



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

“Look up, you whose eyes are fixed on this earth, you who are captivated by the events and changes on the surface of this earth. Look up, you who turned away from heaven to this ground because you had become disillusioned. Look up, you whose eyes are laden with tears, you who mourn the loss of all that the earth has snatched away. Look up, you who cannot lift your eyes because you are so laden with guilt. “Look up, your redemption is drawing near.” Something different than you see daily, something more important, something infinitely greater and more powerful is taking place. Become aware of it, be on guard, wait a short while longer, wait and something new will overtake you! God will come, Jesus will take possession of you and you will be redeemed people!”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

A Testament to Freedom, 225

The Worship of God First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

10:45am

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 also 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 in the pew racks.

Children and Worship: We offer quiet activities for school aged children during worship in the sanctuary. There are table and chairs on a rug under the Arnold Park balcony where children will have the opportunity to read books and do activities that relate to our scriptures for the day.

Child Care is available all morning in the Education Building for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

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 luncheon will take place on December 4, 2016 at noon.

Newsletter: The Messenger is published monthly. Copies are available at the back of the Sanctuary, in the literature racks outside Johnston Hall and by the Arnold Park entrance, 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

John Wilkinson, Pastor

Martha C. Langford, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

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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.

**Please stand as you are able, in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland", BWV 659 J. S. Bach
(Savior of the Nations, Come - Hymn 102)

LIGHTING of THE ADVENT WREATH Kirsten Elting and Natalie Rohl

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

LEADER: As we light the first Advent candle in the spirit of reconciliation, we remember the psalm which says:

PEOPLE: **I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."**

LEADER: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

PEOPLE: **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you.**

LEADER: Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

PEOPLE: **In peace, let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

RESPONSE "Wait for the Lord"

(sing three times)



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

*HYMN 645 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

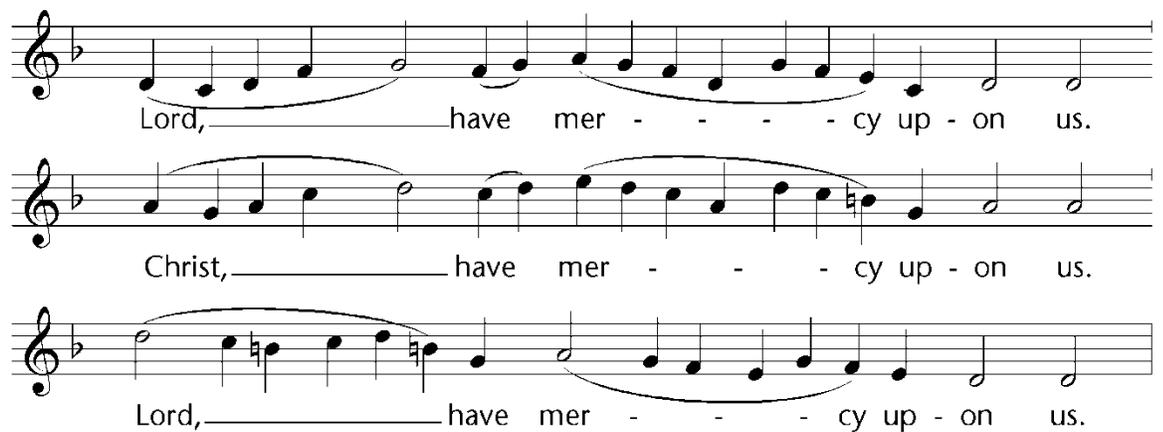
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PRAYER of CONFESSION

Gracious and healing God, we confess that our perspectives are narrow and our vision constricted. We fail to recognize your presence in our midst. We follow well-worn and familiar paths, ignoring your call to us to see this world with the eyes of faith. Call us back to honest repentance and remove any negative spirit from us. Fill us with your spirit so that we might convey your love in our words and actions. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Following the children's message, school aged children are invited to gather at the table under the Arnold Park balcony for quiet activities during worship. Child care is provided for children, Kindergarten and younger, in the Education Building. (Nursery Room 107))

DISMISSAL of CHILDREN

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

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.)

