



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

“As long as broken and beautiful humankind struggles through and dances with earthly time, there will be the divide between the haves and the have-nots, between the lucky and the down-trodden. The only hope we have is to align our saint/sinner selves with the way of Christ, choosing to see and live the wholeness of the beloved one hundred percent. By loving our neighbor as ourselves, by seeing *and* doing, we move one step closer to breaching the divide and ushering in the reign of God.”

Sharon R. Blezard

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

September 6, 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. The next Exploring Membership Dinner will take place October 4.

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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Jane S. Carden, Youth Ministry Coordinator	ext. 107
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 on RHOSYMEDRE" Ralph Vaughan Williams

* 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 based on Psalm 125

LEADER: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,

PEOPLE: **which cannot be moved, but abides forever.**

LEADER: As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

PEOPLE: **so the Lord surrounds his people,
from this time on and forevermore.**

* HYMN 394 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

God of favor, we have not been true to you. You have chosen the poor in the world, but we have dishonored them. You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have favored the rich and despised the poor. We have dismissed the needy with empty words. Soften our hearts and make straight our ways. Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. 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.

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.

EPISTLE LESSON

James 2:1-17

(Pew Bible, NT page 229)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

Patrick Dunnevant
Cody Muller, *bass*

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:24-37

(Pew Bible, NT page 42)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Seeing Value"

Lynette Sparks

* HYMN 318 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

ST. PETER

* 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 "Lord, God of Abraham"
(from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn

* 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: **Generous God, you have given to us from the riches of your grace. Receive our thanks for your gifts of life, means, and time. May our offerings and gifts further your witness in this world to all who are in need. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

* HYMN 719 "Come, Labor On"

ORA LABORA

* 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

Fugue in E-flat,
BWV 552 "ST. ANNE"

J.S. Bach

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of George Fredric Meyer and Helen Gaylord Meyer,
beloved parents of Helen Phillips.*

*The Sanctuary Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today
to give thanks for the legacy of Labor Day.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Lynette Sparks
LITURGIST: Martha Langford
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson
GREETERS: Maryjane Link, Carol Roth, Dot Wallace
USHERS: Jim Boyer, Roxanne Boyer, Bob Merz, Jobin Philip,
Beth Sieber, Betsy Vinton, Griff Vinton, Rob White

Rally Day, September 13

Kicks off Program Year; Worship at 10:00am

Rally Day falls this year on September 13. Join us on the lawn of the church following one service of worship at 10:00am for a light lunch provided by the Congregational Fellowship Committee, music by the Meigs Street Ramblers and the opportunity to socialize with your Third Church friends.

Helpers to either bake some desserts and/or help serve are needed. Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 118 if you can assist!

**Living Waters Wednesdays Returns
September 16, 6:00pm in the Chapel**

Living Waters Wednesdays, our midweek service, will return on Wednesday, September 16. Join us in the Chapel at 6:00 p.m. for a service of music, reflection and prayer. Those who attended last year know what a wonderful opportunity this affords in the middle of the week. If you intended to attend last year but never got around to it, here's your invitation!

Join us Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in our beautiful Chapel, and invite a friend.

Regular Sunday Schedule Resumes September 20

Worship in Chapel at 8:30am
Worship in Sanctuary at 10:45am

September 6, 2015



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 271-6537, ext. 108.

Tithing Your Time— Sunday School Teachers Needed

If a child grows in this congregation from birth, they will enjoy nine years of formal classroom experience as well as time in our church nursery. It is our hope that these foundational years help them in their Christian formation. We know that parents have an even more important role in Christian nurture in their own homes with meal-time and bedtime prayers as well as untold teachable faith moments in daily life and decision making.

The church strives to support and resource our families, and we hope that parents and members alike will help us do that. As we continue to look to fill Sunday school teaching posts, we ask parents to consider how they have allocated their time in church, and encourage them to be active in their child(ren)'s classrooms. Consider this: Teaching just one year for each child in

a family acts as a sort of "tithe of time" to our Christian Education ministries. To those who are making that faithful investment, we give great thanks, and we encourage others to step out in faith with a tithe of their time. For information on teaching, to see curriculum samples, or to discuss team teaching possibilities, please be in contact with Becky D'Angelo-Veitch or Kris Pochodylo.

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: 271-6513, ext.101 or email: mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Acolyte Sign-ups

Acolyte sign-ups for any youth from 7th through 12th grades will take place next Sunday, ***Rally Day***. Stop and meet Molly Carlson and Cori Averill, the acolyte coordinators, 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. 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.

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.

Office Volunteers Needed!

Several volunteer positions are available! Please consider helping your church office. Contact Cindy Mark at cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6513, ext. 100 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.

Registration is now open. You may visit www.groceryrun.org or register in Coffee Hour starting on Rally Day. Church members will enjoy a discount registration rate of \$22, with a family maximum of \$88. Use coupon code 4MEIGS for the discount. You must register by October 16 to receive your East Avenue Grocery Run t-shirt! Remember, 100% of your registration fee goes to feed our neighbors.

Hunger Sunday

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

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CALENDAR for-September 6—September 13

Sunday at Third Church

9:15 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Child Care	CE
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Coffee Hour	Cloister

Monday, September 7—Labor Day

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Cloister
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Spiritual Formation	CE-Room 201

Wednesday, September 9

4:30 pm	Meigs Street Ramblers	Moot Room
7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, September 10

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers Open House	Moot Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
5:30 pm	Joint Budget/Finance	JH
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers Open House	Moot Room

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

9:30 am	Teacher Orientation and Setup	JH & CE
9:30 am	Head Usher Meeting	Parker Room
9:30 am	Youth Advisor Orientation	Youth Lounge
10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC

Sunday, September 13—Rally Day

9:00 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Room
9:15 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Child Care	CE
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Church School	CE
11:00 am	Rally Day Celebration	Outside

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