



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

The Iliad of peace began
when this girl agreed.
Now goats in trees, fish in the valley
suddenly feel vivid.

Swallows flit in the stable as if
a hatching of their kind,
turned human, cried in the manger
showing the hunger-diamond.

Cattle are content that this calf
must come in human form.
Spiders discern a water-walker.
Even humans will sense the lamb,

He who frees from the old poem
turtle-dove and snake
who gets death forgiven
who puts the apple back.

Dogs, less enslaved but as starving
as the poorest human there,
crouch, agog at a crux of presence
remembered as a star.

Les Murray
Animal Nativity

The Worship of God First Sunday after Christmas

December 27, 2015

8:30 a.m. 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. Parking is available in the Meigs Street parking lot. On Sundays, the Arnold Park parking lot is available for handicap parking only. Street parking is possible on both sides of East Avenue. Additional parking can be found at *(all on East Avenue)*:

- Jewish Community Federation (Sibley Place)
- American Association of University Women*
- Rochester Area Community Foundation*
*(*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 to all floors/areas of the church.

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 bags are available from the ushers. Children will be at the Worship Table this morning.

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

Coffee Hour follows the 10:45am worship service. All are invited to this time of fellowship in the Celebration Center.

Pastoral Care needs and prayer requests 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. An Exploring Membership Dinner will take place February 21.

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 "Nöel Étranger"

Louis-Claude Daquin

* 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

LEADER: The Word was made flesh,

PEOPLE: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

LEADER: and dwelt among us,

PEOPLE: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

LEADER: Jesus, Son of the living God,
splendor of the Father, Light eternal—

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

LEADER: Jesus, King of glory, Sun of righteousness,
Glory to you, O Lord!

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

LEADER: Jesus, Wonderful counselor,
mighty God, everlasting Lord—

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

LEADER: Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls,
perfect in holiness—

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

LEADER: Jesus, Friend of all, Protector of the poor,
Treasure of the faithful—

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

LEADER: Jesus, Good Shepherd, inexhaustible Wisdom,
our Way, our Truth, and our Life—

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

LEADER: Jesus, joy of the angels,
and crown of all the saints—

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

* HYMN 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

* PRAYER
of ADORATION

Glory to you, almighty God, for you sent your only-begotten Son, that we might have new life. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for you became flesh and dwelt among us that we might become your people. Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you direct and rule our lives. Glory to you, almighty God, and to your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

* CAROL 145

"What Child Is This?"

GREENSLEEVES

CHILDREN'S
MESSAGE

(10:45)

(Children will be at the Worship Table this morning. Childcare is available for infants and toddlers.)

SACRAMENT
of BAPTISM

(10:45)

PRESENTATION
THE ACT OF BAPTIZING
WELCOME

Noah Daniel Speorl

ELDER:

Noah is now received into the holy catholic church. Through baptism God has made him 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 him 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
AND DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

KINGDOM

1. Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, 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.

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.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Samuel 2:18-20, 26 *(Pew Bible, OT page 246)*
READING "Christmas Eve Vigil" Kathleen Norris
CAROL 132 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" *verse 1* IN DULCI JUBILO

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 148 *(read responsively by verse)* *(Pew Bible, OT page 582)*
READING "Christ Climbed Down" Lawrence Ferlinghetti
CAROL 132 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" *verse 2* IN DULCI JUBILO

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 3:12-17 *(Pew Bible, NT page 201)*
READING "Christmas Poem" Mary Oliver
SOLO "Wexford Carol" arr. Philip Maue
Anders Namestnik, *tenor*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:41-52 *(Pew Bible, NT page 58)*
REFLECTION
CAROL 132 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" *verse 3* IN DULCI JUBILO

* LITANY for CHRISTMAS

Our Song of Hope, Reformed Church in America

LEADER: We sing to the Lord a new song;
We sing in our world a sure Hope:
PEOPLE: **Our God loves this world, God called it into being.
God is the world's true Hope.**
LEADER: We are a people of hope
waiting for the return of our Lord.
PEOPLE: **After we refused to live in the image of God, He was
born of the virgin Mary, sharing our genes and our
instinct, entering our culture, speaking our language,
fulfilling the law of our God. Being united to Christ's
humanity, we know ourselves when we rest in Him.**
LEADER: God will renew the world through Jesus, who will put all
unrighteousness out, purify the works of human hands,
and perfect their fellowship in divine love.

