



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

In a world that has grown frighteningly guarded and harsh, Christian congregations are called to imitate the “table manners” of Jesus by being sacraments of God’s hospitality in the world.

Paul Wadell

The Worship of God Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2016

10:00am

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.

Large Print Bulletins and Bibles are available from the ushers. Hymnals and Bibles are located under the first row pews.

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 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 October 2.

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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John Wilkinson, Pastor	ext. 105
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Caroline Robinson, Assistant Organist	
Roderic P. Frohman, Pastor Emeritus	

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 silence all electronic devices. 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 "Andante Sostenuto"

from Symphony No. 9

Charles-Marie Widor

* 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

Based on Psalm 81

LEADER: Sing with joy to God our strength –

PEOPLE: **and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.**

LEADER: I am the LORD your God,

who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,

PEOPLE: **"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."**

LEADER: Israel would I feed with the finest wheat –

PEOPLE: and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

* HYMN 755 "Alleluia! Laud and Blessing"

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PRAYER of CONFESSION

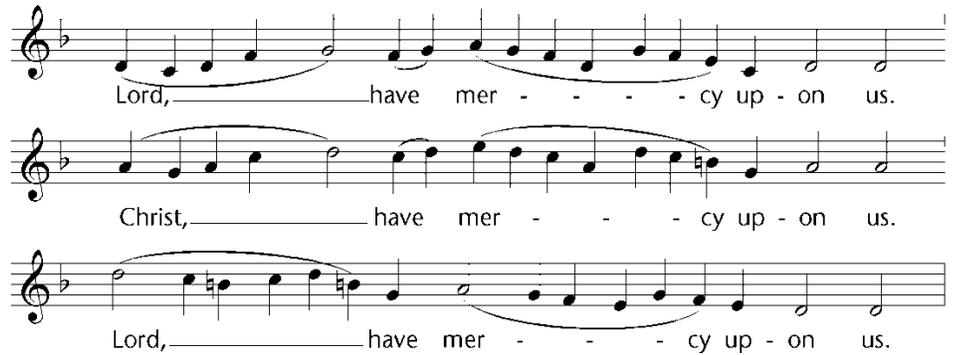
(unison)

Holy God, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the "every day" of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.

Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom. We pray in the name of Jesus. 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

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 kindergarten and younger. (Nursery Room 107)

DISMISSAL of CHILDREN

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



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.

EPISTLE TESTAMENT
LESSON

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

(Pew Bible, NT page 227)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "The God of Love My Shepherd Is"

Eric Thiman
Chadwick Somers, baritone

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:1, 7-14

(Pew Bible, NT page 77)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Angels Unaware"

John Wilkinson

HYMN 769

"For Everyone Born"

FOR EVERYONE BORN

(Remain seated)

(Soloist will sing verses. Congregation will sing refrain.)

* AFFIRMATION
of FAITH

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen

PRAYERS of the
PEOPLE and
THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Prayer request cards are available in the pew pockets and may be placed in the offering plate.)

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

Our hearts, prayers and thoughts go out to the people of Baton Rouge and the Gulf Coast in the wake of catastrophic flooding. On two Sundays – August 28 and September 4 – we will receive a special offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which has deployed the National Response Team to support the Presbytery of South Louisiana and the Synod of the Sun as they begin outreach to those affected. Please give generously as you are able.

SOLO “Mache dich, mein Herze, rein” Johann Sebastian Bach (from *St. Matthew Passion*)

Mache dich, mein Herze, rein, ich will Jesum selbst begraben. Denn er soll nunmehr in mir für und für seine süsse Ruhe haben. Welt, geh aus, lass Jesum ein!	<i>Make thee clean, my heart, from sin, Unto Jesus welcome giving. So within my cleansed breast Shall He rest, Evermore within me living. World, depart, let Jesus in!</i>
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* 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: **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. Give us wisdom to see how we can recommit ourselves as disciples of Jesus Christ and be instruments of your peace and healing in the world around us. Amen.**

* HYMN 37 “Let All Things Now Living”

ASH GROVE

* CHARGE
and BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **God be with you 'til we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you,
God be with you 'til we meet again.**

* GREETING

POSTLUDE "Fugue in D major," BWV 532 Johann Sebastian Bach

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: John Wilkinson
LITURGIST: Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks
ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson
GREETERS: Betsey Wheeler, Bob Eames, Camille Clayton
USHERS: Ann McMican, Miriam Gale, Tom Gillett, Justin Connolly, Sue Danielson, Janet Stewart, Dianna Daunton, David Tennant

*The flowers in the Chancel are given in honor of the wedding of
Anjali Sud and Michael Martinez, August 27*

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit in solidarity for all of those facing national disasters.

