in worship each Sunday during the program year. ***Sunday rehearsals begin on September 13. The first Wednesday rehearsal will be September 16.*** Contact Mary Ann Rutkowski for more information: 271-6537, ext.101 or email: mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org.

### Acolyte Training

Acolyte sign-ups for any youth from 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades will take place on ***Rally Day at 10:00am.*** Stop and meet Molly Carlson and Cori Averill at their table after worship. If you have any questions, contact them: (Molly: 442-1364 or molly.carlson@frontier.com or Cori: 481-2274 or coriandleanne@aol.com). Come be an important part of our worship!

### Handbell Choirs

Fall is just around the corner! Both of our adult handbell choirs have openings for new or returning ringers, and while new members are welcome at any time, fall is an excellent time to begin! If you've played before, consider joining a group again! If you have never picked up a bell or are interested in learning more about experiencing a rehearsal without feeling pressure to fully commit

to the group, please join us for an "Open House" rehearsal on Thursday, September 10. There will be two opportunities—the Celebration Ringers will meet from 10:45-11:45am, and the Third Church Ringers rehearsal from 5:45-7:00pm. Mary Ann and members of the choirs will be available to demonstrate basic ringing techniques and answer questions about handbells and our groups, and we will work on a little bit of music, too. Basic music reading skills are extremely helpful, but not necessarily required. Please contact Mary Ann Rutkowski with any questions or to RSVP at mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org.

### Office Volunteers Needed!

Several volunteer positions are available! Please consider helping your church office. Contact Cindy Mark at cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org to discuss the various opportunities.

### Grocery Run is Coming!

November 7 is the date for this year's Grocery Run. In preparation for the race, visit [www.groceryrun.org](http://www.groceryrun.org) to see where you might help. Contact Susan Fox at 451-2789 for sponsor information; volunteers, please contact Becky Picone at becky.picone@gmail.com.

### Hunger Sunday

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

## CALENDAR for August 9 – August 16

### Sunday at Third Church

9:00 am	Summer Book Review	JH
9:15 am	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
9:45 am	Child Care	CE
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 am	Coffee Hour	Cloister

### Monday, August 10

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
6:00 pm	Summer Sizzle	<i>New Life Pres.</i>

### Tuesday, August 11

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Cloister
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
7:00 pm	Children's Ministry	<i>Off Site</i>

### Wednesday, August 12

6:00 pm	Summer Sizzle	<i>New Life Pres.</i>
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### Thursday, August 13

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
12:00 pm	Summer of the <i>Century</i>	JH
6:00 pm	Men's Reconnection	<i>Off Site</i>

### Friday, August 14

### Saturday, August 15

10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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### Sunday, August 16

9:00 am	Summer Book Review	JH
9:15 am	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
9:45 am	Child Care	CE
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 am	Coffee Hour	Cloister
12:00 pm	Happy Bunch Lunch	<i>Off Site</i>