



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap,
but by the seeds that you plant.”

— Robert Louis Stevenson

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— “The God Squad”
Third Presbyterian Church

**The Worship of God
Christ the King Sunday**

November 22, 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

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.

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

Church School: Today, so that the children can experience Youth led worship, there will not be Sunday school. Children will remain in worship.

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.

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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misfortunes of others. Help us to not repeat our mistakes, but rather to live in your ways of goodness. Help us to plant your word, your ways and your love. 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:

PEOPLE:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
 Thanks be to God.**

* 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**

Nursery and pre-school Sunday school will be offered for young children. School-aged children are invited to remain in worship for the Youth Sunday service.

**SACRAMENT
 of BAPTISM**

PRESENTATION
 THE ACT OF BAPTIZING

WELCOME

ELDER:

Calli Brook Torres

Calli is now received into the holy catholic church. Through baptism God has made her a member of the household of faith, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. We, the members of this congregation, have promised to nurture and to love this child, and to assist her to be a faithful disciple.

PEOPLE: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you and to help you to know and follow Christ.

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

KINGDOM

1. Child of blessing, child of promise, Bap-tized
 2. Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you

with the Spir-it's sign, With this wa-ter God has
 are, from God you came. Back to God we hum-bly

sealed you Un-to love and grace di-vine.
 give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.

Text: Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980
 Tune: V. Earle Copes, 1959

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.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 8:4-15

(Pew Bible, NT page 67)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"All Good Gifts"
(from Godspell)

Stephen Schwartz

arr. Arnold Freed

Trio: Kelly Knickerbocker
 Emily Rachfal, Rachel Schaefer
 Miranda Owen, oboe

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand. He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain. All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above. So thank the Lord for all his love...

We thank thee then, oh Father, for all things bright and good, the seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food. No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts, but that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts. *All good gifts...*

I really want to thank you, Lord, I want to thank you Lord for all of your love. Oh, thank you, Lord.

REFLECTIONS

"The Good Earth"

Kelly Knickerbocker
 Lily Hutkowski
 Emily Rachfal

* HYMN "A Farmer Sowed Some Seeds"

Words & Music by Owen Shriver



A far - mer sowed some seeds in a field. He knew not all the crop would yield, Some
The tale of the sow - er is not quick for - got, He who be - gan with a gen' - rous lot, Lost



fell to the road and could not sprout, Some fell to the stones and soon died out, Some
some to in diffe - rence, some to fear, And those who re - mained to God stayed near, For the



fell to the weeds, though they tried to grow, The weeds choked and would not let them
word of God is the seed that's sown, And no one can make it



do so, But some fell to the so - il or the
on their own. So don't be the road,



soft and new, And they grew up brave - ly, strong and true.
path, or the weeds, But be fer - tile ground for God's pure seeds.

* AFFIRMATION
of FAITH

LEADER: We trust in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

PEOPLE: **Jesus, God's only son, was born of the Virgin Mary.
Fully human, fully divine, he walked among the people
of the earth.**

LEADER: We trust in Jesus Christ, who taught and healed.

PEOPLE: **Jesus traveled and sowed seeds of God's wisdom. He
treated everyone with kindness and love and set an
example for all of God's people.**

LEADER: We trust in Jesus Christ, who gave up his life to save us
from sin.

PEOPLE: Jesus was resurrected by God and ascended into heaven. He triumphed over death, bringing eternal life to all people. 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 "Sing a New Song"

Heinrich Schütz
arr. Carolyn Jennings
Sarah Cohen, *flute*; Ann Altoonian, *bass*
Scott Stratton-Smith, *piano*

Sing a new song to God the Lord, Sing and give praise with one accord. For His salvation He doth give, That, through His mercy, we may live. Worship the Lord in holiness, Hymns of great joy to Him address. Honor His works and bless His name, His grace and truth to all proclaim.

Heaven above and earth below, Ocean and field His glory show. All of God's creatures sing His praise, Let us now too our voices raise. Glory and thanks to Him belong, Honor Him evermore in song.

