



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

Now I wonder whether I have sufficiently realized that during all this time God has been trying to find me, to know me, and to love me. The question is not “How am I to find God?” but “How am I to let myself be found by him?” The question is not “How am I to know God?” but “How am I to let myself be known by God?” And, finally, the question is not “How am I to love God?” but “How am I to let myself be loved by God?” God is looking into the distance for me, trying to find me, and longing to bring me home.

Henri J.M. Nouwen,
The Return of the Prodigal Son:
A Story of Homecoming

The Worship of God
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2016

8:30 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 "Wondrous Love" Dale Wood

* 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 32

Leader: All the faithful will make their prayers to God in times of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

People: God is our hiding place; who preserves us from trouble.

Leader: God says: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my **eye.**"

People: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

* HYMN 215 "What Wondrous Love Is This" WONDROUS LOVE

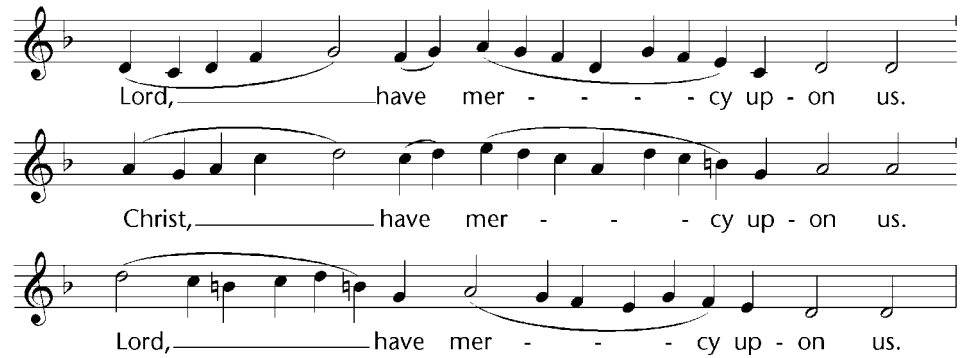
PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Holy God, in the light of your holiness we see ourselves as we really are. We think too highly of ourselves and too little of others. Our feet follow the paths of sin; we wander so far astray that we become strangers to righteousness. Forgive us, and set us again on the path that

leads to life. Deal with us not as we deserve, but according to your mercy; not because we are worthy but because you are gracious. We ask this in the name of 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

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 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (Pew Bible, OT page 181)
LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "The Altar" Roland A. Martin

A broken A L T A R, Lord, thy servant reares,
Made of a heart, and cemented with teares:
Whose parts are as thy hand did frame;
No workmans tool hath touch'd the same.

A H E A R T alone
Is such a stone,
As nothing but
Thy pow'r doth cut.

Wherefore each part
Of my hard heart
Meets in this frame,
To praise thy Name;

That, if I chance to hold my peace,
These stones to praise thee may not cease.

O let thy blessed S A C R I F I C E be mine,
And sanctifie this A L T A R to be thine.

from *The Temple* (1633) by George Herbert

GOSPEL TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (Pew Bible, OT page 79)

SERMON "Seeds of Welcome" John Wilkinson

* AFFIRMATION from *United Church of Canada*

of FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others, by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRESENTATION
of OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "Jesus, I Adore Thee" Stephen Caracciolo
(*Adoro te devote*)

Jesus, I adore thee, Word of truth and grace, Who
in glory shineth light upon our race. Christ, to
thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed.
Alpha and Omega, thou true Son of God.

Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail;
Faith that comes by hearing, pierces through the
veil. I believe whate'er the Song of God hath told.
What the truth hath spoken that for truth I hold.

Word of God incarnate, Lord of life and light,
Teach me how to love and worship thee aright.
Holy Spirit, ever bide within my heart, Speaking
thy commandments, telling all thou art.

Wondrous revelation, verity and grace. Lo, in
glory's heav'n I see thee face to face. Light of
endless light whom heav'n and earth adore, Fill
me with thy radiance now and evermore.

- text by Thomas Aquinas
(1227-1274)

* 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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* THE SACRAMENT of
THE LORD'S SUPPER

* INVITATION TO
THE LORD'S TABLE

* GREAT 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.

