



# Third Presbyterian Church

*Seeking the Light*

What Mary knew was just  
enough for the usual day;  
pull water, flint fire, bake  
bread, smile, pray

the dark orations, sleep, wake  
wait. When pain honed a nerve,  
when birth or dying clotted  
an hour, she leaned to the curve

of living, resilient to fear,  
laughter, suffering.  
Partings are a little death.  
Each one's journey is a thing

wholly without precedent.  
She looked at the sky  
for compass. None. She, too,  
created a road to travel by.

Maura Eichner  
*From a Woman's Life*

The Worship of God  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 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
- Century Club (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.

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

**Children and Worship:** Children's worship bulletins, Bibles and activity clipboards are available from the ushers. **The Sixth Grade class will be in worship this morning.**

**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. The next Exploring Membership Dinner will take place February 21.

**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 Chorale Prelude on "Vom Himmel hoch" Johann Pachelbel  
(Based on Hymn 111—"From Heaven Above")

CHORAL INTROIT "Savior of the Nations, Come" NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND  
(10:45) Junior Choir

Savior of the nations, come; virgin's son, make here your home.  
Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity praise we sing eternally.

LIGHTING of  
THE ADVENT CANDLE

8:30—Lea and Hank Theuer

10:45—The Chen Family: Leway and Marilyn,  
Amanda, Michael and Marissa

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

LEADER: As we light the fourth Advent candle, we remember the words of the prophet Micah: from you, O Bethlehem, shall come forth one who is to rule in Israel.

PEOPLE: **And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.**

LEADER: And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

PEOPLE: **and he shall be the one of peace.**

RESPONSE "While We Are Waiting, Come" (*Hymn 92*) WAITING  
*All three Stanzas*

\* HYMN 104 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

PRAYER  
of CONFESSION

Great God, we behold the gift of the child yet again, yet we are also mindful of how we have failed to receive the fullness of that gift. We are distracted and confused, so focused on things that matter little that we have overlooked the good news of great joy. Tell us again that the Savior is born. Tell us again that we are forgiven. Tell us again that life can be abundant in faith and hope and love, not because of who we are, but because of what you have given us in 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

ANTHEM  
(10:45)

“Still, Still, Still”

Austrian Carol  
arr. Norman Luboff  
The Covenant Singers  
Scott Stratton-Smith, *piano*

Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, Holy Star its vigil keeping. Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth. The night is peaceful all around you, close your eyes, let sleep surround you. Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth.

Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number watch you as you sweetly slumber. Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to come.

BELL ANTHEM  
(10:45)

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson  
Children's Bell Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
(10:45)

*(Children, age 3 through 6<sup>TH</sup> 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 sixth grade class will be in worship today.)*

DISMISSAL  
of CHILDREN  
(10:45)

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

I. 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

*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 MISSION

Camille Clayton, *Deacons*

ANTHEM

“Magnificat”  
(St. Paul’s)

Herbert Howells

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified me; and Holy is His Name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations. He hath shown strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He hath sent empty away. He rememb’ring His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel; as He promised to our forefathers Abraham and His seed forever. (*Canticle of Mary - Luke 1:46-55*) Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:39-55

(*Pew Bible, NT page 57*)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Seeds of Remembrance”

John Wilkinson

\* HYMN 100

(10:45)

“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”  
(Canticle of the Turning)

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

\* AFFIRMATION  
of FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

"Who Comes?"

Leo Nestor

Who comes? a child, delivered on a stable floor.  
His mewling, newborn cry is all that God can say  
of hunger, thirst and aching need  
where Jesus lives today.

Come, singing fire of truth, compassion, right,  
and scorch our hardened apathy  
till love is new and bright.

Who comes? a Jew declaiming from a prophet's scroll.  
His messianic cry is all that God can say  
of freedom, health and saving hope  
where Jesus lives today.

Come, singing breeze from worlds already, new.  
Blow in and out of weary minds  
till faith is singing too.

Who comes? a man, in dying moments on a cross.  
his God-forsaken cry is all that God can say  
of searching, scarred, redeeming love  
where Jesus lives today.

Come, singing light from new creation's dawn,  
where trees of healing deck the streets  
and joy is newly born.

