



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

"...as we make use of possessions to live more deeply as a community into who we are in Christ, we will see not only how much we have used our power and resources to dig chasms, but how powerful Christ's love is to bring us to repentance and reconciliation to bridge them."

–Sarah Dylan Breuer

The Worship of God Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2016

10:45am

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 new pew rack and under the first row pews.

Church School is available for children, preschool through sixth grade, during the 10:45am worship service. The 4th grade class will be at the children's worship table.

Child Care is available all morning in the Education Building for infants and toddlers to age three.

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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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 "Tocatta in F," BWV 540 J.S. Bach
CHORAL INTROIT "Weave" Rosemary Crow
Junior Choir

Weave, weave, weave us together.
Weave us together in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together,
weave us together, together in love.

We are different instruments playing our own melodies
each one tuning to a different key.
But we are all playing in harmony in one great symphony.

Weave, weave...

* 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 from Psalm 91

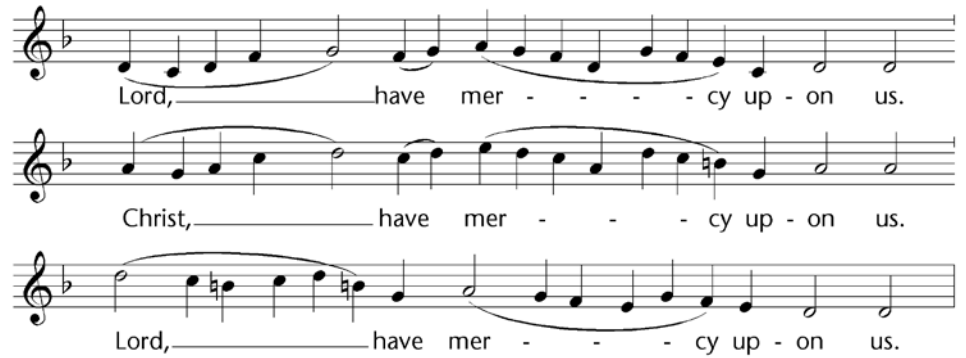
LEADER: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide
in the shadow of the Almighty,
PEOPLE: **will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my
God, in whom I trust."**
LEADER: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those
who know my name.
PEOPLE: **When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be
with them in trouble. With long life I will satisfy
them, and show them my salvation.**

* HYMN 755 "Alleluia! Laud and Blessing" WEISSE FLAGEN

PRAYER (unison)
of CONFESSION **God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our
brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and
lay them at your feet. We hold out hearts and hands,
minds and souls to feel your touch, and to know the
peace that only you can bring. In your presence and
power grant us faith and confidence. By your grace
may broken lives be made whole. We pray in Christ's
name. 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

Following the children's message, children are invited to proceed to the education building for Sunday school. The nursery on the middle level of the education building is available for children to age three. The 4TH grade class will be at the Children's Worship table today.

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 LESSON 1 Timothy 6:6-19

(Pew Bible, NT page 211)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Jubilate Deo"

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

- Psalm 100 (with Gloria Patri)

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 16:19-31

(Pew Bible, NT page 79-80)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Great Chasm"

John Wilkinson

* HYMN 168 "Within Your Shelter, Loving God"

ABBEEY

* AFFIRMATION
of FAITH

From the Confession of 1967, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE
and
THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Prayer request cards are available in pew pockets and can 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

ANTHEM Trio: "Lift Thine Eyes"

Chorus: "He, Watching Over Israel" Felix Mendelssohn
(from *Elijah*)

Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy keeper will never slumber. He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

- from Psalm 121

* 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: **Receive these gifts, God of grace, that they may further the work of ministry in this place. As your reconciling power claims us, so may we serve with hope as your healing and reconciling presence in the world. We pray in Christ's name and for his sake. Amen.**

* HYMN 846 "Fight the Good Fight"

DUKE STREET

* CHARGE
and BENEDICTION

* CHORAL
RESPONSE

* GREETING

POSTLUDE "Comes Autumn Time"

Leo Sowerby

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

PREACHER:	John Wilkinson
LITURGISTS:	Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks, Susan Fox
ACOLYTES:	Hannah Broshears, Audrey Vinton
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST:	Peter DuBois
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:	Mary Ann Rutkowski
Assistant Organist:	Caroline Robinson
GREETERS:	Cynthia Capps, Dot Wallace, Miss Rickey Snowden, Carol Roth
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 loving memory of Helen F. Krier, mother of Carol MacDonald.

