



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

These are the rhythms of reformation. The troublemakers become heroes. The radical new ways eventually become beloved traditions. We are always moving from blindness to sightedness, from unfaithfulness to faithfulness. On days such as this, I am less interested in how the church was reformed than I am in recalling the lessons of reformation. Reformations teach us that we continue to need reform.

Mary W. Anderson

**The Worship of God
Reformation Sunday**

October 25, 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 Fifth 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. Our next Exploring Membership Lunch will take place on December 6.

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 "Two Chorale Preludes on 'A Mighty Fortress'"

Dietrich Buxtehude
Jan Bender

CHORAL INTROIT "For the Fruit of All Creation"

(10:45)

AR HYD Y NOS

Text: Fred Pratt Green

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

* 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: The Lord has filled our mouths with laughter
and our tongues with shouts of joy.

PEOPLE: **The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.**

LEADER: Praise the Lord.

PEOPLE: **The Lord's name be praised.**

* HYMN 624 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" TOULON

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You see our need when we are blind to it. You have made us to be yours. In your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith and the harm we do to others and to your earth. Forgive us for turning away from your will, for ignoring the cries of our neighbors, for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves. Let our faults fall from your eyes as you open ours. Hear this and answer, in Jesus' 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

ANTHEM
 (10:45)

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” arr. Mark Miller
 Covenant Singers
 Scott Stratton-Smith, *piano*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace! My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; ‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life, and health, and peace. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!

- text by Charles Wesley

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 fifth grade class will be at the Children’s worship table today.

SERMON "Sight Unseen"

Martha Langford

* HYMN 450 "Be Thou My Vision"
(10:45)

SLANE

* AFFIRMATION
of FAITH

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

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

ANTHEM "Pilgrims' Hymn"

Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on Your name To ask you, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, Surpassing all we know.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, We breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, We trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, Beyond all mortal dream

Both now and forever, And unto ages and ages, Amen.

- Michael Dennis Browne

* 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: **To you, O God, we offer our lives—our abundance,
our poverty, all that we have, all that we are—a sign
of our great thanksgiving for the treasure of your
grace. Take and use us for good in the world that you
so love; we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

* HYMN 772 "Live into Hope"

TRURO

* 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)

"Ein feste Burg"

Helmut Walcha

(10:45)

"Toccatà in F"
(BWV 540)

J.S. Bach

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Betty Pearson Taggart and Lynne Taggart Young.*

*The Sanctuary Memorial Prayer Candle is lit on this Reformation Sunday in honor of all
those reformers, past and present.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Martha Langford

LITURGISTS: Lynette Sparks
Mary DuBois (10:45)

ACOLYTES: Bizzy Merz, Maisie Merz

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Mary Ann Rutkowski

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson

GREETERS: Cynthia Capps, Rob Keefe, Carol Roth, Dot Wallace

USHERS: 8:30: Betsy Vinton, Griff Vinton

10:45: Justin Connolly, Sue Danielson, Dianna Daunton,
Tom Gillett, Ann McMican, Otto Muller-Girard, Jr., Janet
Stewart, David Tennant

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Adult Spiritual Formation, Mary Cowden

*Daylight Savings Time ends November 1st. Set clocks back
one hour before retiring on Saturday, October 31.*

October 25, 2015



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Seminar

Today at 9:30am

"The Soul of Money," book review with Susan Rupp

Growing in the Word

Today at 9:30am

Mark 10:46-52: *Healing Bartimaeus*, with Darryl Powell

Living Waters Wednesdays



Living Waters Wednesdays is our midweek service. Join us in the Chapel at 6:00pm on October 28 for a service of music, reflection and prayer. Lynette Sparks is leading this Wednesday.

Thursday Voices

12:00pm, Johnston Hall

October 29

The Peaceable Kingdom by Kenneth Carter, with Lynette Sparks

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 Events

***"The Improvising God: God's Work in an Imperfect World"*—Sunday, November 1 12:00pm**

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.

Spirituality in the Smartphone Age, Monday, November 2, 9:00-11:30am

Mary Ann McKibben Dana will be leading a workshop at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Registration information can be found at <http://stpaulsec.org/>. There is no charge for this event.

Great Schools for All Town Hall Meetings

1. **Thursday, November 5**, 10:00am at Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Avenue
 2. **Thursday, November 5**, 7:00pm at St. Luke Tabernacle Community Church, 1261 Dewey Avenue
 3. **Saturday, November 14**, 10:00am at Trinity Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 9 Shelter Street
- For more information, visit gs4a.org.

Boar's Head

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

for our eleventh biennial **Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival** with TWO performances—on **Saturday, January 9** and **Sunday, January 10**—both at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary!