PEOPLE: Christ will wipe away every tear; death shall be no more. There will be a new heaven and a new earth, and all creation will be filled with God's glory.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus; We are open to your Spirit. We await your full presence. Our world finds rest in you alone.

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE
and LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

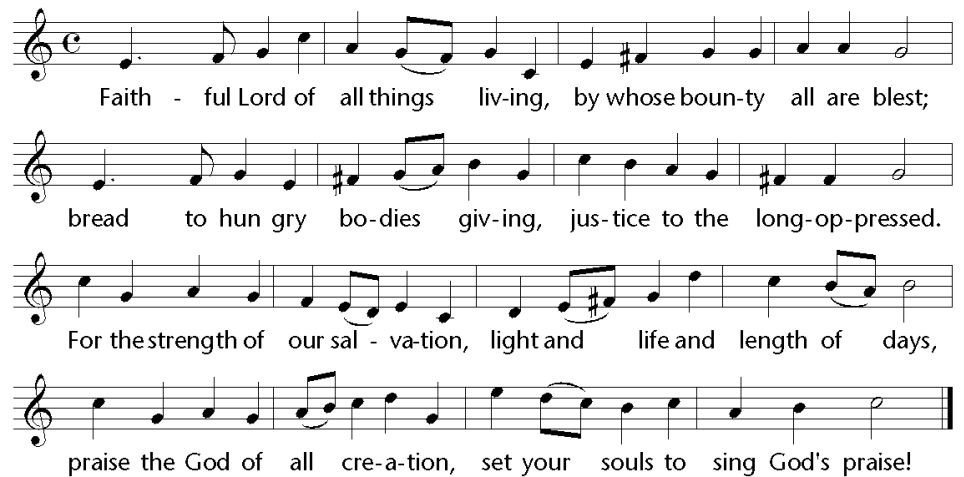
(In addition to our regular offering, we will receive gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering. Envelopes are located in the pew racks and pew pads.)

OFFERTORY

"O Holy Night"

Adolphe Adam

***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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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 your thanks and praise.

ALL: All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son, whom you sent to save us. With singing angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* CAROL 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

* CHARGE
and BENEDICTION

* CAROL
RESPONSE 134 "Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

POSTLUDE "Fantasy on 'Antioch'"

Emma Lou Diemer

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson

LITURGISTS: Mary DuBois, David Stimson, Ernest Krug

ELDER ASSISTING AT BAPTISM: Katie Orem

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois

GREETERS: (10:45) Cynthia Capps, Rob Keefe, Carol Roth,
Dot Wallace, Betsey Wheeler

USHERS: (8:30) Betsy Vinton, Griff Vinton
(10:45) Justin Connolly, Sue Danielson, Dianna Daunton,
Miriam Gale, Tom Gillett, Ann McMican, Janet Stewart,
David Tennant

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit this week to give thanks for the many ways Third Church celebrates the birth of the Christ Child.

About Today's Service at 10:45am

We celebrate the baptism this morning of *Noah Daniel Speorl*, born July 30, 2015, son of Dan and Jennifer Pearson Speorl.

Adult Spiritual Development

Adult Spiritual Development offerings return January 3 at 9:30am.

Today at Third Church

8:30 am	Child Care	Christian Education Building (CE)
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Older children at Worship Table this morning	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Celebration Center (CC)
1:00 pm	Memorial Service for Edna Harter	Chapel

Friday, January 1

Office Closed

New Year's Day

Saturday, January 2

10:00 am Dining Room Ministry CC

Sunday, January 3

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 Commissioning Class CE Youth Lounge

10:00 am **Intercessory Prayer** Chapel

10:45 am **Worship** Sanctuary

11:00 am Church School CE

12:00 pm Coffee Hour CC



The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

An Ancient Processional
Celebrating Epiphany

presented by

The Third Presbyterian Church
Chancel Choir & Instrumental Ensemble
and cast of over 100 people

Peter DuBois, *Director of Music*

Third Presbyterian Church
East Avenue at Meigs Street
Rochester

Saturday, January 9, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 10, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.

Free-will offering received at the door

~ Doors open 45 minutes before each performance ~
Pre-Festival music – madrigals and handbells – begins
30 minutes prior to each performance

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