- paraphrase of Psalm 96

* 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: **All that we have, all that we are, we present to you.
This offering represents our work and expresses in a
clear and visible way our love and thanks. We also
offer our fragile dreams and hopes, these invisible
gifts that sustain our lives. Receive all that we have
sown in love. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 547 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" AR HYD Y NOS

* CHARGE
and BENEDICTION

LEADER: Now as we go into the world, we commit to being more
than members.
PEOPLE: **We will sow seeds of faith.**
LEADER: We will not just hope,
PEOPLE: **We will sow seeds of hope.**
LEADER: We will not just follow,
PEOPLE: **We will sow seeds of leadership.**
LEADER: We will not just be receivers,
PEOPLE: **We will sow seeds of service.**
LEADER: We will do more than believe,
PEOPLE: **We will sow seeds of love. Amen.**

* 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 "Now Thank We All Our God" Egil Hovland

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of
the 30th Wedding Anniversary of Peter and Mary DuBois.*

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit today in honor of the Youth of Third Church.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

WORSHIP LEADERS: Youth of Third Church
ELDER ASSISTING AT BAPTISM: Beth Sieber
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois
JUNIOR HIGH BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Jeanne Fisher
GREETERS: Cynthia Capps, Rob Keefe, Carol Roth, Dot Wallace
USHERS: Justin Connolly, Sue Danielson, Dianna Daunton,
Tom Gillett, Ann McMican, Otto Muller-Girard, Jr.,
Janet Stewart, David Tennant
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Deacons, Parish G: Betsey Wheeler, Camille Clayton

November 22, 2015



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

"A Year of Sowing" Stewardship Update

Thanks to those who have already pledged. Our initial results are positive. As of November 18, we have received 217 pledges totaling \$587,056. Pledge cards are available in the pew pads in the Chapel and in the pew racks in the Sanctuary. You may mail them to the church or you may submit a confidential pledge to Carol Foster at cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Today's Service

Thank you to the youth for their insights and creativity in crafting today's worship service. And a huge thank you to our awesome Advisor Team, Bill and Jenny Bay, Paul Bishop, Mary DuBois, Meaghan Held, Therese Owen, Bruce Peachey, Pati Primerano, Lauren Rye, and Gretchen Young-Zeh, for their guidance in this process!

Today's Baptism

We celebrate the Baptism this morning of *Calli Brook Torres*, born July 15, 2015, daughter of Andrew and Kara Kruchten Torres.

About Today's Middle Hymn

This morning's middle hymn, "A Farmer Sowed Some Seeds," was written and composed by Owen Shriver, a Brighton High School senior and member of our youth group.

Advent Wreath Event Today

Join the Congregational Fellowship Committee in coffee hour after the 10:45am worship service today to make an Advent wreath for home devotion during the season of Advent (*which begins next Sunday*). Materials for a candle-lighting liturgy are provided.

Sunday Seminar

Today at 9:30am in Johnston Hall
"The Practice of Mindfulness," with Rich Ryan

Growing in the Word

Today at 9:30am in Parker Room
John 18:33-37: *Jesus and Pilate* with Paul Gongloff

"Tuesday Pipes" Recital

Tuesday, November 24, Christ Church
Assistant Organist Caroline Robinson will perform on the "Tuesday Pipes" series at

Christ Church downtown (141 East Ave) this Tuesday, November 24, at 12:10pm. She'll play both landmark instruments in the church in music by Lübeck, Bach, Brahms, and Boëly. Come and enjoy this free 25-30 minute program during the lunch hour!

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

The response has been wonderful! Only ten more donors are needed. A large Christmas Basket poster and Mitten Tree are on display during Coffee Hour in the Celebration Center. Stop by and sign up!

Living Waters Wednesdays



Living Waters Wednesdays will not meet this coming week. The next service will be December 2.

141st Union Thanksgiving Service

*Thursday, November 26, 11:00am
Temple Sinai, 343 Penfield Road*

This service is the oldest continuing Union Thanksgiving Service in the United States. All are welcome!

RAIHN Volunteers Needed!

Sign up now and participate in our 43rd RAIHN hosting week. Together, we can meet our goal of providing a good night's rest in a safe place where we share hearty meals with kindness, acceptance, warmth, and compassion. Please contact Lou Loggi at louis.loggi@gamil.com or 781-4237 or Laurie Mahoney at 747-5852 or LMahone1@rochester.rr.com.