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 13:11-14

(Pew Bible, NT page 162)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Thou shalt know him"

Mark Sirett

Paige Kiefner, *soprano*

Sarah Cohen, *sign interpreter*

Thou shalt know him when he comes, Not by drums, Nor his manners,
nor his airs, Nor by anything he wears. Thou shalt know him when he
comes, Not by his crown or by his gown, But his coming known shall be,
by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee. Thou shalt know
him when he comes. Amen.

-Anonymous

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 24:36-44

(Pew Bible, NT page 27)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Staying Power" Ernest F. Krug

*HYMN 663 "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun" MORNING HYMN

*AFFIRMATION of FAITH Confession of 1967, Presbyterian Church (USA)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

THE PRAYERS of the PEOPLE
and THE 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

ANTHEM "And the Glory of the Lord" G.F. Handel
(from *Messiah*)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

- *Isaiah 40:5*

*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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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: **Loving God, take the offerings of our resources and our lives and bless them to be part of what you are doing in the world to reconcile all people to each other and to yourself. Give us wisdom to see how we can recommit ourselves to growing in faithfulness as disciples of Jesus Christ and be instruments of your peace and healing in the world around us. Amen.**

*HYMN 357 "The Days Are Surely Coming"

LLANGLOFFAN

*CHARGE and BENECTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Toccata on 'Savior of the Nations, Come'"

Paul Manz

The memorial prayer candle is lit in memory of Third Church members who have died recently.

*The flowers today are given in loving memory of Chris Mould:
"Greet everyone you meet as a friend."*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

Ernest F. Krug Preacher
Martha Langford, John Wilkinson, Jeremy Peters Liturgists
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
Danielle Lipari.....Acolyte
Cynthia Capps, Dot Wallace, Miss Rickey Snowden,
Al Molina, Carol Roth..... Greeters
Ann McMican, Miriam Gale, Tom Gillett, Sue Danielson,
Janet Stewart, Dianna Daunton, David Tennant Ushers



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Be the Church: Stewardship Update

Thanks to the many of you who have pledged already to the 2017 stewardship campaign. In this Thanksgiving week, we are grateful for this initial response. If you have yet to pledge, you can do so by:

- >Sending your pledge card to the church office
- >Placing your pledge card in the offering plate this coming Sunday
- >Sending a confidential pledge to Carol Foster at cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org

American Boychoir Concert Tickets

Purchase your tickets today for the wonderful **American Boychoir Holiday Concert** which we're sponsoring on **Saturday, December 3 at 7:30pm** in the Third Church sanctuary. Led by Fernando Malvar-Ruiz, this world-renowned choir performs over 100 concerts annually, and is acclaimed for dazzling audiences with its unique blend of musical sophistication, spirited presentation, and ensemble virtuosity. This will be a family-friendly concert of beautiful Christmas music that you'll want to share with your family and friends! Tickets may be purchased at Coffee Hour **today**, or anytime online at www.thirdpresbyterian.org/tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door.

ROC the Day and Support Third Church

Tuesday, November 29 is the date for ROC the Day 2016! This one-day giving event sponsored by United Way of Greater Rochester gives community members an easy way to make an on-line gift of any size to any local not-for-profit organization. By going to www.ROCtheDay.org you can make a donation to support Third Church's Human Service Programs. This is a good way to encourage friends and family to support our outreach programs, so please share this information.

World Aids Day Concert

Thursday, December 1, at 7:00pm
Third Church will host Rochester's 16th Annual World Aids Day Benefit Concert on December 1 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. The event, organized by "Doing The [Positive] Thing," is entitled "Finale" and will be the last of the annual concerts. In this final year, the concert will be free to the public and will celebrate its 16 year history and the future end of the HIV/AIDS epidemic with 16 acts. The event will be ASL interpreted.

