



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

If the Christian community is to be that community of hope which shows forth the end-times in the present, we cannot sit back in judgment or apathy toward the city. The biblical message is clear: God is at work in the city redeeming creation. If those of us who see ourselves as God's people are to be part of that new creation, then we must join in that process.

*Redeeming the City: Theology,
Politics and Urban Policy*
Pasquariello, Shriver and Geyer

**The Worship of God
Second Sunday in Lent**

February 21, 2016

8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

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 "Psalm Prelude, Op. 32, No. 1" Herbert Howells
("This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble" – Psalm 34:6)

CHORAL INTROIT "Ubi Caritas" JUNIOR CHOIR
(10:45) Ubi caritas et amor, Where there is charity
and love,
Deus ibi est. God is there.
– Traditional Latin,
music by Victor C. Johnson

* DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND AS THE ORGAN INTRODUCTION BEGINS
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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

* CALL to WORSHIP Psalm 27

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?

**People: The LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of
the LORD all the days of my life;

**People: Harken to my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.**

Leader: You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

People: **Be strong, and God shall comfort your heart;
wait patiently for the LORD.**

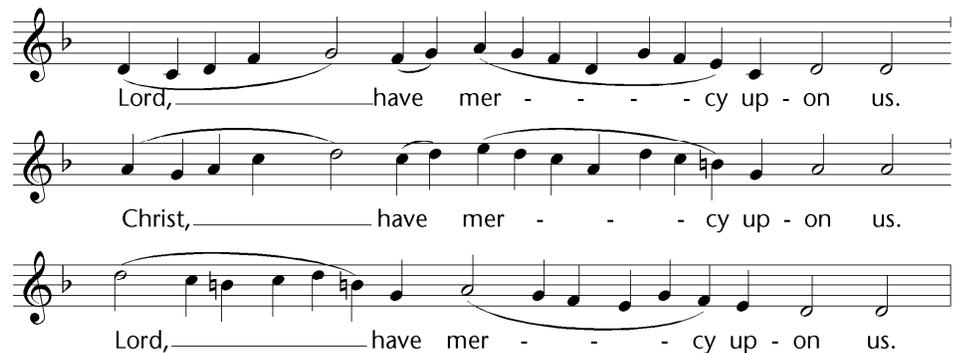
* HYMN 224 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ROCKINGHAM

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we often lose sight of the hope we have in you. Our failures and our self-doubts preoccupy our thoughts and paralyze us from your work. We feel at times intimidated and useless in making a difference in the world. We pray for your forgiveness and we ask for your help so that we might be steadfast and faithful to you. Help us focus on what you have given us in Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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
(10:45)

(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. First and Second Grades will at the Worship table today.)

DISMISSAL
of CHILDREN
(10:45)

(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.

NEW TESTAMENT
LESSON

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (Pew Bible, NT, page 198)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Greater Love Hath No Man" John Ireland
Paige Kiefner, *soprano*
Chadwick Somers, *baritone*

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus; Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. That ye should show forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:31-35 (Pew Bible, NT page 77)

SERMON "All Who Love and Serve Your City" John Wilkinson

* HYMN 841 "God is My Strong Salvation" WEDLOCK
(10:45)

* AFFIRMATION of FAITH from *The Confession of Belhar*
We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the

world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. 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

ANTHEM

"Be Still, My Soul"

Percy Whitlock

Be still, my soul, for God is near; the Great High Priest is with thee now; The Lord of Life Himself is here, before whose face the angels bow. To make thy heart His lowly throne thy Saviour God in love draws nigh. He gives Himself unto His own, for whom He once came down to die. I come, O Lord. I come, O Lord, for Thou dost call, to blend my pleading prayer with Thine. To Thee I give myself, my all and feed on Thee, and make Thee mine. Amen.

- text by W. D. Maclagan

* 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 our thanks and praise.**

ALL: **God of mercy, we thank you that you are full of
tenderness and compassion. Grant us your
grace, that with thanksgiving and joy we may
serve you faithfully and walk in your ways. In
Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN 351 "All Who Love and Serve Your City" CHARLESTOWN

* CHARGE
and BENEDICTION

* 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 "Prelude & Fugue in E minor" Johann Ludwig Krebs

*The flowers this morning are given In memory of
Frances O'Neil Rupp and Richard W. Rupp, parents of Susan Rupp.*

*The memorial candle is lit in gratitude for laborers who help us
navigate safely in this season.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson

LITURGISTS: Lynette Sparks, Martha Langford; 10:45: Tim
Broshears

GUEST CHOIR DIRECTOR: Jeanne Fisher

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson

GREETERS: Peg Rachfal, Camille Clayton, Betsy Wheeler,
Jean Whitney, Clive Daunton

