



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

Children - God's Sacred Inheritance

Reduced by too many from God's inheritance

to men's property

to women's burden

to society's problem

to workforce commodity

to a family value

to a political photo op and prop

to fodder for military

to corporate marketing target

to parent nagger and persuader

valueless unless marketable

valueless unless problemless

valueless as vulnerable humans now

valueless as God's special creation and messengers of hope

until adults.

But children are the seeds of heaven

and stewards of tomorrow.

God's inheritance

squandered throughout the earth.

Marian Wright Edelman

The Worship of God Children's Sabbath

October 18, 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 (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 Fourth Grade class will be at the Children's Worship Table this morning.**

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 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.

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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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) "Cantilène" Louis Vierne
(from *Symphonie III*)

(10:45) "Andante cantabile" Charles-Marie Widor
(from *Symphonie VI*)

CHORAL INTROIT "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord" Cameroon Melody
(10:45) 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 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

LEADER: We gather on this Children's Sabbath,
to hear the children who wonder,
PEOPLE: "How long must I cry for help?"
LEADER: We gather to heed God's charge
to write the vision and make it plain.
PEOPLE: **We gather to answer Christ's call
to serve the last, the least, and the littlest ones.**
LEADER: We gather to be strengthened by the Spirit
to bend the arc toward God's vision of justice.
PEOPLE: **Come, let us worship God.**

* HYMN 81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" AUSTRIAN HYMN

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Ever-present God, we confess that we have dulled our ears to the cries of children who are hungry. We confess that we have hardened our hearts to the plight of children living in poverty and millions of parents struggling to make ends meet. We confess that we have dimmed our hopes for a more just world

and our ability to make a difference. Sharpen our ears, we pray, to hear the voices of children and your call to us. Soften our hearts to show compassion to families who are struggling. Raise our hopes for how we can help bend the arc toward justice and work for the world that you intend. 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

ANTHEM
 (10:45)

"I Will Praise You, O Lord"

Mark Patterson
 Junior Choir

I will praise you, O Lord with all my heart.
 In ev'ry song I sing
 I will praise you, O Lord with all my heart.
 In the things that I do, in the words that I say
 I will praise you, O Lord with all my heart.

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 I will praise you, O Lord with all my heart.

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 fourth 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

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.

FOCUS on STEWARDSHIP

Susan Fox

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Job 38:1-7

(Pew Bible, OT page 484)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

(8:30)

"Wade in the Water"

H.T. Burleigh
Riki Connaughton, *mezzo-soprano*

ANTHEM

(10:45)

"Praise Ye the Lord"

Alan Hovhaness

Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; For He is good: For His mercy endureth forever.

- Psalm 106:1

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:35-45

(Pew Bible, NT page 47)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"For Our Children's Sake"

Lynette Sparks

* HYMN 487

(10:45)

"These Treasured Children"

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*** 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**

Loose offering this morning will support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance aiding Southeast coastal flooding.

**SOLO
(8:30)**

"Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"

H.T. Burleigh

ANTHEM
(10:45)

“Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel”

arr. Moses Hogan
Trio: Paige Kiefner
Riki Connaughton
Caroline Nielson

Didn’t my Lord deliver Daniel, and why not a-every man? He delivered Daniel from the lion’s den, Jonah from the belly of the whale, And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, and why not every man? *Didn’t my Lord...* The wind blows east and the wind blows west, it blows like the judgment day. And every poor soul that never did pray will be glad to pray that day. *Didn’t my Lord...* I set my foot on the Gospel ship, and the ship, it began to sail. It landed me over on Canaan’s shore, and I’ll never come back any more. *Didn’t my Lord...*

- Traditional spiritual

* 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: **Almighty God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you thanks for all of your mercies. Send us forth as people who are forgiven, healed, renewed, that we may proclaim your love to the world and serve all your children, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 630 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

CRUSADERS’ HYMN

* 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)

"Praeludium in F"
(BuxWV 144)

Dietrich Buxtehude

(10:45)

"Finale"
(from *Symphonie II*)

Charles Marie-Widor

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
in honor of all the area police officers and firefighters – those who work to keep us safe.*

*The Sanctuary Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today
for our Kenya and Katrina travelers.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Lynette Sparks

