



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

Prayer for Election Day

Almighty God, who dost hold us to account for the use of all our powers and privileges: Guide, we pray Thee, the people of these United States in the election of their rulers and representatives; that by wise legislation and faithful administration the rights of all may be protected, and our nation be enabled to fulfill Thy purposes. Amen.

Prayer for All Saints' Day

O Almighty God, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of Thy Son, Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so as to follow Thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Book of Common Worship, 1946
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Worship of God All Saints' Sunday

November 6, 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 pew racks.

Church School is available for children, preschool through sixth grade, during the 10:45am worship service. The 5th grade class will be at the worship table today.

Child Care is available all morning 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 on December 4, 2016 at noon.

Newsletter: The Messenger is published monthly. Copies are available at the back of the Sanctuary, in the literature racks outside Johnston Hall and by the Arnold Park entrance, 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 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.

**Please stand as you are able, in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE **"Alléluias sereins d'une âme qui désire le ciel"** Olivier Messiaen
(Serene alleluias from a soul longing for heaven)

INTROIT **"The First Song of Isaiah"** Jack Noble White
Junior Choir

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in God and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior. Cry aloud inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. *Surely it is God...*

***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 145

LEADER: I will exalt you, O God,
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: **Every day will I bless you**
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

LEADER: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to God's greatness.

PEOPLE: **One generation shall praise your works to another**
and shall declare your power.

***HYMN 326** **"For All the Saints"** SINE NOMINE

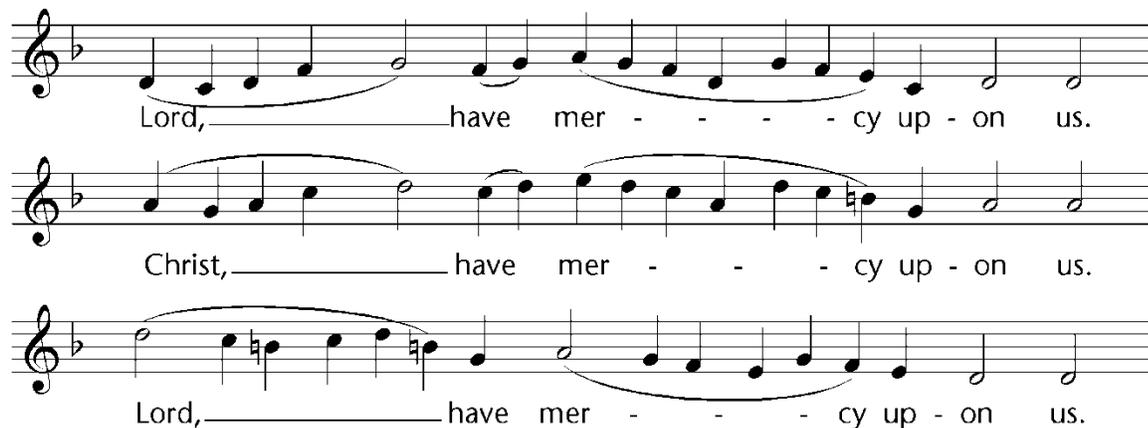
PRAYER of CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have

served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. 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

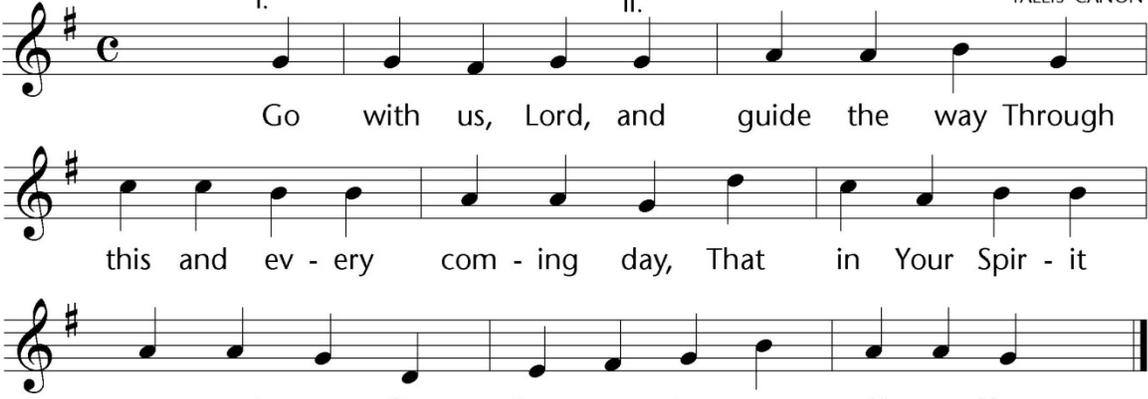
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(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 5th grade class will be at the 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.)

