



# Third Presbyterian Church

*Seeking the Light*

## **Sonnet for the Reign of Christ**

You, upon your throne of self-giving love  
set upon a garbage-heap – that tower  
of wood where on a dark day you are shoved  
(to be rid of you) by the world's powers –  
you who called the blind to new ways of sight  
and freed from their chains the captives to fear  
and despair; who, with love's strength in fresh light,  
called the lost from graves, yet commanding here  
no armies, holding here no sword, allow  
yourself to suffer death for others – your  
rule is surely not of this world. But how  
surely it is our need! Show us the door  
to true peace, O Christ. Rule our hearts: your voice  
our one guide. Your way of love our one choice.

Andrew King

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

November 22, 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

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.

**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 "Herzlich tut mich erferuen" Johannes Brahms  
(My Faithful Heart Rejoices) Opp. 122, No. 4

\* 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 from Revelation 1, Isaiah 6

LEADER: Grace to you and peace from the one who is  
and who was and who is to come,

PEOPLE: **and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead,  
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**

LEADER: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

PEOPLE: **The whole earth is full of God's glory.**

\* HYMN 2 "Come, thou Almighty King" ITALIAN HYMN

PRAYER  
of CONFESSION

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to your call to us. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives. 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.

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.*

OLD TESTAMENT

LESSON 2 Samuel 23:1-7

*(Pew Bible, OT page 299)*

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "Domine Deus"

Antonio Vivaldi

*(from Gloria)*

Paige Kiefner, *soprano*

*Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.  
 Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.*

GOSPEL LESSON John 18 :33-37

*(Pew Bible, NT page 133)*

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Right Rule"

Lynette Sparks

\* AFFIRMATION  
of FAITH

**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. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for 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. 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

"Alleluia"

W.A. Mozart

\* 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: **We praise you, great God, for you are ruler of the universe, and have sent your Son to be King of kings. We rejoice that he has triumphed over all the powers of this world, and governs the nations in justice and righteousness. By your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty, that we may live in service of Christ's kingdom. Amen.**

\* HYMN 41

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

LYONS

\* 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

"Trio Sonata V in C major"

Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Allegro (BWV 529)

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

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

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:**

PREACHER: Lynette Sparks

LITURGIST: John Wilkinson

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson

USHERS: Betsy Vinton, Griff Vinton

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](mailto:cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org).

### 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 Buxtehude, 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 20 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

Will not meet this coming week, but will resume on December 2.

### 141<sup>st</sup> 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!

### ROC the Day

On *Tuesday, December 1*, United Way of Greater Rochester for the fifth year is again 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](http://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.

### RAIHN Volunteers Needed!

Sign up now and participate in our 43<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:louis.loggi@gamil.com) or 781-4237 or Laurie Mahoney at [LMahone1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:LMahone1@rochester.rr.com) or 747-5852.

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

### 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](http://www.eventbrite.com) or at the door.

### 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

For further information and to purchase tickets, visit: <http://www.ypnexus.org/ball>.

### 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 Event on December 6

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).

## 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. **The deadline is Monday, December 14.**

I would like this gift to be:

\_\_\_\_\_ **In loving memory of:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **In honor of:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **In celebration of:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **A donation from:**

## CALENDAR for November 22 – November 29

### Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Child Care	Christian Education Building (CE)
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
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
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
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
6:30 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
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### Sunday, November 29

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
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
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 am	Children's Worship Table	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	More Light Committee	Parker Room
2:00 pm	RAIHN Guests Arrive	