



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

“We cannot worship both God and money. Either our money will serve our faith, or our faith will serve our money.”

–David Lose

**The Worship of God
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 18, 2016

8:30am

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.

Church School: is available for children, preschool through sixth grade, during the 10:45am worship service.

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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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 "Aria"

Flor Peeters

* 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: Help us, O God of our salvation;

PEOPLE: **For the glory of your name; deliver us;**

LEADER: Forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

PEOPLE: **For we will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise.**

* HYMN 386

"Come, Worship God"

O QUANTA QUALIA

PRAYER of CONFESSION

(unison)

Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, creator of the universe, casualty of our sin, breath of life; we come trembling before you for we have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours in the hope of securing our future. We have yearned for wealth more than we have yearned for you. We have squandered your trust and grieved your heart with our betrayal. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake. 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.

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.

FOCUS ON MISSION

East Avenue Grocery Run

OLD TESTAMENT
LESSON

Amos 8:4-7

(Pew Bible, OT page 856)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Like As the Hart”

Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me ‘Where, where is now thy God?’

- Psalm 42:1-3

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:1-13

(Pew Bible, NT page 79)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Shrewd Service”

Martha Langford

* 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.

PRESENTATION of OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee" Johannes Brahms

Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, nor fret thee; heed God's good will, my soul, be still, compose thee. Why brood all day in sorrow? Tomorrow will bring thee God's help benign and grace sublime in mercy. Be true in all endeavor and ever ply bravely; what God decrees brings joy and peace, He'll stay thee. Amen.

- Paul Flemming (1609-1640)

* 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

* 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 truly right to give you thanks and praise...

...Therefore we praise you, joining with choirs of angels and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing the glory of your name:

SANCTUS

Richard Proulx

(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. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Blest is the One who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

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.

THE WORDS
 OF INSTITUTION
 SHARING THE BREAD
 AND CUP
 PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
 (UNISON)

God of grace, you invite us to your table and welcome us as part of your family. You feed us with your body and satisfy our deepest hunger. We thank you for these gifts. Now send us out into the world by the power of your Spirit that we may be your witnesses, sharing the life-giving news of the gospel. Amen.

* HYMN 708

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

SCHUMANN

* CHARGE
 and BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL
RESPONSE

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

* GREETING

POSTLUDE "Fanfare"

Jacques Lemmens

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Martha Langford
LITURGISTS: Lynette Sparks, Katie Orem
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson
GREETERS: Camille Clayton, Peg Rachfal, Jean Whitney, Bernie Todd Smith,
Clive Daunton
USHERS: Bill Boller, Otto Muller-Girard Jr., Priscilla Boller, Robb Adams,
Nancy Adams, Phil Tschorke, Beth Tschorke, Jeff Sprague

*The flowers in the Chancel are given in loving memory of Roberta and Frank Bennett,
parents of Kate Bennett and grandparents of Julia Hermanson.*



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

New Communion Schedule

- Communion will be celebrated EVERY Sunday in the 8:30am service.
- Communion will be celebrated on the FIRST SUNDAY of EVERY MONTH in the 10:45am service (currently it is celebrated on alternating months).

Church Ladies: A Stone Salad Dinner

Join us Friday, September 23 at 5:30pm for conversation and fun remembering our own school days. Please bring staples, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, Ziploc bags or pencils to donate to our tutoring partners. Bring a school photo of yourself. Last names A-R: please bring one salad ingredient (we will supply the lettuce and dressing); Last names S-Z: please bring a dessert.

Evening Prayer Service Today

A service of Evening Prayer, led by participants of this year's choir camp at Camp Cory, will be held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church (Winton & Highland) today at 4:00pm All are welcome.

Help For Baton Rouge

Contact Rod Taylor (rtaylor@rochester.rr.com) or Nancy Watson (442-0145, nancy_watson@urmc.rochester.edu)

Ministry and Mental Health Workshop

Saturday, September 24 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Third Presbyterian Church, organized by Urban Presbyterians Together. There is a \$5.00 registration fee, which includes a light lunch. Registration forms are available from the church office and should be returned by September 15.

Youth Music Rehearsals to Begin

Music groups for youth begin next Sunday, September 25.

- 4:30pm – Jr. High Bells (grades 7 & 8)
- 4:30pm – Covenant Ringers (Grades 9-12)
- 5:15pm – Covenant Singers (grades 7-12)

Send an e-mail to Peter DuBois (pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org) or Mary Ann Rutkowski (mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org) to let them know you'll be coming.

Caroline Robinson in Recital

Third Church Assistant Organist Caroline Robinson will present her Master's degree recital – on Saturday, September 24 at 8:00pm at Downtown United Presbyterian Church, 121 N. Fitzhugh St.

East Avenue Grocery Run

Join your Third Church friends for a fun and rewarding day at the East Avenue Grocery Run on November 5th. Register at Coffee Hour or at www.groceryrun.org

Calendar for September 18 – September 25

Sunday at Third Church

8:30am	Childcare	CE Building
8:30am	Worship	Chapel
9:30am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Room
10:00am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:00am	Acolyte Training	Sanctuary
10:45am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00am	Church School	CE Building
12:00pm	Coffee Hour	CC
3:00pm	Camper and Counselor Choir Rehearsal for evening prayer	Off-site
4:00pm	Camp Cory Evening Prayer	St. Thomas Episcopal Church
5:30pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Rm

Monday, September 19

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:00pm	Shawl Knitting Ministry	Parlor
6:30pm	Yoga	JH
6:30pm	Youth Committee	Parker

Tuesday, September 20

9:15am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45am	Staff Meeting	Parker
6:00pm	Property Committee	Whitney
7:00pm	Trustees Meeting	CC
7:00pm	Deacons Meeting	JH
7:00pm	Outreach Steering	Whitney

Wednesday, September 21

12:00pm	Calvin Guild	JH
5:30pm	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Rm
5:30pm	Membership & Evang.	Whitney
7:15pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Rm

Thursday, September 22

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Rm
12:00pm	Thursday Voices	JH

Friday, September 23

5:30pm	The Church Ladies	JH
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Saturday, September 24

9:00am	UPT/Mental Health Workshop	JH
1:00pm	Dining Room Ministry	CC

Sunday, September 25

8:30am	Worship	Chapel
8:30am	Child Care	CE Building
9:30am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Room
9:30am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
10:00am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00am	Church School	CE Building
12:00pm	Coffee Hour	CC
2:00pm	Witness Palestine Film	Off-site
4:30pm	Jr. High Bells	Sanctuary
5:15pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Rm
6:00pm	Youth Kick-off Potluck Dinner	CC