FOCUS on MISSION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Haggai 1:15b-2:9

(Pew Bible, OT page 878)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"At the Round Earth's Imagined Corners"

Lee Hoiby

At the round earth's imagined corners, blow
Your trumpets, angels; and arise, arise
From death, you numberless infinities
Of souls, and to your scattered bodies go;
All whom the flood did, and fire shall, o'erthrow,
All whom war, dearth, age, agues, tyrannies
Despair, law, chance, hath slain, and you whose eyes
Shall behold God, and never taste death's woe.
But let them sleep, Lord, and me mourn a space;
For, if above all these, my sins abound,
'Tis late to ask abundance of Thy grace
When we are there. Here on this lowly ground,
Teach me how to repent; for that's as good
As if Thou hadst sealed my pardon with Thy blood.
- *Holy Sonnet 7 by John Donne (1572-1631)*

(see the interpretive note in the bulletin announcements)

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared. Through Jesus Christ our savior we pray. Amen.

*Shirley Kessler
Edna Harter
Margaret Winters
Gertrude Beyer
Ellen Van Ocker
Jean Hart
Thomas Bracken
Homer Marple
Evelyn Roland
Janice Northrup*

*Erin Humphrey
Emily "Ammy" LaBudde
Olive "Brownie" Hoffman
Louise Geiser
Mary Lou Branch
Mary Garber
Joyce Wunderlich
Elizabeth Montello*

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

(Pew Bible, NT page 206)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Being Gathered Together"

John Wilkinson

*HYMN 36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

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*AFFIRMATION of FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION of OFFERINGS

(In addition to our regular offering, loose offering this morning will support the Pastors' Emergency Fund. Please be generous as you are able. Envelopes are in the pew pockets.)

ANTHEM

"Blow Ye the Trumpet"

Kirke Mechem

Blow ye the trumpet, blow. Sweet is Thy work, my God, my King. I'll praise my Maker with all my breath. O happy the one who hears. Why should we start, and fear to die, With songs and honors sounding loud. Ah, lovely appearance of death.

- text of a traditional folk hymn

*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

*THE SACRAMENT of THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Communion will be served in the pews. All bread is gluten-free.)

*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

MUSIC DURING THE COMMUNION

"Draw Nigh and Take the Body of The Lord"

David Hogan

Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord, and drink the holy blood for you outpoured. He, with heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole, gives living waters to the thirsting soul. Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim, Himself the priest.

- *Bangor Antiphoner, c. 690*

"Canticle of Hope"

Cynthia Dobrinski
Junior High Bells
Jeanne Fisher, director

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Eternal God, we thank you for bread broken and cup poured, and for the good news that nothing can separate us from your love. Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 756 "O God of Every Nation"

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*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Croft's 136th: Ye Boundless Realms of Joy"

C. H. H. Parry

The memorial candle is lit in memory of Joyce Wunderlich and Elizabeth Montello.

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of L. Alfreda Hill.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

John Wilkinson..... Preacher
Ernest F. Krug, Lynette Sparks, Rob White Liturgists
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
Mary Ann Rutkowski Associate Director of Music
Caroline Robinson Assistant Organist
Madeline Veitch, Natalie Vinton..... Acolytes
Bonnie DeHollander, Ann Haag, Rob White, Jack Salzer..... Greeters
Griff Vinton, Bob Merz, Betsy Vinton, Harrison Lucas, Jobin Philip,
Beth Sieber, Roxanne Boyer Ushers

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Olivier Messiaen (1908 – 1992) was one of the foremost French organist-composers of the 20th century. He was also a devout Roman Catholic, whose religious expression through his compositions places him as perhaps one of the most “spiritual” of composers since J. S. Bach. The “Alléluias sereins,” heard in the prelude today, comes from his four-movement suite, “L’Ascension,” dating from 1933. It was originally composed for orchestra, and he later transcribed it for organ. This movement pictures the ecstatic vision of a soul longing for heaven – with variations on a melody supported by exotic harmonies, and even the hint of fluttering angel wings. It leaves us suspended in the liminal space between earth and heaven.

Composer Lee Hoiby (1925 – 2011) was known primarily for his operas and art songs, but he also left a wonderful body of choral music, much of which was written earlier in his career. Text was of utmost importance to him in his composition, and he set several wonderful texts by 16th century poet John Donne. His anthem “At the Round Earth’s Imagined Corners” is among these, and serves as our first anthem this morning. What follows is an examination of Donne and the text, written by former Third Church tenor soloist John Denison, who also taught English Literature...the full text of the sonnet appears in the Order of Worship.

A leader of the Late Renaissance group of poets known as “metaphysical poets,” John Donne (1572-1631) converted to Anglicanism at age 21, after having been raised a devout Roman Catholic. He took holy orders in 1615 and became Dean of London’s St. Paul’s Cathedral six years later. His sermons were acclaimed for their literary and dramatic intensity and his “Meditation 17” (“No man is an island...”) is one of the most frequently-quoted works in the literature.

Donne struggled with guilt and a sense of unworthiness throughout his life. His Holy Sonnets chronicle the agonizing trials of an intellectual in search of faith, and the demand that pervades the sonnets is for God to become a dynamic force in Donne’s life to the exclusion of all else.