LEADER: **It is indeed right...**

... Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, praising you forevermore:

SANCTUS

(organ intro)

Ho - - - ly, ho - - - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er and might, Heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! (organ)
 Blest is the One who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

setting by William Mathias

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Everlasting God, we thank you for your **presence which we experience at Christ's table.** Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you that your children may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. Amen.

* HYMN 224

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ROCKINGHAM

* 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

"Toccata"
(from *Suite Gothique*)

Léon Boëllmann

*The flowers this morning are given In loving memory of Daniel J. and
Elayne M. Keane and Philip R. and Antoinette H. Adams, parents of
Beth and Ned Adams.*

*The memorial candle is lit, on this Annual Meeting Sunday,
in gratitude for all who serve in Third Church leadership.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson

LITURGISTS: Lynette Sparks, Martha Langford

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson

USHERS: Bill Adams and Linda Adams

Annual Meeting

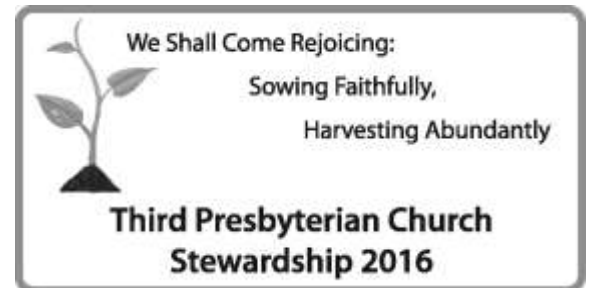
Per its bylaws, the Session of Third Presbyterian Church has called for an annual meeting of the congregation **today following this morning's 10:45** worship service in the Celebration Center. Copies of the Annual Report are available in the narthexes and in the literature rack. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will hear reports on 2015 activities and review our 2016 financial picture. We will also elect new officers. Congregational Fellowship will offer a light lunch during the meeting.

March 6, 2016



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

On this Annual Meeting Sunday, the Stewardship Committee offers its thanks to all who financially support the mission and ministry of Third Presbyterian Church. A special thanks to those who have responded to the Second Mile invitation. Thus far, \$25,135 in one-time contributions has been received, and \$8,110 in increased pledges. That means that 399 of you have pledged a total of \$895,445 for 2016. We are thankful for this response.



In addition, today would be a good day to pay your per capita apportionment to the presbytery. Each Third Church member is assessed \$30 that goes toward supporting ministry at the presbytery, synod and General Assembly. Third Church pays this amount to the presbytery whether members contribute or not.

Bill Coons, Stewardship Chair

Sunday Seminar

Today at 9:30am in Johnston Hall

Exploring Prayer

with Sister Barbara Moore, Professor of Preaching and Practical Theology at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

Growing in the Word

Today at 9:30am in the Parlor

Parable of the forgiving father,

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Living Waters Wednesdays



John Wilkinson will lead the service on March 9. Join us at 6:00pm in the Chapel.

Lenten Voices (Thursdays)

March 10, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8 led by Martha Langford

Shawl Knitting Ministry

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March 16 at 5:00pm, Parlor

Contact Sue Spaulding (342-9568)

Sisters in Spirit

Fridays, March 18 at 9:30am, Parlor

Contact Amy Stratton-Smith, ameliajean123@gmail.com

Monday Yoga

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

Special Music For Lent

The Chancel Choir, with soloists, will present two performances of Johannes **Brahms' masterwork, "Ein Deutsches Requiem"** next Sunday, March 13, led by Peter DuBois. The first performance will occur during an extended 10:45am worship service that morning (lasting until approximately 12:15pm), with a second offering to the larger community at 7:30pm that evening. Plan to attend either, or both, of these extraordinary musical events that will greatly enrich our Lenten observance. Soloists for the Requiem will be Paige Kiefner, soprano; Chadwick Somers, baritone (10:45); and Cody Müller, bass (7:30pm). These performances will also feature a special accompaniment, arranged by Brahms himself, for piano four-hands, and utilize the beautiful new concert grand piano in our sanctuary. Pianists for the Requiem will be Beth Quimby Fischer and Christina Lenti. **Come and experience the sublime beauty of Brahms' masterwork** – and help spread the word to friends, family, and neighbors! A special music offering will be received at both performances to support expenses. This is being presented in part with support from the Lois V. Parker Special Music Fund.