LITURGISTS: Martha Langford
10:45: Katie Orem

ACOLYTES: Trevor Gauronski, Zach Gauronski

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Mary Ann Rutkowski

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson

GREETERS: Camille Clayton, Peg Rachfal, Holly Powell,
Bernie Todd Smith

USHERS: 8:30: Lea Theuer, Hank Theuer

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Worship, Music & Arts: Janet Davies

October 18, 2015



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Kenya 2015

October 16-26

Five Third Church members have traveled to Nairobi to visit our partners at the Kihumo Presbyterian Church. Our delegation includes two Third Church staffers - John Wilkinson, Pastor and Rebecca D'Angelo-Veitch, Coordinator of Children's Ministry and Congregational Life. The other travelers are Lynn Lambert, Emory Morris, and Susie Kieren.

This year the Kenyan travelers look forward to renewing our partnership covenant while meeting and worshipping with our Kenyan partners. They also anticipate meeting the new minister of the Kihumo Church, as well as reviewing all the projects the partners have engaged in to date.

Use this address to follow the travelers: <https://thirdchurchkenyatravelers.wordpress.com/>. Please keep our 2015 travelers in your prayers.

Sunday Seminar

Today at 9:30am

"Rochester's Field of Dreams" with David Tennant and Dale Maddock

Growing in the Word

Today at 9:30am

Mark 10:35-45 *Sons of Thunder* with Holly Powell

Living Waters Wednesdays



Living Waters Wednesdays is our midweek service. Join us in the Chapel at 6:00pm on October 21 for a service of music, reflection and prayer. Martha Langford is leading this Wednesday.

Happy Bunch Out to Lunch

Today, following worship the Happy Bunch will gather over lunch at Napa Wood Fired Pizza, 573 S. Clinton Avenue.

Youth Field Trip Today

Wickham Farms, 1821 Fairport Nine Mile Point Road; Cost: \$10. Transportation NOT provided. Drop off and pick up at Wickham Farms.

Festival of Spirituals Presented by UPT Choirs

Today at 4:00pm

Downtown United Presbyterian, 121 North Fitzhugh in Rochester

The congregations of Urban Presbyterians Together invite you to attend a Festival of Spirituals, celebrating the rich tradition of the African-American spiritual. The concert will include choral arrangements sung by Urban Presbyterian member Choirs, including our Chancel Choir, solo selections and community singing led by Lee Wright,

Director of Music at Downtown United Presbyterian Church. A reception will follow the event. Free parking is available in the two Downtown Church parking lots as well as the City Hall lot just east of the church building. Admission is free.

Thursday Voices

12:00pm, Johnston Hall

October 22

Charity is Not a Substitute for Justice by Marian Wright Edelman with Martha Langford.

Concert by Candlelight in Sanctuary

Thursday, October 22, 7:30pm

Guest artist for this concert will be former Third Church tenor soloist, and child of this congregation, **Matthew Swensen**. He will be accompanied by Ksenia Letkina in the complete song cycle by Franz Schubert, "Die Schöne Müllerin," a masterpiece of 19th century Lieder. The concert will also provide our first opportunity to hear the new Steinway concert grand piano in a recital setting. The concert is free and open to the public, with donations accepted to help underwrite expenses. The Concert by Candlelight Series is supported in part through the generosity of the Janet S. and David B. Reed Fund.

Elvis to Elton Potluck

Friday, October 23, 6:00pm, Celebration Center

"Are you ready for a Boxing Match?" If you have never attended an **Elvis to Elton** event, we invite all those in the church, members and visitors in their sixties and seventies (plus or minus) to join us for great food, fellowship and fun. After dinner, our "secret" event will be preparing Halloween gifts for our Dining Room Ministry guests. Please bring the following:

1. **A-G:** Salad; **H-S,** meat or vegetable dish; **T-Z,** dessert
2. **A bag of wrapped small candy** (Hershey Kisses, Dove, Werthers, cinnamon wraps)
3. **Scissors**
4. **\$2.50/person** to cover expenses for the evening activity

Please call or email Sue Locke with your RSVP at 398-8749 or splocke@gmail.com.

