



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

“We would as soon you were stable and reliable.
We would as soon you were predictable
and always the same toward us.
We would like to take the hammer of doctrine
and the nails of piety
and nail your feet to the floor
and have you stay in one place.
And then we find you moving,
always surprising us,
always coming at us from new directions.
Always planting us
and uprooting us
and tearing all things down
and making all things new.”

Walter Brueggemann

A Service of Worship
of the
Presbytery of Genesee Valley
to Install
Lynette K. Sparks
as Associate Pastor

November 8, 2015

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

CHORAL
INTROIT "Come, Let Us Sing" Mark Patterson
Junior Choir
Barbara Rich, Chris Colaluca, *handbells*

Come, let us sing for joy unto the Lord.
Let us shout unto the rock of our salvation.
Let us come and worship with thanksgiving.
Let us praise the Lord with a song,
for the Lord is great, the King above all kings.
Praise to the living 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 Karen Kingsbury
from Psalm 127

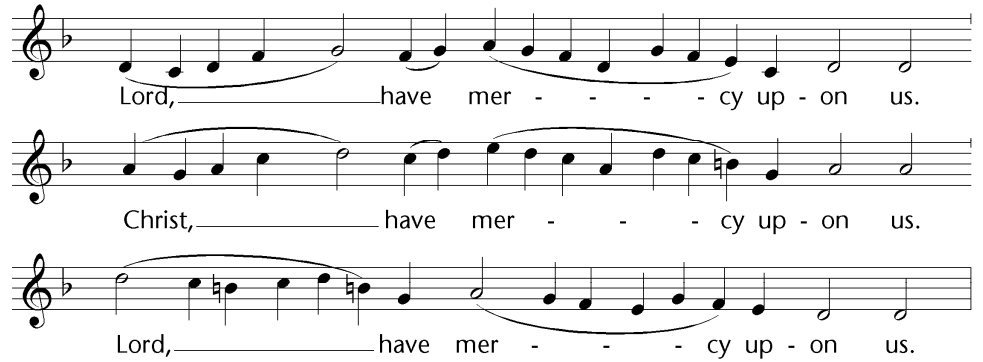
LEADER: Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who built it labor in vain.
PEOPLE: **Unless the Lord guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.**
LEADER: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest.
PEOPLE: **We shall put our trust in the Lord,
who gives rest to God's beloved.**

* HYMN 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL

PRAYER
of CONFESSION **Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit, you
baptized us to be your own and called the church into
being. We confess that we hold back the love of your
Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of
grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a
people made one in Christ.**

Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit and make strong our common witness to the one Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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

BELL ANTHEM

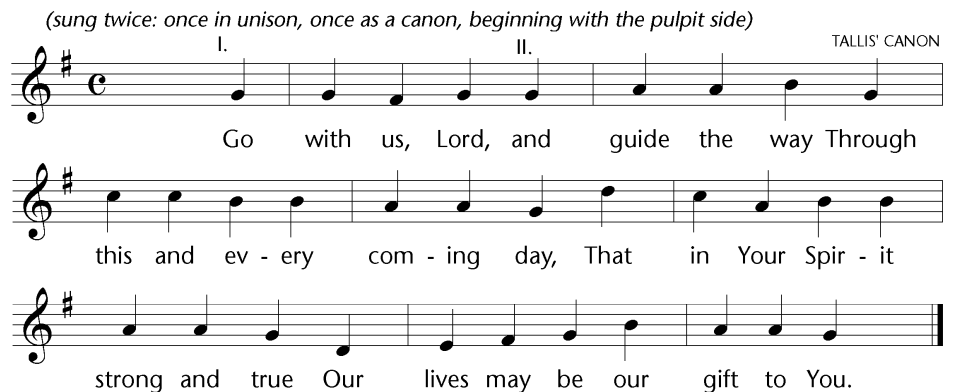
“Meditation on Beautiful Savior”

Silesian folk tune
arr. Cathy Moglebust
Third Church Ringers

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*(Children, age 3 through 6TH 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



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

Martha Langford

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

Tomas Klaseus, *Outreach*

OLD TESTAMENT

Hezekiah Simmons

LESSON Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

(Pew Bible, OT page 243)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "There is a Land of Pure Delight"

Grayston Ives

There is a land of pure delight where saints immortal reign; infinite day excludes the night and pleasures banish pain.

There everlasting spring abides and never-withering flowers; Death like a narrow sea divides that heavenly land from ours.

Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood stand dressed in living green; so to the Jews old Canaan stood while Jordan rolled between.

But timorous mortals start and shrink to cross the narrow sea, and linger shivering on the brink, and fear to launch away.

O could we make our doubts remove, those gloomy doubts that rise, and see the Canaan that we love with unobscured eyes.