In the first eight lines of Holy Sonnet 7 (“At the round earth’s imagined corners”) Donne calls upon the angels to announce the Last Judgment and for the souls of the dead to arise and “to your scattered bodies go,” an exhortation born of his despair and desire to get his own judgment over with. The final six lines witness an abrupt, dramatic reversal, however, as Donne seems terrified by the sudden realization that his sins are greater than those of the “numberless infinities of souls” who have preceded him and the guilt that he has not prepared himself for that certainty. He implores God, therefore, to defer Judgment Day and to teach him how to repent: “...for that’s as good / As if Thou hadst sealed my pardon with Thy blood.” This concluding couplet clearly signifies Donne’s intense spiritual struggle, because for the truly faithful, of course, that has already occurred; God has sealed our pardon with His blood – the blood of Jesus Christ.

The anthem “Blow Ye the Trumpet,” is by Kirke Mechem (born 1925). It comes from his opera *John Brown*. This was the title of John Brown’s favorite hymn, and it has the flavor of an early American folk tune, though it is an original melody by Mechem. The text Mechem found to form the basis of this anthem seems appropriate, and prophetic, for Brown’s life and death, which moved forward the abolitionist’s cause, through a martyr’s death.



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All Saints

This morning we will remember by name Third Church members who have died in the past year. On Monday, November 7, the Living Waters All Saints' service will focus on remembering the saints. We will take time to name and remember in prayer all those who have died—church members, friends, family. Join us in the Chapel at 7:00pm.

Focus on Mission

Today's Focus on Mission will highlight the work of the Bereavement Support Steering Committee and the programs being developed to enhance support for members who have experienced a death in the family. You also can learn more about this ministry in the November Messenger newsletter.

Uniforms for School #35

School 35, one of our sites for tutoring programs, has asked for help in providing school uniforms for elementary-aged children who live in poverty. Today is the last day we will be collecting donations of new or gently used school uniforms. You may make a donation toward the purchase; \$25 will supply one complete uniform for a child.

East Avenue Grocery Run

A big THANK YOU to all who ran, walked, cheered, volunteered, sponsored and donated to make our 7th annual Grocery Run a success. We are grateful for the opportunity to share with our neighbors in need and for those who put so much love and energy into this event.

Rochester Early Music Festival

The Rochester Early Music Festival takes place November 13-20, 2016. Friday, November 18th at St. Anne Church the Gala concert will feature our own Third Church Ringers, accompanying Musica Spei on the premiere of "Gaude", a piece written by composer Brian Story, commissioned in honor of Musica Spei's 20th year. Details are available at www.musicaspei.org/festival-information.

American Boychoir Concert Tickets

Tickets are now on sale for the **American Boychoir Holiday Concert** at Third Presbyterian Church on **Saturday, December 3 at 7:30pm!** You may purchase tickets at coffee hour today and each Sunday in November or online at www.thirdpresbyterian.org/tickets.

Christmas Baskets

Please visit the Christmas Basket table in coffee hour and sign up to purchase, pack and deliver a Christmas Food Basket to a city family from School 3, 35 or RAIHN. For further information, call Rose Pethick at 388-8546.

Tutors Needed!

Do you have 1½- 2 hours a week to spend with a child? School #3 students need you! We currently have openings for elementary grades for reading and math help. Contact Deb Bishop, (dabishop@rochester.rr.com or 267-9939)

Movie on November 20 Explores Rochester and Race

All are invited to attend a showing of "July '64," a documentary about the Rochester race riots. The film will be shown on Sunday, November 20 at 2:00pm, Cinema Theater on Clinton Avenue. Donation will be \$3.00.

Advent Wreath Making & Luncheon

The Congregational Fellowship Committee invites you to join us November 20 in coffee hour for our annual Advent Wreath making and a simple lunch of soup and bread.

Calendar for November 6 – November 13

Sunday at Third Church

8:30am	Worship	Chapel
8:30am	Child Care	Christian Education (CE) Building
9:30am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Rm
9:30am	Sunday Seminar	Johnston Hall (JH)
10:00am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00am	Church School	CE
12:00pm	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center (CC)
12:00pm	DRM Team Leaders Lunch	JH
12:00pm	Commissioning Class	Youth Lounge
4:30pm	Covenant Ringers	Sanctuary
4:30pm	Jr. High Bells	Moot Rm
5:00pm	Youth Advisors	Youth Lounge
5:15pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Rm
6:00pm	Youth Fellowship	Youth Lounge

Monday, November 7

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
11:00am	Bereavement Support Steering Committee	JH
2:00pm	Library Committee	Library
5:00pm	Shawl Knitting Ministry	Parlor
6:30pm	Yoga	JH
7:00pm	Living Waters All Saints' Service	Chapel

Tuesday, November 8

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

Wednesday, November 9

3:30pm	Calvary St. Andrews Administrative Commission	JH
5:00pm	Children's Bell Choir	Sanctuary
5:30pm	Qabats	CC
7:15pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Rm

Thursday, November 10

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

Friday, November 11

Saturday, November 12

8:30am	Men's Breakfast	Off-site
11:00am	Dining Room Ministry	CC

Sunday, November 13

8:30am	Worship	Chapel
8:30am	Child Care	CE
9:30am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
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