Peter DuBois in Recital

Friday, October 30, 7:30pm

Third Church Director of Music/Organist **Peter DuBois** will present a recital on the 4-manual Austin organ in our sanctuary. His program will include music by American composer Leo Sowerby, as well as classics by César Franck, Jehan Alain, Johann Sebastian Bach, and Charles-Marie Widor. The program will also feature the monumental "Sonata on the 94th Psalm" by 19th century German composer Julius Reubke, a student and disciple of Franz Liszt. Come and hear spectacular music and invite your friends to join you for this free concert!

Mary Ann McKibben Dana Event

"The Improvising God: God's Work in an Imperfect World"—Sunday, Nov. 1
Join Pastor/Blogger, Author Mary Ann McKibben Dana will discuss *What it means to be "reformed, always being reformed" in the 21st century and How do we understand God's work in the world and our response to that work?* A simple lunch will be available. So that we can plan for space, it would be helpful to RSVP to the church office by October 29.

Join Us for the Grocery Run on November 7

Join us for a fun and personally rewarding day at the East Avenue Grocery Run on

November 7. Register during Coffee Hour and receive your awesome race t-shirt on the spot! Church member registration is \$22, with a family maximum of \$88. Remember, 100 % of our proceeds go to food pantries and emergency meal programs here in Rochester, including the Dining Room Ministry here at Third Church.

You can also register online at www.groceryrun.org -- use discount code 4Meigs for church member discount. If you register online, you will receive your t-shirt at packet pickup at Fleet Feet Sports on November 5 and 6, or at church the morning of the race.

Boost your positive impact by creating an online fundraising page at www.crowdrise.com/groceryrun2015. It is quick and easy to create a page. Then ask your friends and family to support your quest to fight hunger by sharing your page by email, facebook, twitter, etc! Last year, we raised more than \$10,000 online - which is a HUGE help to local food pantries and emergency meal programs! You can make a page even if you're not running or walking!

And, we still need LOTS of volunteers to make this a fun, safe event for everyone! Please contact Becky Picone at becky.picone@gmail.com.

RAIHN

Shortly after Thanksgiving, Third Church will again host our RAIHN guests. This is our 43rd rotation! It's been a long and positive relationship over the past 12 years. We find that some of our supplies are wearing out, and we hope you can help replenish them. Are you redecorating and have gently used towels, hand towels and washcloths? We could use them. Have your children headed off to college and you find

yourself with extra twin/single size washable blankets that you don't need? We could use them!

Bring these items marked RAIHN to the table outside the church office; if you'd like a receipt for tax purposes, include a note saying so. If it would help to have your donations picked up, contact Sue Bixler at jbixler1@rochester.rr.com or 637-6711.

Boar's Head

Mark your calendars now for our *eleventh* "Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival," to be offered in two performances on January 9 & 10 at 4:00pm! We'll be recruiting volunteers to serve in the cast and supporting roles very soon – so watch this space for more information, and links to online information about signing up. We need persons of all ages from 2nd grade through senior citizen to make up the festival cast! The time commitment is minimal (two rehearsals plus two performances), so check out the detailed information that will appear here next week!



Hunger Sunday

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

CALENDAR for October 18—October 25

Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
8:30 am	Child Care	Christian Education Building (CE)
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	Johnston Hall (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 <i>(The fourth grade class will be at the children's worship table.)</i>	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
11:45 am	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center (CC)
12:15 pm	Happy Bunch Out to Lunch	Off Site
4:00 pm	UPT Concert	<i>Off Site (Downtown United Presbyterian Church)</i>
4:00 pm	Youth Field Trip to Wickham Farms	Off Site

Monday, October 19

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
6:30 pm	Yoga	JH
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC

Tuesday, October 20

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Property Committee	Whitney Room
7:00 pm	Trustees	CC
7:00 pm	Deacons	JH

Wednesday, October 21

12:00 pm	Calvin Guild	CC
5:00 pm	Junior High Bells	Moot Arts Room
5:30 pm	Qabats	CC
5:00 pm	Shawl Knitting Ministry	Parlor
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 22

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Room
7:00 pm	Great Schools for All Focus Group	JH
7:30 pm	Concert by Candlelight	Sanctuary

Friday, October 23

6:00 pm	Elvis to Elton	CC
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Saturday, October 24

11:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
12:00 pm	Great Schools for All Focus Group	JH

Sunday, October 25

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

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