The memorial prayer Candle is lit in honor of those attending today's Heritage Lunch.

Notes on Today's Organ Music

Johann Sebastian Bach's "Toccatina in F" is one of his most substantial organ preludes, and one of his most energetic and ebullient. It begins with two extended canons in the manual parts, separated by pedal solos that echo the theme of the canon. The body of the toccata consists of brilliant pedal and keyboard figurations consisting of scales and arpeggios that traverse many different key centers.

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968) was considered the "Dean of American church music" during his long and distinguished career, first in Chicago at St. James Cathedral, and later as director of the College of Church Musicians at Washington National Cathedral. "Comes Autumn Time" was written 100 years ago, in 1916, and was inspired by his own childhood memories of autumn, growing up in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Heritage Members Lunch

Today at 12:15pm, all members who have attained seventy-five or more years of life experience and their companions are warmly welcome to attend the Heritage Members Lunch hosted by the Third Church Deacons. If you have not yet made a reservation, there is still room at the table, we hope to see you there.

Youth Music Rehearsals Today

Music groups for youth begin today.

- 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.

YOUth@Third KICK-OFF for Youth Families

Pizza Dinner & Information Meeting

Today in Celebration Center

5:00pm Parent Meeting

6:15pm Dinner Celebration Center

Bring dish to pass according to last name

*Activities for youth and younger siblings in Youth Lounge

Exploring Membership Luncheon

We invite you to join us at the next Exploring Membership Luncheon on October 2, designed for people new to the congregation to learn more about Third Church. You will have the opportunity to ask questions, get to know our pastoral staff and meet others who are new to Third Church. Child care is available if you let us know in advance that you need it. Our luncheon conversation will conclude at 1:30pm. To RSVP, contact Lynette Sparks (271-6513 ext. 106) or lparks@thirdpresbyterian.org

Louisiana Work Trip

Third Church is sending a small group to help with disaster recovery in the Baton Rouge area the week of October 16-22. Cost would be \$200 + airfare to New Orleans. We still have a few spaces available! Contact Rod Taylor at rtaylo12@rochester.rr.com or Nancy Watson at 442-0145 or nancy_watson@urmc.rochester.edu.

East Avenue Grocery Run

Less than six weeks to the East Avenue Grocery Run - the primary fundraiser for our dining room ministry and food cupboard!

Register today in coffee hour or online at www.groceryrun.org. Must register by October 16th to get a race t-shirt! Come "Get Fit and Fight Hunger!" on November 5!

Third Church Gallery Reconciliation Exhibit

This month, the Third Church gallery has on display the work of artist Jeannette Sirois, a series of four large

scale portraits for this public art project, dealing with issues of race and reconciliation.

RAIHN Thank You

Thank you so very much for all of your help during our recent RAIHN rotation. Once again, with support from Temple B'rith Kodesh we succeeded in our mission of providing safe and comfortable hospitality to our RAIHN guests. Please mark your calendars for our next rotation which starts on November 13.

Commissioning Class Information Meeting

Join us Sunday, October 2 from Noon-2pm in the Youth Lounge for the Commissioning Class information meeting. All 9th-12th graders and their parents interested in exploring their faith are invited to come and learn about this year's Commissioning Experience. Bring your lunch and join us! No RSVP's necessary!

Calendar for September 25 – October 2

Sunday at Third Church

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
4:30pm	Covenant Ringers		Moot Rm
5:15pm	Covenant Singers		Choir Rm
5:00pm	Youth Kick-off Information Meeting and Potluck Dinner		CC
	5:30pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Rm

Monday, September 26

9:00am	Presbytery Breakfast	JH
9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:30pm	WMA Committee	Parker Rm
6:30pm	Yoga	JH
6:45pm	Witness Palestine Film	Off-site
7:00pm	GS4A Work Group	Whitney

Tuesday, September 27

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

Wednesday, September 28

12:00pm	Steering Committee	Off-site
5:30pm	Jr. Choir	Moot Rm
7:15pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Rm

Thursday, September 29

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

Saturday, October 1

11:00am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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Sunday, October 2

8:30am	Worship	Chapel
8:15am	Child Care	CE Building
9:30am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Rm
9:30am	Sunday Seminar	JH
10:00am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
11:00am	Church School	CE Building
12:00pm	Exploring Membership Lunch	JH
12:00pm	Commissioning Class	Youth Lounge
4:30pm	Covenant Ringers	Moot Rm
4:30pm	Jr. High Bells	Sanctuary
5:15pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Rm
6:00pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	CC

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