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

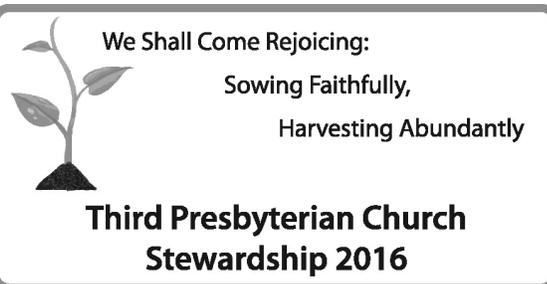
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Worship, Music, & Arts

February 21, 2016



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to all who have already responded to our Second Mile letter. We are grateful for your support as we continue to work toward financial health. As of this week, we have received **393** pledges for **\$858,250**. Thanks to all who have pledged, including **36** new pledges and all those who increased their pledge. There are, however, **43** members and friends who pledged in 2015 that we have yet to hear from. Your Stewardship Committee is making plans to contact them by phone. If your pledge is still among the missing, we urge you to send in your pledge card or contact Carol Foster (or 271-6537, ext. 111) with your pledge. Thanks very much.



Bill Coons, Stewardship Chair

Sunday Seminar

Today at 9:30am in Johnston Hall
Job and Ecclesiastes

with Anne Merideth, Department of Religion,
Director of Undergraduate Studies, University
of Rochester

Growing in the Word

Jesus' lament for Jerusalem, Luke 13:31-35
with Paul Gongloff

Living Waters Wednesdays



Martha Langford will lead the
service on February 24. Join us
at 6:00pm in the Chapel.

Happy Bunch

Today, 12:00noon, NAPA Wood-fired Pizza,
573 South Clinton Avenue
Contact Karen Anne Bills
(karenannebills@gmail.com.)

Eastman Community Organ Recital

Today, February 21 at 4:00pm, Sanctuary
Members of the Eastman Organ Department
will present a recital in our sanctuary as part of
the ongoing "Community Concert" series. The
concerts are free of charge a free-will offering
benefits the Eastman Organ Department Travel
Fund, which will aid in a future study trip to
some of Europe's greatest instruments.
Performers in this concert will be Jacob Dassa,
Meg Cutting, and Third Church's own
Assistant Organist Caroline Robinson.

Lenten Voices (Thursdays)

February 25, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall
Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8,
1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9
With Martha Langford

RAIHN Rotation – Volunteer Opportunities

Come join us: for RAIHN@3rd's signup for
our 44th rotation starting February 28, 2016
at Third Church!

We need you! Together, we can meet our
goal of providing a good night's rest in a safe

place where we share healthy meals—served
up with kindness, acceptance, warmth, and
compassion.

Go to www.thirdpresbyterian.org/raihn. You
will receive an email confirmation of your
commitment! Or contact Lou Loggi
(louis.loggi@gmail.com or 585-781-4237)
or Laurie Mahoney
(LMahone1@rochester.rr.com or
585-747-5852).

We have two overnight host slots and two
dinner slots which remain open for this
rotation. Dinner hosting is open to anyone that
would like to cook for our guests. No special
training is required.

Blessings for everything you continue to do for
our families.

Shawl Knitting Ministry

Shawl Knitting Ministry
March 2, 16 at 5:00pm, Parlor
Contact Sue Spaulding (342-9568)

Sisters in Spirit

Fridays, March 4, 18, Parlor
Contact Amy Stratton-Smith,
ameliajean123@gmail.com

Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting on March 6. Per its
bylaws, the session of Third Presbyterian
Church has called for a congregational
meeting on **Sunday, March 6, 2016 following
the 10:45 AM service of worship**. All
members are encouraged to attend. The
Congregational Fellowship Committee will
offer a light lunch during the meeting. We will
hear reports about 2015, discuss our 2016
financial picture, and elect new officers.

Monday Yoga

March 7, 14, 21 at 6:30pm, Johnston Hall

Special Music For Lent

Sunday, March 13. It will be offered twice –
during 10:45am worship and 7:30pm

The Chancel Choir and Soloists will present Johannes Brahms' magnificent "Ein Deutsches Requiem" (A German Requiem) as the special music for Lent. It is a transcendent work, offering comfort to the living, and expressing in profound musical terms our coming to grips with mortality and life beyond death – themes consistent with our Lenten observance. This will be a unique offering, as well, as it will be accompanied in Brahms's own arrangement for accompaniment by piano, four-hands.

Our pianists will be Beth Fischer and Christina Lenti. Soloists will be Paige Kiefner, soprano; Chadwick Somers, baritone; and Cody Müller, bass. Plan to attend Sunday morning and/or Sunday evening – and help us spread the word to the larger community about this special musical event! (Please note: the Sunday morning service on March 13 will be somewhat longer than usual, as the Requiem is slightly over one hour in length. Plan for the service to end by 12:15pm that day.). A special music offering will be received at each performance to support the presentation of such masterworks in our worship.

Cameron Bowl-A-Thon

**Sunday, March 13 – 1:00pm at Clover Lanes
Sponsored By Children's Ministry And Youth
Family Fun For A Great Cause!**

We invite you to participate in a fundraiser for one of Third Church's favorite organizations—Cameron Community Ministries.

