



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**
Seeking the Light

“Love falls to earth, rises from the ground, pools around the afflicted. Love pulls people back to their feet. Bodies and souls are fed. Bones and lives heal. New blades of grass grow from charred soil. The sun rises.”

Anne Lamott

Help Thanks Wow: The Three Essential Prayers

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

September 27, 2015

8:30 and 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. **The First and Second Grade classes will be at the Children's Worship Table this morning.**

Child Care is available in the Education Building for infants and toddlers to three years old.

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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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

(8:30)

"Prelude and Fugue in C"

Johann Ludwig Krebs

(10:45)

"Adagio"

Charles-Marie Widor

(from *Symphonie VI*)

CHORAL INTROIT

(10:45)

"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord"

Cameroon Melody
arr. Ralph M. Johnson
Junior Choir

Praise, praise, praise the Lord!
Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

* 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

LEADER:

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts,

PEOPLE:

Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,

LEADER:

Eternal Power, be our support,

PEOPLE:

**Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our
ignorance,**

LEADER:

Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us;

PEOPLE:

**that with all our heart and mind and soul and
strength we may seek thy face and be brought by
your infinite mercy to your holy presence.**

Adapted from Alcuin of York

* HYMN 667

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

LAUDES DOMINI

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 neighbor 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

(10:45)

(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.) The 1st and 2nd grade class will be at the Children's worship table today.

DISMISSAL
of CHILDREN

(10:45)

(sung twice: once in unison, once as a canon, beginning with the pulpit side)
 TALLIS' CANON
 I. II.
 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.

OLD TESTAMENT

LESSON

Psalm 124:1-8

(Pew Bible, OT page 572)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

"The Lord is My Light"

Francis Allisten

(8:30)

Caroline Nielson, *mezzo soprano*

ANTHEM

"O Lord, How Can We Know Thee"

Ron Nelson

(10:45)

O Lord, how can we know Thee? Lord, where can we find Thee? Thou art as close to us as breathing and yet art farther than the farthest star. Lord, how can we know Thee? Where can we find Thee? Thou art as mysterious as the vast solitude of the night and yet art as familiar to us as the light of the sun. O Lord, how can we know Thee? Where can we find Thee? When justice burns like a flaming fire, when love evokes willing sacrifice, do we not bow down to Thee? Thou livest within our hearts as Thou dost pervade the world, and we through Thy presence behold.

- from The Book of Prayer

GOSPEL LESSON

James 5:13-20

(Pew Bible, NT page 231)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Sowing Seeds of Faith"

John Wilkinson

* HYMN 797

"We Cannot Measure How You Heal"

(10:45)

YE BANKS AND YE BRAES

* AFFIRMATION

of FAITH

Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. 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
(8:30)

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"

arr. Ovid Young

ANTHEM
(10:45)

"O Be Joyful in the Lord"

John Rutter

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation. *(Psalm 100)* Glory be to the Father; glory be to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

* 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: **God of mercy, have mercy on us.
God of wisdom, illumine our minds.
God of light, shine into our hearts.
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.
God of Power, be our refuge and our strength,
now and forever. Amen.**

* HYMN 804 "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

MARION

* CHARGE
and BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL
RESPONSE

(8:30)

**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.**

* CHORAL RESPONSE
(10:45)

* GREETING

POSTLUDE

(8:30) "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Johann Gottfried Walther

(10:45) "Prelude and Fugue in G minor"

Johannes Brahms

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
in loving memory Helen F. Krier, mother of Carol MacDonald.*

*The Sanctuary Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today
with prayers for ecumenical partners in ministry.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson

LITURGISTS: Lynette Sparks, Martha Langford
10:45: Donna Brink Fox

ACOLYTES: Gregory Monrad, Henry Fox

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Mary Ann Rutkowski

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson

GREETERS: Cynthia Capps, Rob Keefe, Carol Roth,
Connie Schultz

USHERS: 8:30: Betsy Vinton, Griff Vinton
Justin Connolly, Sue Danielson, Dianna Daunton,
Miriam Gale, Tom Gillett, Ann McMican, Janet Stewart,
David Tennant

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Peacemaking/Outreach Committee: Linc Spaulding,
Susan Vaala, Tom Klaseus

September 27, 2015



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Invitation to Prayer

Each Sunday the Chapel is open for prayer at 10:00am. 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.

Sunday Seminar

Today at 9:30am

"How Presbyterians Interpret Scripture" is the topic John Wilkinson is addressing in Johnston Hall.

October 4 & 11

"South Sudan Village Care" with Palath Thonchar, a "Walking Boy" who came to Rochester in 2001 from Kakuma Refugee Camp in northern Kenya.

Growing in the Word

Today at 9:30am

James 5:13-20—*Prayer of faith & anointing the sick* is the scripture that will be explored in the Parlor, led by Darryl Powell.

October 4

Mark 10:2-16—*Teaching on divorce & blessing the children*

Heritage Members Lunch

Today at 12:15pm, Celebration Center

All Third Church members who have achieved 75 years of life experience are cordially invited to lunch! Invitations have been mailed. Do join us even if you have not made a reservation.

Youth Kick-Off Potluck Supper

Sunday, September 27, 5:00pm

Our Youth-Parent Information meeting will be held in the Celebration Center. A Potluck Supper will follow at 6:00pm. Details about the upcoming year will be shared. Registration/permission forms will be distributed. Volunteer sign-ups will be circulated. Peter DuBois, Jeanne Fisher, and Mary Ann Rutkowski will be on hand to share choir information. ***This is an important meeting!*** Please bring a dish to pass for 10 people by last name as follows:

A-H: Salad; I-P: Side Dish; Q-Z: Dessert.

