



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

"The beginning of wisdom is an encounter with God."

Thomas S. Hibbs

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

August 16, 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.



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THIRD CHURCH STAFF

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John Wilkinson, Pastor	ext. 105
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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 "Toccata in F Major" Dietrich Buxtehude

* 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 111

LEADER: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in company with the congregation.

PEOPLE: **Your work is full of honor and majesty, O God,
and your righteousness endures forever.**

LEADER: The works of your hands are faithful and just;
all your precepts are trustworthy.

PEOPLE: **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.**

* HYMN 755 "Alleluia! Laud and Blessing" WEISSE FLAGGEN
(Setting of Psalm 111)

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Righteous God, we are your children, but we have turned away from your wisdom and walked in our own ways. We have lived carelessly and squandered time. We have been foolish and failed to understand your will. Purge us from evil and fill us with your Spirit. Clear our minds from clutter, that we may discern what is right and walk in your ways. We pray in Jesus' 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)

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 KATRINA VOLUNTEERS

OLD TESTAMENT

LESSON I Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 *(Pew Bible, OT page 403)*

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "God, My Shepherd, Walks Beside Me" J. S. Bach
Michaela Swan, *mezzo-soprano*

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 5:15-20 *(Pew Bible, NT page 194)*

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Seek Wisdom" Lynette Sparks

* HYMN 739 "O for a Closer Walk with God" CAITHNESS

* 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 "It Is Well With My Soul"

arr. John Ness Beck

* 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: **We give thanks to you, O God, for sending your Son
Jesus to be living bread for the world. Receive the
fruits of our labor and with these gifts accept the
offering of our lives. Unite us with Christ that we may
share in his ministry and glorify you. Amen.**

* HYMN 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

* 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 "Carillon de Westminster"

Louis Vierne

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Elizabeth Hansen, wife of Ronald Hansen.*

*The Sanctuary Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today
in memory of Jim Chisholm.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Lynette Sparks

LITURGIST: Martha Langford

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson

GREETERS: Camille Clayton, Bob Eames, Dot Wallace

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

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.

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MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Book Reviews

Today at 9:00am:

Being Mortal, Atul Gawande
led by Karen Walker

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Does This Church Make Me Look Fat?
Rhonda Janzen,
led by Lynette Sparks

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 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/>

RAIHN Volunteers Needed!

August 23-30

Please use this link to sign up and participate in our 42nd hosting week: www.ThirdPresbyterian.org/raihn. 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 or 781-4237 or Laurie Mahoney at 747-5852 or lmahone1@rochester.rr.com.

Call for Sunday School Teachers

As the teams begin to fill out, individuals are still needed to complete our teams in Kindergarten, 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org or Kris Pochodylo at 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) 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.

Mary Ann Rutkowski with any questions or to RSVP at mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Acolyte Sign-ups

Acolyte sign-ups for any youth from 7th through 12th grades will take place on **Rally Day at 10:00am**. Stop and meet Molly Carlson and Cori Averill at their table, near the Rally Day tent, after worship. If you have any questions, contact them: (Molly: 442-1364 or mollycarlson@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

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.

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

Grocery Run is Coming!

November 7 is the date for this year's Grocery Run. In preparation for the race, visit 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*

Third Church Officers

Session

Class of 2016	Class of 2017	Class of 2018
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CALENDAR for August 16 – August 23

Sunday at Third Church

9:00 am	Summer Book Review	Johnston Hall
9:15 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Child Care	Christian Education Building
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Coffee Hour	Cloister
12:00 pm	Happy Bunch Lunch	Off Site

Monday, August 17

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	Celebration Center
6:00 pm	Corner Place Summer Sizzle	<i>New Life</i>

3:30 pm Great Schools for All Steering Committee
Johnston Hall

Friday, August 21

Saturday, August 22

Sunday, August 23

9:00 am	Summer Book Review	Johnston Hall
9:15 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Child Care	CE
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Coffee Hour	Cloister
2:00 pm	RAIHN Guests Arrive	
7:00 pm	Camp Cory Counselor Meeting	<i>Off Site</i>

Tuesday, August 18

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Cloister
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Deacon Potluck	<i>Off Site</i>

Wednesday, August 19

10:00 am	Great Schools for All Survey	Johnston Hall
4:00 pm	Triple Play	Johnston Hall
6:00 pm	Worship, Music & Arts	<i>Off Site</i>
6:00 pm	Corner Place Summer Sizzle	<i>New Life</i>
6:00 pm	More Light Picnic	<i>Off Site</i>

Thursday, August 20

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	Celebration Center
12:00 pm	Summer of the <i>Century</i>	Johnston Hall