The cost of \$25 per person gets you two games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and soda and the chance to win lots of great prizes! We know that the \$25 per person price tag will add up for families, so we have a deal we think you won't be able to refuse—the Children's Ministry and Youth committees will subsidize \$10 of the registration for the first 40 who sign up! That takes the price down to pretty much the regular price for two games of bowling and shoe rental, so why not join us?

RSVP to be sure that you get your subsidy!
Contact **Becky D'Angelo-Veitch**,

rvetch@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537 ext. 118 or

Jane Carden, jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org, 271-6537 ext. 107

Nominating Committee Seeks Suggestions

The Third Church Nominating Committee is in full gear! If you have names to suggest, or if you feel that you are called to serve as an elder, deacon or trustee, please let us know. Forms are located in the pews, or email John Wilkinson at jwilkinson@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Volunteering at Third Church

Would you like to help your church in a tangible way? We are in need of office assistance (answering phones, greeting people at the door, mailings, light typing) on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Please contact Cindy Mark at cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 100 to discuss the opportunities.

Tutor Coordinator Sought

Sue Maddock, who has coordinated our tutor program at RCSD School #3, will retire from that position at the end of June. We are accepting applications from those who are interested in being interviewed for that job. Applicants should have either teaching or tutoring experience and possess strong leadership and organizational skills. While it is not a requirement to be a member of Third Church it is important for the Coordinator to be regularly present on Sunday mornings to facilitate recruitment and communication.

To learn more, please contact Lynette Sparks (271-6537 ext. 106) or Corni Labrum (787-2509). Other members of the Search Committee are Pam Foye, Susan Vaala, Robb Adams and Rod Taylor.

LENTEN RETREAT

“Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: Exploring Brahms’s Requiem”

Lenten Retreat:

Saturday, February 27

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Led by Peter DuBois and
John Wilkinson

Brahms’s Requiem Performance:

Sunday, March 13

During worship, 10:45 a.m.
and again at 7:30 pm

Presented by the
Chancel Choir

For generations, Brahms’s *Requiem* has inspired and comforted persons of faith and music devotees. This Lent, the Third Church Chancel Choir will be presenting the Requiem in worship on March 13 and that same evening for the community at 7:30pm

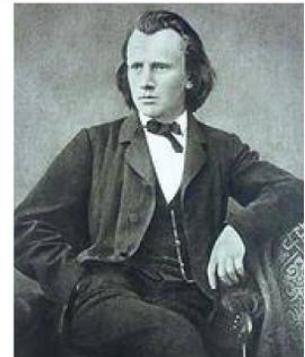
On February 27, Peter DuBois and John Wilkinson will be leading a Lenten retreat to prepare us for that experience, as a way of better understanding Brahms’s music and exploring key Lenten themes.

We will explore Biblical passages that Brahms utilized to create this masterwork, and we will connect both text and music to our understandings and experiences of grief and hope.

You don’t need to be a biblical scholar or a musicologist to attend – just someone interested in deepening their faith journey and connecting with others in a creative conversation.

This event is open to all, including friends beyond Third Church. Please invite them! The gathering will include light snacks.

RSVP to the church office by February 24 for planning purposes. We look forward to seeing you, and for a rich and faith-filled conversation.



Calendar for February 21 – 27

Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Child Care	Christian Education Building (CE)
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Room
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	Johnston Hall (JH)
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center (CC)
12:00 pm	Joint Session and Trustees	JH
12:00 pm	Happy Bunch Out to Lunch	off site
12:00 pm	Nominating Committee	Parker
4:00 pm	Membership and Evangelism	Whitney Room
4:00 pm	Eastman Community Organ Recital	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Exploring Membership Dinner	JH

Monday, February 22

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:30 pm	Music, Worship and Arts Committee	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
6:30 pm	Yoga	JH

Tuesday, February 23

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room

Wednesday, February 24

12:00 pm	Corner Place Steering Committee	off site
5:00 pm	Childrens Musical Rehearsal	Moot Room
5:30 pm	Junior Choir	Moot Room
5:30 pm	Qabats	CC
6:00 pm	Living Waters Wednesdays	Chapel
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Sectional Rehearsal	Choir Rm/Moot Rm
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Rm

Thursday, February 25

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

Friday, February 26

3:30 pm	DRM Anniversary Planning	JH
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Saturday, February 27

9:00 am	Lenten Retreat	JH
9:00 am	RAIHN Setup	CE Bldg
10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC

Sunday, February 28

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	New Member Gathering	Library
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
9:30 am	Commissioning Class	Whitney Room
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	Sanctuary/JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parker Room
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:00 am	Session with New Members	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:00 pm	Nominating Committee	Parker
2:00 pm	RAIHN	CE/CC
4:00 pm	Covenant Ringers	Sanctuary
4:30 pm	Jr. High Bells	Moot Room
5:15 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	CC/Youth Lounge

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