Meat/Vegetarian options will be provided by the Youth Committee. RSVP to Jane Carden (jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org) today!

Monday Yoga

Monday, September 28, 6:30pm

The Yoga group will meet in Johnston Hall.

Living Waters Wednesdays



Living Waters Wednesdays is our midweek service. Join us in the Chapel at 6:00pm on September 30 for a service of music, reflection and prayer. Lynette Sparks is leading this Wednesday.

Caroline Robinson in recital...

Our talented Assistant Organist, Caroline Robinson, will present the first of two recitals she'll be performing this year as part of her Eastman studies – this **Tuesday, September 29 at 8:00pm** at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park (off Lake Avenue). Her program will include works by J.S. Bach, Johannes Brahms, Dieterich Buxtehude, Nico Muhly, and Charles-Marie Widor. ALL are invited to attend this free recital! (and help spread the word...!)

Thursday Voices

12:00pm, Johnston Hall

October 1

To Whom Shall We Go by Reinhold Niebuhr, led by Martha Langford.

October 8

Hoping or Postponing by Fred Craddock, led by Lynette Sparks.

"A Conversation on Race"

October 4, following 10:45 worship service

Join James H. Norman, President & CEO, Action for a Better Community and co-

chair, Facing Race, embracing Equity (F=EE), for lunch and a conversation on race in America. Reserve your place by calling the church office.

Exploring Membership

October 4, 6:00pm, Johnston Hall

The next "Exploring Membership Dinner" on October 4 at 6:00pm is a time to meet members, other newcomers and staff.

This is an opportunity to share your story and explore ways to connect with the people here. Those who wish to become members of Third Church can choose to attend a New Member Gathering immediately following the dinner from 7:30 to 9:00pm, or on Sunday, October 11 at 8:30am. New Members will be received during worship on October 11.

For more information or to reserve your place at the dinner, contact Lynette Sparks (271-6537, ext. 106 or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org.)

Pictorial Updates

Those who had their picture taken for the Pictorial Update can pick up their pictures during Coffee Hour this morning. The updates will be available for all members the first weekend in October.

Is Greeting at Third Church in Your Future?

The Greeters at Third Church were established over 10 years ago to enhance the welcoming atmosphere of our Church. It's a fun job that requires only one Sunday per month, September-June. It's a great way to see all the friends that you may otherwise miss in our large church. Also, you play a vital role in welcoming our guests and demonstrating to them that we value their presence. We

are looking for indoor greeters, parking lot greeters, and substitute greeters.

Please contact Bernie Todd Smith 737-0859 or btoddsmith32@gmail.com for more information about your role in this important job.

Grocery Run Needs You on November 7!

Register today!

Less than six weeks to the East Avenue Grocery Run - the primary fundraiser for our dining room ministry and food cupboard!

This fun, family-friendly event has raised more than \$100,000 for Third Church and other local hunger programs in the last five years.

Register today in coffee hour or online at www.groceryrun.org. Must register by October 16th to get a race t-shirt!

Come "Get Fit and Fight Hunger!" on November 7th!

Palestine-Related Events

2015 Witness Palestine Film Series

The Wanted 18, a true but humorous story of a Palestinian village which purchases 18 cows from Israel, will be shown at the Little Theater **today at 2:00pm**. *Roadmap to Apartheid*, an award-winning documentary which shows us why many Palestinians feel they are living in an apartheid system today, will be shown **Monday, September 28 at 6:45pm**. The films will be followed by panel discussions.

Montreat Conference Recap

The Youth shared this wonderful presentation at the Montreat Stockholders Tea last Sunday:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14dU44TzC_8.

Hunger Sunday

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

SEVEN THINGS TO SAY TO GUESTS IN A WORSHIP SERVICE

1. "Thank you for being here."
2. "Let me help you with that."
3. "Please take my seat."
4. "Here is my email address. Please let me know if I can help in any way."
5. "Can I show you where you need to go?"
6. "Let me introduce you to _____."
7. "Would you join us for coffee hour?"

CALENDAR for-September 27—October 4

Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
8:30 am	Child Care	CE
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship (1st & 2nd Grade at the Worship Table)	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
11:45 am	Coffee Hour	JH
12:15 pm	Heritage Members Lunch	CC
4:30 pm	Junior High Bells	Sanctuary
4:30 pm	Covenant Ringers	Moot Arts Room
5:00 pm	Youth Program Kick-off	CC
5:15 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room

Monday, September 28

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:30 pm	Membership & Evangelism	Parker Room
5:30 pm	Worship, Music & Arts	Whitney Room
6:30 pm	Yoga	JH
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
7:30 pm	GS4A	CE

Friday, October 2

9:30 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parlor
2:00 pm	Memorial Service—Wm. Hale	Sanctuary

Saturday, October 3

10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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Sunday, October 4

(World Communion Sunday)

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:40 am	Church School	CE
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Coffee Hour	CC
12:00 pm	Conversation on Race	JH/Sanctuary
4:30 pm	Junior High Bells	Moot Arts Room
4:30 pm	Covenant Ringers	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Advisor Meeting	Youth Lounge
5:15 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Exploring Membership Dinner	JH
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	CC

Tuesday, September 29

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Cloister
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
10:00 am	Enneagram Class	Johnston Hall

Wednesday, September 30

11:00 am	Jewish/Christian Dialogue	JH
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, October 1

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Room
11:00 am	Jewish/Christian Dialogue	JH
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
5:30 pm	Joint Budget & Finance	JH
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Room
6:00 pm	Daisy Troop	CE/LL01
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	JH

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