The Festival serves as the culmination of our celebration of Christmas and Epiphany. Dating back to 14th century England, this festival procession includes much pageantry, thrilling music by the choir, and carol singing by choir and audience, accompanied by organ and instruments.

Casting is now underway for the Festival, and we would like for **you** to be a part of the large cast that will make this a spectacular event for the church and the community!

No previous acting or singing experience is necessary—there are no speaking parts and only a few solo singing parts. Here is your chance to be on stage and participate in a beautiful and fun pageant! The only commitment you will have is two rehearsals the week of the



performances (January 7 and 8 in the evening) and the two performances—Saturday, January 9 and Sunday, January 10, both at 4:00pm. Take a look at the following list of roles, and the number of people needed for each, contact Peter DuBois (pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org or (271-6513, ext. 109) and let him know ***right away*** what you are interested in doing—or just that you would like to participate, and a role will be assigned. **ALSO NEEDED—People to help with COSTUME preparation.** Please indicate your availability to help with that by contacting Peter at the email or number above.

Individuals or even entire families may participate, given the range of roles!

Royal King and Queen

Lords and Ladies (4 couples: need not be married!)

Ladies in Waiting (6 sing as a group)

Teenage Ladies in Waiting (8-10 Sr. High girls-singing)

Beefeaters (2 men)

Banner Carrier (youth/adult)

Banner Bearers (12 Days of Christmas) (12 3rd-5th grade children)

Lady Plum Pudding (1 woman)

Holly Bearers (1-3 women)

Mince Pie Carriers (4-5 women)

Cooks (4-5 men and women)

Ribbon Bearer (2 middle school girls)

Flower Girls (8 3rd-5th grade girls)

Servants (any number: men/women)

Cookie Girls (4-6 middle school girls)

Yule Log Carriers (2 men)

Woodsmen (2-4 men)

Wood Elves (any number 1st & 2nd graders)

Jugglers/Jesters (2-4 youth/adults)

Mary

Joseph

Shepherds (4-8 men, women, youth)

King Caspar (man: singing part)

King Melchior (*man: singing part*)
King Balthazar (*man: singing part*)
One page for each King (3 3rd-4th grade boys
or girls)

Grocery Run Update!

The East Avenue Grocery Run is just two weeks away, on November 7!

You can still register in Coffee Hour and receive your Grocery Run shirt on the spot. Or register online at www.groceryrun.org and get your shirt at packet pickup on race day and the two days before at Fleet Feet locations. Church members can use the discount code 4Meigs when registering online.

We still need volunteers! Please contact Becky Picone at becky.picone@gmail.com if you can help out. Volunteers will meet after church on November 1 to get assignments and a volunteer shirt, if you need one

Planning team members will meet at 9:30am on November 1 at church to go over final details!!

Take a look at our online fundraising page at www.crowdrise.com/groceryrun2015 and show your support for your favorite runner, walker or food cupboard!

Hunger Fighter Award

A new plaque honoring recipients of the Andrew Primerano Hunger Fighter Award has been hung in the Celebration Center. Join us at the East Avenue

Grocery Run on November 7 to learn who this year's recipient is.

Hunger Sunday

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

CALENDAR for-October 25—November 1

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
9:30 am	Commissioning Class	Youth Lounge (CE)
9:45 am	Covenant Singers Warm up	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship <i>(The fifth 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)
4:30 pm	Junior High Bells	Moot Arts Room
4:30 pm	Covenant Ringers	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Youth Implementation Teams	CE 201 & 202
5:15 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	CC

Monday, October 26

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

Tuesday, October 27

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room

Wednesday, October 28

11:30 am	UPT Clergy	JH
12:00 pm	Corner Place Steering Comm.	Off Site
5:00 pm	Children's Bell Choir	Moot Arts Room
5:00 pm	Qabats	CC
5:30 pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
6:00 pm	Living Waters Wednesdays	Chapel
6:30 pm	Choir Sectional Rehearsals	Sanctuary
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, October 29

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Arts Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
5:30 pm	Joint Budget & Finance	CC
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Arts Room
7:00 pm	Jewish/Christian Dialogue	JH

Friday, October 30

7:30 pm	Peter DuBois in Concert	Sanctuary
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Saturday, October 31

11:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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Sunday, November 1

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
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:15 am	Covenant Ringers Warm up	Sanctuary
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
11:45 am	Coffee Hour	JH
12:00 pm	Mary Ann McKibben Dana Event	JH
12:00 pm	EAGR	CE204
4:30 pm	Junior High Bells	Sanctuary
4:30 pm	Covenant Ringers	Moot Arts Room
5:00 pm	Youth Advisor Meeting	CE204
5:00 pm	Youth Implementation Teams	CE201,202
5:15 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	CC

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