- Brian Wren (23 July 1983)

\* 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: **God of Grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us  
when Mary placed her life at the service of your will.  
Prepare our hearts for his coming again; keep us  
steadfast in hope and faithful in service, that we may  
receive the coming of his kingdom, for the sake of  
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\* HYMN 88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

*Stanza 1 & 2 – all*  
*Stanza 3 – treble voices*  
*Stanza 4 – low voices*  
*Stanza 5 – Choir only*  
*Stanzas 6 & 7 - all*

\* CHARGE  
and BENEDECTION

\* 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 "Fanfare"

Jacques Lemmens

*The Memorial Prayer Candle in the Sanctuary is lit in solidarity  
with all those for whom this is a difficult and challenging season.*

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

**PREACHER:** John Wilkinson

**LITURGISTS:** Lynette Sparks, Martha Langford,  
10:45: Rob White

**ACOLYTES:** Alexa and Greg Monrad

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST:** Peter DuBois

**ASSOCIATE MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Mary Ann Rutkowski

**ASSISTANT ORGANIST:** Caroline Robinson

**GREETERS:** Camille Clayton, Holly Powell, Peg Rachfal,  
Bernie Todd Smith

**USHERS:** (8:30) Hank Theuer, Lea Theuer  
(10:45) Nancy Adams, Robb Adams, Bill Boller,  
Priscilla Boller, Otto Muller-Girard, Jr, Jeff Sprague,  
Beth Tschorke, Phil Tschorke

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:** Deacons, Parish A: Sarah Cohen, Carl Wheeler

## Christmas Eve Worship Services at Third Church

Thursday, December 24

Festival of the Nativity  
4:30pm in the Sanctuary

Candlelight Communion  
8:00pm in the Chapel

Lessons and Carols  
11:00pm in the Sanctuary

“A Rochester Festival of Lessons and Carols” from Third Church, clergy, lay readers, and congregation, will air on WXXI FM 91.5 on Christmas Eve at 11:00pm. You can send friends and relatives around the world the link to [www.wxxi.org/listen](http://www.wxxi.org/listen) so that they can stream the audio of the broadcast live at that time. This is a pre-recorded service of Lessons and Carols (not a live broadcast of our Christmas Eve service) recorded this past January in the Third Church Sanctuary.

December 20, 2015



## MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



We Shall Come Rejoicing:

Sowing Faithfully,

Harvesting Abundantly

**Third Presbyterian Church  
Stewardship 2016**

Thanks to those who have already pledged. As of December 14, we have received 324 pledges totaling \$803,887. Pledge cards are available in the office, 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). Pledge envelopes for those who have requested them are ready for pick up, in alphabetical order, on the table near Johnston Hall.

### Sunday Seminar/Growing in the Word

*Today at 9:30am in Johnston Hall*  
*Falling in Love with the Bible: The Nativity* with Jim Stewart.

### City Sing for Peace

*Sunday, December 20, 4:00pm*  
*Public Market—A City United in Song*

Join your neighbor in song starting at the Public Market... walk together in peace. Join in singing songs of Chanukah, Kwanzaa, Christmas and Peace. Songbooks will be provided. Bring your own candle. All are welcome!

## College Connections

*Tuesday, December 22, 6:00pm*

All college kids are invited to catch up with other youth group alums at a Holiday Youth Group Reunion in the Youth Lounge. Pizza and beverages will be provided. You are welcome to bring a goodie to share, but also... bring your stories, your boyfriend, your girlfriend, your significant other, but most importantly, bring yourself! See you there!

## Living Waters Wednesdays



John Wilkinson will lead the service on December 23. Join us at 6:00pm in the Chapel.

## Christmas Joy Offering

This year, give something more than a present – give opportunity. The Christmas Joy Offering is a way for you to do more than simply give a gift; it's a way to improve the lives of those who are struggling. 50% of all funds raised for this Offering are given to both past and current church workers who need a little boost to get over life's obstacles. The other 50% goes toward providing quality education to students seeking higher learning and leadership development at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Thanks to your generosity, we can support those in need. We will receive the Christmas Joy offering through Sunday, December 27. Envelopes are available in the pew racks and pew pads.

## Food Cupboard Urgent Need

A driver with a larger SUV or Van is needed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday morning of each month to pick up the Foodlink order which is usually 500-600 lbs. A helper is already in place to do the loading. The custodians unload at church. Please contact Carol Coons [carolycoons@gmail.com](mailto:carolycoons@gmail.com) or 227-5953.

## DRM Needs Christmas Volunteers

*Saturday, December 26, 10:00am-1:00pm*

A special volunteer Dining Room Ministry Team prepares and serves a meal to our hungry

neighborhood guests. Whole families are welcome to join the special team. Experienced volunteers are needed, but inexperienced volunteers are also welcome! Contact Nancy Adams at 314-3783 or [nancyadams@hotmail.com](mailto:nancyadams@hotmail.com) to express your interest.