Could we but climb where Moses stood and view the landscape o'er; not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood should fright us from the shore.

- Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 12:38-44

(Pew Bible, NT page 49)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Whither Thou Goest"

Amy Williams Fowler

* HYMN 377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

HOUSTON

The Choir will sing stanza 1, then all are invited to join in singing the entire hymn, beginning with stanza 1.

* AFFIRMATION of FAITH

Duncan Hemink

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to

love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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.

INSTALLATION

Statement on the Ministry of the Church Catherine Foerster
Constitutional Questions

Minister Catherine Foerster

Congregation Robb Adams

Prayer of Installation Catherine Foerster

Declaration of Installation Catherine Foerster

Charge to the Newly Installed Pastor Sonya Stauffer Kurtz

Charge to the Congregation Stephanie Sauvé

John Wilkinson

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 be sent to the Presbytery of Genesee Valley to assist candidates for the ministry.

ANTHEM "Sing Praise to God"

arr. Mack Wilberg

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the Lord of all creation, The source of power, the fount of love, the rock of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled. To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made, God's gracious mercy keepeth. By morning glow or evening shade, God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth. Within the kingdom of God's might, Lo! All is just and all is right. To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing, An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing. As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band. To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praise, That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part. To God all praise and glory!

* RESPONSE

- Johann Schütz (1640-1690)

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: **Holy God, we humbly give you thanks for your goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all of creation. We praise you for your love made known to us in Jesus Christ, in whom your fullness dwells. Send to us your Holy Spirit that, being made one with**

Christ, we may be one with each other and one in
ministry to all the world. Amen.

* HYMN 826 "Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

* CHARGE
and BENEDICTION

Lynette Sparks

* CHORAL
RESPONSE

* GREETING

POSTLUDE "Paean"

Herbert Howells

All are invited to a reception in the Celebration Center following the service.

The Celebration Center is located on the lower level.

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
in loving memory James A. Rice, beloved husband of Lucile Rice.*

*The Sanctuary Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today
to celebrate the installation of Lynette K. Sparks.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: The Rev. Amy Williams Fowler, Presbytery Leader,
Presbytery of Genesee Valley

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION: Commissioned Ruling Elder Catherine Foerster,
Presbytery Moderator, Lima Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Stephanie Sauvé, Colgate Rochester
Crozer Divinity School
The Rev. John Wilkinson, Third Presbyterian Church,
Rochester
The Rev. Martha Langford, Third Presbyterian Church,
Rochester
Elder Hezekiah Simmons, First Presbyterian Church, Pittsford
Elder Karen Kingsbury, Laurelton United Presbyterian Church,
Rochester
Elder Robb Adams, Third Presbyterian Church,
Rochester
The Rev. Sonya Stauffer Kurtz, New York Mennonite Conference
Elder Duncan Hemink, North Presbyterian Church,
Williamsville, NY

ACOLYTES: Erin Colaluca, Zach Gauronski

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Mary Ann Rutkowski

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson

GREETERS: Bob Eames, Maryjane Link, Jeff Morrison,
Kelly Thevenet-Morrison, Betsey Wheeler

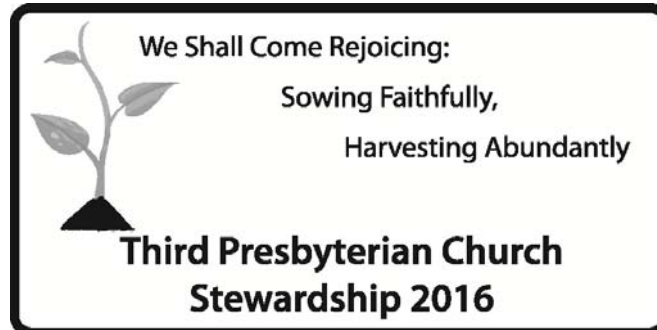
USHERS: Elmer Dustman, Ann Haag, Hope Herting,
Jeremy Peters, Gloria Pleger, Don Schichler,
Rebecca Schichler, Anne Sievers

RECEPTION HOSTS: Members of the Personnel Committee

November 8, 2015



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



You should have received a stewardship mailing, including your pledge card. Please bring the card with you when you come to worship next week.

About Today's Service

We welcome Amy Williams Fowler, Presbytery Leader, to the Third Church pulpit this morning.

We also welcome the other members of Lynette Sparks' Installation Commission and thank them for their participation in this service of installation this morning.

Sunday Seminar

Today at 9:30am in Johnston Hall
"The Good Funeral," a book review with Martha Langford

Growing in the Word

Today at 9:30am in Parker Room
Mark 12:38-44: *The Widow's Generosity*, with Paul Gongloff

Thursday Voices

November 12, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall
This month we are exploring assorted essays by Wendell Berry. Lynette Sparks will discuss *The Commerce of Violence*.