Spiritual Formation

December 4: a joint session with Growing in the Word

Covenant and Commandment: Insights from a year with Temple B'rith Kodesh led by Jim Stewart, Spiritual Formation Committee Week 3- Adam I and Adam II. In this third presentation, Jim will present the parallel creation stories in Genesis and the two Adams found there.

YOUth Fundraiser

Third Presbyterian youth will be selling hand-crafted ornaments in coffee hour **today**, Sunday December 4, and Sunday December 11. The ornaments incorporate pages from our old hymnals. Be sure to stop by the table in the celebration center and check it out! Ornaments are \$10 each.

Nativity and the Image of God An Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 3 in Johnston Hall

Do you have a favorite nativity scene or crèche? We invite you to bring the "Holy Family" with you to this Advent Retreat. We will use these and other seasonal artworks to explore our understanding of human creation in the image of God. The day will include time for sharing, a keynote address, and time for individual engagement with scripture and other spiritual practices. Using art and voice, we will exercise our imaginations as we seek to expand our perception of God's presence in others. RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend so that all will be prepared for you (including a place in the inn!)

Exploring Membership Luncheon

Are you new to Third Church, and want to learn more about us? Or have you participated for some time and are interested in exploring membership? We invite you to join us at our next Exploring Membership Luncheon on Sunday, December 4 at noon in Johnston Hall. You can bring all your questions, get to know our pastoral staff, a few members of the church, and other folks new to this place. The emphasis of the conversation is on exploring ways to connect. Childcare is available; please let us know in advance if you need it. Our luncheon conversation will conclude by 1:30pm. For those that are ready to join in membership, the next step is a New Member Gathering offered at two different times (1) that same afternoon following the luncheon from 1:30-2:30pm, or (2) on the following Sunday, December 11, at 8:30am. To RSVP, contact Lynette Sparks (271-6537 ext. 106) or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org

Chapel Concert by Candlelight

The first in this year's series of Chapel Concerts by Candlelight will be offered on **Thursday, December 8 at 7:30pm** in the Chapel. This program will feature the **Christ Church Schola Cantorum**, a fantastic choral group known locally for their weekly services of Compline offered on Sunday evenings, and nationally for their growing list of recordings. Led by Stephen Kennedy, this program will offer music of the season - from chant, to ravishing choral music of the Renaissance and Baroque, to music of our own time. Help spread the word, and join us for this lovely free concert - donations will be accepted. The Chapel Concert by Candlelight series is supported in part by the Janet S. and David B. Reed Fund.

Special Music for Advent

On **Sunday, December 11 at the 10:45am** worship service, the Chancel Choir, joined by organ, brass, and percussion, will offer the brilliant and joyous "GLORIA" by John Rutter. One of the most popular choral works of the past thirty years, the GLORIA sets the text of the ancient *Gloria in excelsis* in striking music of our time. Other music that morning will include pieces for organ, brass, and percussion, as well as festive hymn settings. Plan to be present, and invite family and friends to join you! A special music offering will be received to support this and future special music presentations.

Christmas Baskets

Please visit the Christmas Basket table in the narthex and sign up to purchase, pack and deliver a Christmas Food Basket to a city family from School 3, 35 or RAIHN. Also, contributions from the whole congregation are needed to purchase gift cards for turkeys or other meat to be included in the baskets. In addition, donations of boys and girls underwear, socks, hats and gloves are welcome. For further information, call Rose Pethick at 388-8546.

Home for the Holidays

Last year, Third Church Deacons began a program that sought to give every Third Church member the opportunity to share a holiday meal with a group. This year we continue that effort so that the coming Christmas will bring fellowship for any member who would like to be part of a "larger family" at the dinner table. If you would like to join us, please contact Camille Clayton (413-0225 or cclay244@aol.com) or call the church office (271-6513) by December 9.