This morning we bid farewell to Chadwick Somers, who has served for the past year as our baritone soloist. He has recently accepted the position of music director for Flour City Church, a new congregation established by the Reformed Church in America. We wish him and his family well in this new endeavor, and thank him for the wonderful contribution he has made to our choir and our worship life.



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

RAIHN@Third

Today we welcome families who will be housed in our Education building through September 4 as part of our 46th rotation of hosting for the Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network. There are still opportunities to help this week. For more information, contact Laurie Mahoney at LMahone1@rochester.rr.com (747-5852).

Chancel Choir Begins Soon

The new season of singing for the Chancel Choir will begin with rehearsal on **Wednesday, September 7** from 7:00 – 9:15pm. New members are most welcome to join this talented group that provides inspiring leadership in worship from September through June each year. Commitment

to the schedule of rehearsals and services is important, and some music reading ability is helpful. All voice parts are welcome! To indicate your interest, contact **Peter DuBois** in advance to schedule a time to discuss membership in the choir (pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 109)

Third Church Handbell Choir

Fall is just around the corner, and with that comes the start of rehearsals for adult handbell choirs. While new members are welcome at any time, fall is an excellent time to begin. If you've played in the past, consider joining a group again, or if you've never played, come give it a try!

- **The Celebration Ringers**, (beginning to intermediate ringing) meet on Thursday mornings from 10:45-11:45am beginning **September 15**.
- **Third Church Ringers** (intermediate to advanced) rehearse Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:45pm beginning **September 8**.

Pat-a-cake Pancake Breakfast

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Rally day September 11, 9:15am , Nursery

Families with infants and toddlers are invited to a pancake breakfast in the Nursery! Join us for food, coffee, crafts, and good conversation. This is a great opportunity for new parents to get to know the nursery and other families in the church. All are welcome! Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org or Tori Brugger toritomkinson@gmail.com for more information.

Rally Day!

Sunday, September 11 on the East Avenue lawn following worship at 10am

Be sure to join us for the traditional celebration including a hot dog lunch provided by the Congregational Fellowship Committee and the music of the Meigs Street Ramblers. Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537 ext. 118 if you can bring a batch of cookies to share.

Help Rochester's Homeless Population

Third Church is participating in Project Homeless Connect, a one-day event which will be held at Blue Cross Arena **on September 15**. The event connects persons who are homeless with critical services. You can help by collecting and contributing new and gently used winter wear - primarily coats. A box is available (in the Narthax) until September 4. For more information HomelessConnectRochester.org.

East Ave Grocery Run – Saturday Nov 5

Participants can choose to run or walk the 5K or one mile course. To register, visit our web page at www.groceryrun.org. **You can also register in Coffee Hour starting on Rally Day, September 11! Church members will enjoy a discount rate of \$22, with a family maximum of \$88.** Families of five or more, please register in person at Coffee Hour, or call Ellen Rye at 662-9548 for your discount! **If you register in Coffee Hour, you'll get your t-shirt immediately, and save the \$2.50 online registration fee. If registering online, you'll get your tshirt at packet pickup.** You must register by October 16 to receive your East Avenue Grocery Run t-shirt!

Calendar for August 28 – September 4

Sunday at Third Church

9:00am	Practices of Faith	JH
9:15am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
9:45am	Childcare	Nursery
10:00am	Worship	Sanctuary
2:00pm	RAIHN guests arrive	CE Building

Monday, August 29

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
	WMA Committee	Off site

Tuesday, August 30

9:15am	Morning Prayer	Cloister
9:45am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
6:30pm	Youth Committee	Parker Room

Thursday, September 1

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
12:00pm	Summer of the Century	JH
6:00pm	Outreach Steering Committee	JH
7:00pm	Outreach Committee	JH

Saturday, September 3

11:00am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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Sunday, September 4

9:15am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
9:45am	Child Care	Nursery
10:00am	Worship	Sanctuary