



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

In the beginning a silent soundscape,
a procession of absolute stillness,
unfolding spheres of mystery
from veiled unknowable
to startling specific,
the Word descends
embeds,
gestates,
unfurls as
grace upon grace,
deep rooted love within love.
And so, heaven and earth unite
in the Word made flesh dwelling
among us. Not then, not now,
not once. But evermore.

Suzanne Guthrie

**The Worship of God
Second Sunday after Christmas Day**

January 3, 2016

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.

Children and Worship: Children's worship bulletins, Bibles and activity clipboards are available from the ushers. **Grades One and Two will be at the Children's Worship Table this morning.**

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.

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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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 "Allegro" (from Concerto in F) G.F. Handel

CHORAL INTROIT "Wind Through the Olive Trees" arr. Lee Kjelson
Junior Choir; Reese Ossont, soloist

Wind through the olive trees
Softly did blow
'Round little Bethlehem
Long, long ago.

Sheep on the hillside lay
Whiter than snow,
Angels were watching them
Long, long ago.

Then from the happy sky,
Angels bent low,
Singing their songs of joy
Long, long ago.

Then from a manger bed,
Cradled we know,
Christ came to Bethlehem,
Long, long ago.

* 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 became flesh and lived among us

PEOPLE: **And we have seen his glory.**

LEADER: The true light that enlightens everyone
has come into the world.

PEOPLE: **Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ.
Glory to God forever.**

* HYMN 108 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

God our Savior, we confess that we are not people of peace. You call us home from our exile, yet we remain wandering and lost. You came to dwell among us, yet we refuse to welcome you. Forgive us, God of grace. Gather us up in your arms and hold us close, as your own, so that we may live to praise you; 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:
PEOPLE:

Friends, believe the good news.
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

(Children, age 3 through 6th 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. Grades One and Two will be at the Children's Worship Table today.)

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

DISMISSAL
of CHILDREN

I. II. 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.

OLD TESTAMENT

LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

(Pew Bible, OT page 734)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Recit: "Behold a Virgin Shall Conceive" G.F. Handel
Aria: "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings"

Riki Connaughton, *mezzo-soprano*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:1-18

(Pew Bible, NT page 91)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"In the Beginning"

Martha Langford

* HYMN 141

"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

PERSONENT HODIE

* 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 area available in pew pockets and can be placed in the offering place.)

**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 Recit: "Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind" G.F. Handel
Aria: "He Shall Feed His Flock"

* 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: **Holy God, your goodness to us is beyond the reaches of our imagination, a fullness of love that embraces all of life. From you we have received grace upon grace. Accept our offering for the sake of the world. All that we have is yours, and all we return to you is but a reflection of your love for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN 314 "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

* 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 "Hornpipe" (Water Music Suite)

G.F. Handel

*The memorial candle is lit in thanksgiving for the season of Epiphany,
and the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Martha Langford

LITURGIST: Ernest Krug, Jeremy Peters

ACOLYTES: Natalie Vinton, Audrey Vinton

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Mary Ann Rutkowski

GREETERS: Bonnie DeHollander, Alice Fishbeck, Ann Haag,
Jack Salzer, Carl Wheeler

USHERS: Jim Boyer, Roxanne Boyer, Jobin Philip, Beth Sieber,
Betsy Vinton, Griff Vinton, Rob White

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Deacons Parish J: Diana Phillips, Carol Crain

January 3, 2016



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to those who have already pledged. As of December 28, we have received 343 pledges totaling \$820,633. 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. If you have requested envelopes, you will find them on the table outside Johnston Hall.

Sunday Seminar/Growing in the Word

Today at 9:30am in Johnston Hall

Faithful Praise

Ephesians 1:3-14

with Ernest Krug, Parish Associate

Living Waters Wednesdays



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

Thursday Voices

January 7, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

Exploring the proposed Presbyterian Directory for Worship:

Chapter One: The Theology of Christian Worship

- W-1.01: Christian Worship: An Introduction
- W-1.02: Time, Space, and Matter
- W-1.03: Language, Symbols, and Culture

with Martha Langford

Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

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.

Nominating Seeks Suggestions

The Third Church Nominating Committee is hard at work discerning those who may be called to serve as Elders, Deacons or Trustees. You are encouraged to submit names to the committee, whether those of others or yourself. Names will be considered in confidentiality. Please send names to jwilkinson@thirdpresbyterian.org. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Chapel Concert by Candlelight

Thursday, January 21, 7:30pm
Ellen Rutkowski, *mezzo-soprano*, and Rick Hoffenberg, *piano*, will offer a program featuring American art songs of the 20th and 21st centuries, as well as lieder by Korngold and piano selections by Chopin and Rachmaninoff.

