



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

“...maybe we should read this passage – the whole passage – first as a cautionary tale about how easy it is to cave into our insecurity and cultural messages of scarcity and be seduced to ‘look out for number one.’ Then we might also read this passage as an invitation to remember the gift of community and fellowship we have been given in our households, communities, and congregations. We are here for each other – created and blessed with many abilities and assets and drawn together to care for each other and the world.”

David Lose

**The Worship of God
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

November 8, 2015

8:30 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.

Child Care is available in the Education Building for infants and toddlers to kindergarten.

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 "Andante cantabile" Charles-Marie Widor
(from *Symphonie IV*)

* 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 adapted from Psalm 146

LEADER: The Lord sets prisoners free
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

PEOPLE: **Praise the Lord!**

LEADER: God executes justice for the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

PEOPLE: **Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

LEADER: The Lord watches over the stranger
and upholds the orphan and the widow.

PEOPLE: **I will praise the Lord as long as I live.**

* HYMN 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

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

Tomas Klaseus, *Outreach*

OLD TESTAMENT

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

(Pew Bible, OT page 243)

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

SOLO "Abide With Me"

Samuel Liddle
Cody Müller, *bass*

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 12:38-44

(Pew Bible, NT page 49)

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

SERMON "From Margins to Center"

Martha Langford

* 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 "The Lord's Prayer"

Michael Head

* 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!

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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, in Christ you have revealed the true measure of your generosity and the great treasure of your grace. Move us, even in the poverty of our hearts, to offer everything we have to you, so that our lives may bear witness to the abundance of your love; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

* HYMN 655

"What Shall I Render to the Lord"

MARTYRDOM

* 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

"Allegro maestoso"
(from *Sonata II in C minor*)

Felix Mendelssohn

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

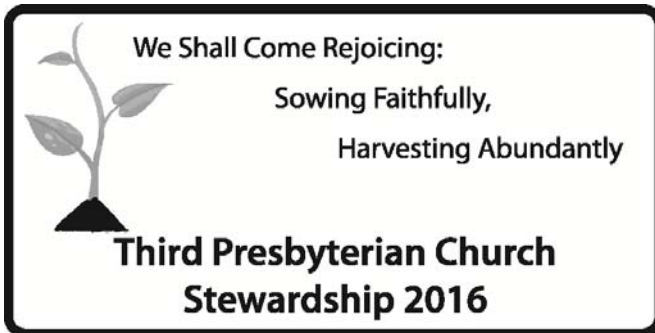
PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Martha Langford
LITURGIST: Ernest Krug
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois
USHERS: Bill and Linda Adams

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.

Sunday Seminar

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

Next Week, March 15:
"A Bridge Too Far: the Limits of Care and the Healing Arts" with Jane Liesveld.

Growing in the Word

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

Next Week, November 15:
Mark 13:1-8 *"Keep Watch!"* 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*.

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.

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.

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



Our eleventh biennial **Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival** with TWO performances will take place 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!

purchased online at www.eventbrite.com or at the door.

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!**

World Aids Day Benefit Concert

Tuesday, December 1, at 7:00pm
Third Presbyterian Church will host Rochester's 15th Annual World Aids Day Benefit Concert on December 1 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. The event, organized by "Doing The [Positive] Thing" will include performances by Dangerous Signs, Thomas Warfield, BakariPoet, Jimmie Highsmith Jr., Sharon and Jerry Peters, Abby Coughlin, Virtuous Women Dance Group, and Tim Schramm. Proceeds will benefit Trillium Health. Tickets are \$15.00 and may be

Hunger Sunday

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

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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
9:30 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	Presby. 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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