Advent: Reflecting on Unity, Reconciliation, and Justice

During the Advent Season, Third Church will spend time with the Belhar Confession, both individually and in groups using the devotional booklet, "30 Days with the Belhar Confession." Plans are in the works to use this material with Thursday Voices, with small groups meeting offsite, and through social media. If you are interested in joining this study, either individually or as part of a small group, please contact the church office at 271-6513. Copies of the devotional booklet are available from the church office for \$1 per copy.

Tutors Needed!

Do you have 1½- 2 hours a week to spend with a child? School #3 students need you! We currently have openings for elementary grades for reading and math help. Materials are provided by teachers. Please contact Deb Bishop, dabishop@rochester.rr.com or 267-9939, to learn more.

Junior Choir Christmas Cookie Sale

The Junior Choir's annual Christmas Cookie Sale will be held this year on Sunday, December 11th following the 10:45 worship service. Please stop by our table at coffee hour to purchase some delicious treats to support the children's music ministry at Third Church!

Help Me Get Connected!

New this fall at Third Church—any and all in the Third Church community are invited to schedule a one-on-one meeting with staff member Becky D'Angelo-Veitch to think more intentionally about how to connect in our congregation. Whether you are brand new to Third Presbyterian Church or have been in this community for a long time, you are invited to sign up. We like the analogy of joining a health club: we want to learn about you—what your strengths are, where you would like to focus your energy, and at what level you are able to commit right now. We want to help you understand what options there are to learn, to serve, to connect and to grow within the congregation. And just as a health club will offer more than one type of strength training and a variety of ideas for cardiovascular workouts, so we too can share many ways to connect, deepen your spirituality and serve the world. We know one size never fits all, so we want to help you to find the right combination of connection points for your life. After our meeting, information will be shared with appropriate leadership within the congregation, and in about a month, we will follow-up to make sure that you have had the chance to explore one or more of the opportunities.

Scan here
to access sign-up for



**Appointments with
Becky D'Angelo-Veitch
for "Getting Connected"
sessions!**
(or you may contact Becky
at 271-6537 ext. 118 or
rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org)

Calendar for November 27 – December 4

Sunday at Third Church

8:30am	Worship	Chapel
8:30am	Child Care	Christian Education (CE) Building
9:30am	Sunday Seminar/ Growing in the Word	Johnston Hall (JH)
10:00am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00pm	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center (CC)
1:00pm	Memorial Service for Joyce Wunderlich	Chapel

Monday, November 28

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:30pm	WMA Committee	Parker
6:30pm	Yoga	JH

Friday, December 2

12:00pm	Christmas Decorating	Sanctuary
3:30pm	GS4A Strategy	JH

Tuesday, November 29

9:15am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:00am	Christmas Decorating	Cloister
9:45am	Staff Meeting	Parker
4:00pm	Presbytery	Off-site
6:30pm	Youth Committee	Youth Lounge

Saturday, December 3

9:00am	Presbytery Leadership Retreat	CE
9:00am	Christmas Decorating	Chapel/Sanctuary
9:00am	Advent Retreat	JH
11:00am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
7:30pm	American Boychoir Concert	Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 30

9:30pm	Presbytery Neighborhood Meeting	JH
5:00pm	Children's Bell Choir	Sanctuary
5:30pm	Qabats (Bring a friend)	CC
5:30pm	Membership/Evangelism	Whitney
7:15pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Rm

Sunday, December 4

8:30am	Worship	Chapel
8:30am	Child Care	CE
9:30am	Growing in the Word	JH
9:30am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Rm
10:00am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:00pm	Poinsettia Delivery	Columbarium
12:00pm	Exploring Membership Luncheon	JH
12:00pm	Commissioning Class	Youth Lounge
4:00pm	Youth Musical Rehearsal	Choir Room
4:30pm	Youth Advisors	Youth Lounge
6:00pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	CC

Thursday, December 1

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Rm
12:00pm	Thursday Voices	JH
4:00pm	GACM Meeting	JH
5:30pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Rm
7:00pm	World AIDS Day Concert	Sanctuary
7:00pm	Outreach Committee	JH