## Last Week's Special Music Available Online

Here's a link to SoundCloud where you can listen to the Poulenc "Gloria" as well as the Offertory piece, "Spiegel im Spiegel" by Arvo Pärt. The link is also available on the Third Church website/worship recording page. <https://soundcloud.com/third-church-roc/poulenc-gloria-part-spiegel-im-spiegel-offering-response>.

## Thursday Voices

Thursday Voices will resume at noon on January 7.

## Temporary Shelter Seeks Donations

While working on a long-term solution for Rochester's homeless, the Rochester Emergency Action Committee for the Homeless (REACH) has established a temporary shelter and is seeking donations and volunteers. To learn more, visit their website <http://reachrochester.wix.com/reach>.

## Home for the Holiday

Will you be alone during the coming holiday celebration and would welcome a chance to enjoy a Christmas meal with church friends? Would you be willing to host a church friend for a meal? We want to hear from you. 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.

## Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL! If you're planning on sending out Christmas cards in the coming weeks to friends and relatives, you can help spread the word about the Boar's Head Festival, as well. Small pre-printed announcements are available in quantities for you to pick up in the church office during the week, or at coffee hour on

Sunday mornings. These can be enclosed with your Christmas cards to serve as a personal invitation to come and enjoy the festivities on January 9 and 10!

**BOAR'S HEAD NEEDS YOU!** Many bakers are needed to provide cookies, breads, mince tarts and plum puddings for the festive receptions which will follow both performances of The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival on January 9 and 10. Items may be prepared as you do your holiday baking, but need to be delivered to the church by Friday, January 8. Easy recipes for mince tarts, plum puddings, and volunteer forms may be found in the literature racks outside the church office. *Please let us know as soon as possible if you can provide baked goods, and also if you are available to help with the reception set-up for either performance.*

**YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP financially support** our presentation of the biennial Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival on January 9 and 10, as a Patron. The Festival is a wonderful tradition and a gift from our congregation to the larger community of Rochester as we conclude our celebration of Christmas with this great Epiphany event! To help in this way, send a check payable to Third Presbyterian Church with the notation "**Boar's Head Patron**" clearly marked—or place your check, so marked, in the offering plate.

### Enneagram Offerings

Susan Rupp and Amy Stratton-Smith are offering additional classes. The first, *Enneagrams as Invitation to Spiritual Transformation, Part 2: 5-Week Series* will meet Thursday afternoons, 1:00-3:30pm on January 7, 14, 21 and February 4, 11.

#### *Enneagrams Foundations: 5-Week Series*

Two sessions of the introduction to the basic Enneagram model, including nine personality types, levels of development with each type, wings, dynamics of movement between the points in stress and health, and the practice of "Inquiry" as a technique for integrating body sensation, emotional and thinking processes.

The two sessions will take place Tuesday afternoons, 1:00-3:00pm on January 12, 19, 26, February 2 and 9. The Tuesday evening offering will take place from 7:00-9:00pm on April 12, 19, 15, May 3 and 10. All offerings will take place at the Mercy Spirituality Center, 65 Highland Avenue.

For registration or questions please contact Susan Rupp at [jcsrl@aol.com](mailto:jcsrl@aol.com) / 586-5473 or Amy Stratton-Smith at [ameliajean123@gmail.com](mailto:ameliajean123@gmail.com) /224-9051.

## CALENDAR for December 20 – December 27

### 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	Growing in the Word leads Sunday Seminar today	Johnston Hall (JH)
<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	Church School	CE
11:45 am	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center (CC)
12:00 pm	Junior High Bells	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary/Choir Room
2:30 pm	Nativity Costuming and Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	City Sing for Peace	<i>Off Site (Public Market)</i>

### Monday, December 21

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

### Tuesday, December 22

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
5:30 pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Room
6:00 pm	Nativity Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	College Reunion	CE/Youth Lounge

### Wednesday, December 23

6:00 pm	Living Waters Wednesdays	Chapel
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

### Thursday, December 24

4:30 pm	Festival of the Nativity	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Christmas Communion	Chapel
10:00 pm	Chancel Choir Warm up	Choir Room
11:00 pm	Service of Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary

### Friday, December 25--Christmas

#### Saturday, December 26

10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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#### Sunday, December 27

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<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 in Worship	Sanctuary Worship Table
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
1:00 pm	Memorial Service for Edna Harter	Chapel

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