The Chapel Concert by Candlelight Series is made possible in part through the generosity of the Janet S. and David B. Reed Fund. The performance is free and open to the public. Donations will be received to support the series.

Christmas in January

Saturday January 23, 1:00-2:30pm
Come and Sing Carols... for the Christmas Lessons & Carols recording, 2016

All members and friends of the congregation are invited to participate in a Christmas Lessons and Carols

recording that the Chancel Choir, readers, and clergy will be making in collaboration with WXXI. This recording will be broadcast locally on Christmas Eve 2016, and around the nation during the Christmas season! We hope to gather a “congregation” – as many people as possible – to join us on **Saturday, January 23, from 1:00 – 2:30pm** in the Sanctuary. We’ll sing traditional Christmas carols, and hear the readings we typically do on Christmas Eve. Join us for this event to help share the Good News of Christ’s birth in 2016!

Conversations with Bryce Wiebe

Sunday, January 24 at 12:00 noon
Luncheon in Johnston Hall, & with youth groups at 6:00pm

Join us for a conversation with Bryce Wiebe, Manager of Special Offerings for the Presbyterian Mission Agency, at noon on Sunday, January 24. Please RSVP to the church office (271-6513) if you will be attending the luncheon. Bryce leads the PC (U.S.A.) staff responsible for promoting the One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, and Christmas Joy offerings and the causes they support. Bryce will also lead activities with the Third Church youth groups during their evening programming on January 24.

Bryce previously worked for the Presbyterian Hunger Program and served as director of Christian education at First Presbyterian Church in New Haven, Conn. where he developed educational materials, wrote children’s plays, created worship experiences, and led Bible studies that emphasized

economic justice. Bryce also served as executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hastings, Neb. He earned his M.Div. from Yale Divinity School and a B.A. in music and business administration from Hastings College. He is also a first cousin to Lynette Sparks!

If Music Be the Food....

Sunday, January 24, 7:30pm

This concert will include the “Mozart G minor String Quintet” performed by Robin Scott and Thomas Rodgers, violins; Carol Rodland and George Taylor, violas; Ahrim Kim, cello; works of Haydn and Mozart for solo piano performed by Douglas Humpherys; excerpts from Mozart’s Gran Partita, conducted by Mark Powell with James Van Demark, bass, and Eastman students.

No tickets are sold for the concerts, rather, audience members are invited to bring non-perishable food items or cash donations for Rochester’s Foodlink as the price of admission.

Kenya Traveler’s Report Lunch

Sunday, January 31—12:15pm

Join us for lunch and a presentation from the group that went to Kenya this past autumn. See photos and hear updates on projects we helped to start, priorities moving forward, and learn more about this unique and nearly decade-old partnership. The travelers have wonderful stories about this rich experience that we would love to share with our congregation. RSVP to the

church office.

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>.



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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CALENDAR for January 3 – January 10

Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Child Care	Christian Education Building (CE)
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar/Growing in the Word	Johnston Hall (JH)
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
9:30 am	Commissioning Class	CE/207
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School <i>(The first and second grade classes are at the worship table today)</i>	CE
11:45 am	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center (CC)
1:00 pm	Memorial Service for Margaret Winters	Chapel

Monday, January 4

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
2:00 pm	Library Committee	Library
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
6:30 pm	Yoga	JH
7:00 pm	GS4A Magnet Schools Work Group	Whitney Rm.

Tuesday, January 5

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
5:30 pm	Peacemaking	Off Site
6:00 pm	Spiritual Formation	CE/201
7:00 pm	Youth Committee	Parker Room
7:00 pm	Congregational Fellowship	Whitney Room

Wednesday, January 6

5:00 pm	Children's Bell Choir	Moot Arts Room
5:00 pm	Shawl Knitting Ministry	Parlor
5:30 pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
5:30 pm	Qabats	CC
6:00 pm	Living Waters Wednesdays	Chapel
7:00 pm	More Light Committee	Whitney Room
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, January 7

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Room
6:00 pm	Daisy Troop	CE/LL01
6:00 pm	Brownie Troop	CE/LL04
6:30 pm	Boar's Head Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	CCD

Friday, January 8

6:00 pm	Boar's Head Costuming	
6:30 pm	Dress Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Saturday, January 9

10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
4:00 pm	Boar's Head Festival	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Boar's Head Reception	CC

Sunday, January 10

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	Parker Room
9:30 am	Commissioning Class	CE/207
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
11:00 am	Church School	CE
10:45 am	Worship/Special Music	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
4:00 pm	Boar's Head Festival	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Boar's Head Reception	CC

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