Cameron Bowl-A-Thon

Sunday, March 13 – 1:30pm 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 by March 7 to be sure that you get your subsidy! Contact Becky **D'Angelo**-Veitch, rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org, 271-6537 ext. 118 or Jane Carden, jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org, 271-6537 ext. 107

Concert Tickets on Sale

Tickets are on sale at Coffee Hour this morning for the Choir of Royal Holloway concert on April 8 at 7:30pm in our Sanctuary. **Don't miss this** opportunity to hear this world-renowned English choir in live performance! See the current issue of the *Messenger* for full details. Tickets are also available in the Church Office during the week, and at coffee hour following worship, on March 13, 20, and April 3. Cost is \$15 general admission; \$5 for students with valid ID; children 12 and under, free. This concert is being presented, in part, with significant support given in loving memory of Elizabeth S. Hansen.

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.

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.



Introducing a NEW fellowship opportunity for women:

Church Ladies
FELLOWSHIP WITH PURPOSE

Please join us for our first event:

A "Stone Salad" Dinner

there will be eating, connecting, conversation and activities!
Women of all ages and stages are welcomed and encouraged to come!

Friday, March 18th 6:30pm
Johnston Hall

Please RSVP to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537 ext. 118

Last names A-R—Please bring one salad ingredient (we will supply the lettuce)

Last names S-Z—please bring a dessert (what good is fellowship without dessert?)

Holy Week and Easter at Third Church

Sunday, March 20

Palm Sunday

Worship at 8:30 and
10:45am

*All are invited to meet in
the Chapel at 10:30am to
join the palm processional*

Tuesday, March 22

Morning Prayer in the
Chapel at 9:15am

Wednesday, March 23

Living Waters Wednesdays
at 6:00pm in the Chapel

Thursday, March 24

(Maundy Thursday)

Lenten Voices Study at
12:00noon in Johnston Hall

Thursday, March 24

(Maundy Thursday)

Tenebrae Service with
Communion at 7:30pm in
the Sanctuary

Friday, March 25

(Good Friday)

Good Friday Worship at
12:15pm in the Chapel

Sunday, March 27

(Easter Sunday)

Sunrise Service at CRCDS
at 6:30am

Festival Worship Services
in the Sanctuary at 9:00am
and 11:00am
(note schedule change)

EASTER FLORAL DECORATIONS

If you would like to make a donation to help support the cost of our Easter decorations, please send your check to the church office marked "Easter Decorations" and note clearly the names that should be included in the Easter bulletin.

I would like this gift to be:

In loving memory of:

In honor of:

In celebration of:

The deadline for receiving donations is Palm Sunday, March 20.

Calendar for March 6 – March 13

Sunday at Third Church

6:00 am	RAIHN	CE Building
8:30 am	Child Care	Christian Education Building (CE)
8:30 am	Worship, Communion	Chapel
9:30 am	Outreach Steering Committee	Whitney
9:30 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Room
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	Johnston Hall (JH)
9:45 am	Covenant Singers Warm Up	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:15 am	Covenant Ringers Warm Up	Sanctuary
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School (please pick up children in classrooms this week)	CE
12:00 pm	Annual Meeting and Luncheon	Celebration Center (CC)
4:30 pm	Covenant Ringers	Sanctuary
4:30 pm	Jr. High Bells	Moot Room
5:15 pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Youth Dinner and Fellowship	CC/Youth Lounge

Monday, March 7

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
2:00 pm	Library Committee	Library
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
6:30 pm	Yoga	JH

Tuesday, March 8

9:15 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
7:00 pm	Session	JH

Wednesday, March 9

12:00 pm	UPT Pastor's Lunch	JH
5:00 pm	Children's Musical Rehearsal	Moot Room, Sanctuary, CE Building
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 Rehearsals	Choir/Moot Rm
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Rm

Thursday, March 10

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
5:30 pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Room

Friday, March 11

Saturday, March 12

9:00 am	Lily delivery	Columbarium
10:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC

Sunday, March 13

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:00 am	Lily Delivery	Columbarium
9:30 am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Room
9:30 am	Commissioning Class	Youth Lounge/CE Bldg
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship/Lenten Special Music	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
1:30 pm	Youth and Children Ministry	Cameron Bowling Off site
7:30 pm	Brahms' Requiem Performance	Sanctuary

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