Volunteers needed for:

- Sunday morning set up, November 29 (before church): 1 to 2 people
- Sunday afternoon: orientation & time with guests (2:00-5:00pm): 1 person
- Sunday dinner: 1 person to help serve/clean up
- Wednesday overnight hosts: 2 people
- December 6 Sunday morning takedown (before church): 2 people
- Post rotation laundry: 2 to 3 people

ROC the Day

On *Tuesday, December 1*, United Way of Greater Rochester for the fifth year is sponsoring ROC the Day, a one-day giving event Third Church's Human Service Programs (*food cupboard, dining room ministry, tutoring, etc.*) are registered to receive donations on ROC the Day, so on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, from 12 am – 11:30 pm please ROC the Day by going on-line to www.ROCtheDay.org (or go directly to Third Church's donation page—<http://www.roctheday.org/Agency/ThirdPresbyterianChurchHumanServicePrograms>) and making a donation to support Third Church's Human Service Programs. This is an especially good way to encourage others to support our outreach programs,

so please share this information with family and friends.

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 1st at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Proceeds will benefit Trillium Health. Tickets are \$15.00 and may be purchased online at www.eventbrite.com or at the door.

Chili Cook off December 6

The third annual Chili Cook-Off will take place following worship on December 6. You are invited to sample home-made recipes (\$5) and also to purchase baked goods. Funds raised will support Youth Programming.

Advent Small Groups on Facebook

Knowing that schedules are busy, and also that many are searching for meaningful faith connections in this holy season, we are trying a new thing: Small groups based on the Facebook format! To learn more and indicate your interest, visit www.thirdpresbyterian.org/ThirdChurchFacebookSmallGroups page.

Advent Event/Evening Prayer

Sunday, December 6, 6:00pm

Celebration Center and Sanctuary

Our Annual Advent fellowship dinner will be held Sunday, December 6 at 6:00pm in the Celebration Center, followed by a service of Evening Prayer at 7:00pm, led by the children and youth who attended Camp Cory this past summer. A light dessert reception will follow Evening Prayer. Please reserve your place by calling the church office (271-6513).

Masquerade Charity Ball Benefit

The Young Professionals NeXus group of Xerox is hosting a black and white theme Masquerade Charity Ball and have chosen The Corner Place as recipient. Members of Third Church, a source of support for The Corner Place and providers of tutoring services, are invited to attend and spread the word to those they know.

Saturday, December 5, 5pm to 10:00pm

La Luna Event Center, 60 Brown Race
Please follow the link to the event website for further information and to purchase tickets in advance:
<http://www.ypnexus.org/ball>.

Hymnals Available

Copies of the blue *Presbyterian Hymnal* are available for the taking. Boxes of the hymnals are available in the Chapel narthex and at Coffee Hour in the Celebration Center following worship.

Christmas Decorations

If you would like to make a donation to help support the cost of our Christmas decorations, please send your check to the church office marked "*Christmas Flowers*" and note clearly the names that should be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

I would like this gift to be:

_____ *In loving memory of:*

_____ *In honor of:*

_____ *In celebration of:*

_____ *A donation from:*

The deadline for receiving donations is Monday, December 14.

CALENDAR for November 22 – November 29

Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Child Care	Christian Education Building (CE)
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	Johnston Hall (JH)
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30 am	Youth Worship 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	CC
12:00 pm	Advent Wreath Making	CC
4:30 pm	Junior High Bells	Moot Arts Room
4:30 pm	Covenant Ringers	Sanctuary
5:15 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner and Fellowship	CC and CE Lounge

Monday, November 23

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

Tuesday, November 24

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

Wednesday, November 25

Thursday, November 26—Thanksgiving

11:00 am Union Thanksgiving Service *Temple Sinai*

Friday, November 27—Office Closed

Saturday, November 28

10:00 am Dining Room Ministry CC

Sunday, November 29

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30 am	Commissioning Class	CE 207
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Children's Worship Table	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	More Light Committee	Parker Room
2:00 pm	RAIHN Guests Arrive	

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