Home for the Holiday

Will you be alone during the coming holiday celebrations and would welcome a chance to enjoy the Thanksgiving or Christmas meal with church friends? Would you be willing to host a

church friend for either of the coming holiday meals? We want to hear from you.

Deacons Camille Clayton (413-0225) and Kay Ramsay (544-9022), are coordinating a Board of Deacon pilot project HOME FOR THE HOLIDAY. If you are interested or want to learn more, please call Camille or Kay.

East Avenue Grocery Run

A big THANK YOU to all who ran, walked, cheered, volunteered, sponsored and donated to make our 6th annual Grocery Run a success. In the coming weeks we will share how much money was raised and how much food was collected. In the meantime we are grateful to all who put so much love and energy into this event and for the opportunity to share with others in our community who need it most.

Christmas Baskets

Families in City Schools 3 and 35 and RAIHN graduates will be looking forward to receiving Christmas Baskets from members of our congregation again this year. Please think ahead and plan to be a donor. A large Christmas Basket poster and Mitten Tree are on display during Coffee Hour in the Celebration Center. Stop by and sign up!

Great Schools for All Town Hall Meeting

Saturday, November 14, 10:00am at Trinity Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 9 Shelter Street. For more information, visit gs4a.org.

Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil

2015 Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil
Friday, November 20 at 5:30pm

The More Light Committee invites you to a Prayer Vigil in the chapel as we observe the 2015 Transgender Day of Remembrance. Following the Vigil, participants are invited to carpool to Open Arms Metropolitan Community Church for the city-wide remembrance service at 6:30pm.

Seeking justice for the oppressed, our More Light Committee members work to be and to cultivate LGBTQ allies. Are you ready to be an ally?

- **Allies want to learn.**
- **Allies address their barriers;** opening themselves to the challenge of actively supporting persons who are LGBTQ.
- **Allies know that “support” comes in many forms;** from super-public support to personal support expressed through the language we use, conversations we choose to have, and signals that we send.

Chapel Concert by Candlelight

Thursday, November 19, 7:30pm

The featured artist for this program is **Austin Wahl**, a wonderful classical guitarist. He is a masters student at the Eastman School of Music. Austin has won top honors in a variety of competitions, including first in the Great Lakes Guitar Society, Thursday Musical, and Schubert Club and was a finalist in the University of Louisville Solo Artist competition and Lone Star Guitar Competition. His program will include music by J.S. Bach, Joaquin Rodrigo, Niccolò Paganini, and Brazilian composers Egberto Gismonti and Sergio Assad. The performance is free and open to the public. Donations will be received to support

the Candlelight Concert series, made possible in part through the generosity of the Janet S. and David B. Reed Fund.

Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

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. Contact Peter DuBois (pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org or (271-6513, ext. 109) and let him know **right away** you would like to participate, and a role will be assigned. **Individuals or even entire families may participate!**



Hunger Sunday

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

Third Church Officers

Session

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Bill Jones
Jim Moore

CALENDAR for November 8—November 15

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	Parker Room
9:45 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:00 am	Installation Commission	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship (<i>The First and Second Grade Class is at the worship table.</i>)	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	Christian Education Building (CE)
11:45 am	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center (CC)
4:30 pm	Junior High Bells	Sanctuary
4:30 pm	Covenant Ringers	Moot Arts Room
5:15 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner and Fellowship	Celebration Center (CC)

Monday, November 9

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

Tuesday, November 10

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Cloister
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
7:00 pm	Session	JH

Wednesday, November 11

4:00 pm	Triennium Info. Meeting	<i>Off Site (Gates)</i>
5:00 pm	Children's Bell Choir	Moot Arts Room
5:30 pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
5:30 pm	Qabats	CC
6:00 pm	Living Waters Wednesdays	Chapel
6:30 pm	Choir Sectional Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, November 12

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
3:00 pm	Gathering Tea	Valley Manor
4:00 pm	Investment Committee	JH
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Room

Friday, November 13

Saturday, November 14

8:30 am	Men's Breakfast	JH
10:00 am	GS4A Town Meeting	<i>Off Site</i>
10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC

Sunday, November 15—Stewardship 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
9:30 am	Youth Implementation Team	Parker Room
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
11:45 am	Coffee Hour	JH
12:00 pm	Happy Bunch Out to Lunch	<i>Off Site</i>
4:30 pm	Junior High Bells	Sanctuary
4:30 pm	Covenant Ringers	Moot Arts Room
5:15 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner and Fellowship	CC

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