



# Third Presbyterian Church

*Seeking the Light*

Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime;  
therefore, we must be saved by hope.

Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in  
any immediate context of history;  
therefore, we must be saved by faith.

Nothing we do, however virtuous, could be accomplished alone;  
therefore, we must be saved by love.

No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend  
or foe as it is from our own standpoint;  
therefore, we must be saved by the final form of love, which is  
forgiveness.

Reinhold Niebuhr

“The Irony of American History” (1952)

## **The Worship of God Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

November 13, 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade class will be in worship 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](mailto: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 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.*

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PRELUDE	Three Hymn Preludes "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee" "Lift High the Cross"	Craig Phillips
INTROIT	"The First Song of Isaiah"  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. <i>Surely it is God...</i>	Jack Noble White Junior Choir
*DOXOLOGY	<i>(Please stand as the organ introduction begins)</i> <b>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.</b>	OLD HUNDREDTH
*CALL to WORSHIP		from Isaiah 12
LEADER:	Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,	
PEOPLE:	<b>for the Lord God is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.</b>	
LEADER:	Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.	
PEOPLE:	<b>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.</b>	
*HYMN 645	"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"	MIT FREUDEN ZART
PRAYER of CONFESSION	<b>Most merciful God, we humbly admit that we need your help. We confess that we have wandered from your way: we have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right. You alone can save us. Have mercy on us: wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.</b>	

**Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior. 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

ANTHEM

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Mark Patterson  
 Junior Choir  
 Tessa Vasta, *viola*

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:  
 May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:  
 May Jesus Christ be praised! Let earth’s wide circle round in joyful notes  
 resound: May Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky from depth  
 to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised! Does sadness fill my mind?

A solace here I find: May Jesus Christ be praised! When fades my earthly bliss, my comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this our joyful song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade class will be in Worship 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 STEWARDSHIP

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 65:17-25

(Pew Bible, OT page 695)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

"Say ye to the righteous"

Randall Thompson

(The Peaceable Kingdom)

Say ye to the righteous, it shall be well with them:  
for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

Woe unto the wicked! It shall be ill with them:  
for the reward of their hands shall be given them.

Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart,  
but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart and shall howl for vexation of spirit.

- Isaiah 3:10-11; 65:14

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 21:5-19

(Pew Bible, NT page 56)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Future Tense"

John Wilkinson

\*HYMN 373 "O Day of Peace"

JERUSALEM

\*AFFIRMATION of FAITH

Confession of 1967, Presbyterian Church (USA)

**God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS of the PEOPLE  
and 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.**

PRESENTATION of OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "Behold, the tabernacle of God"

William H. Harris

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with you, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you: for the temple of God is holy, which temple you are: for the love of whom you do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

*- Sarum Antiphon*

\*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

\*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.**

ALL: **God of every life and season, we thank you for every good gift that we receive by your grace. Bless what we give, that it may enhance our service and witness, which we share in the name and spirit of Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN 340 "This Is My Song"

FINLANDIA

\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Sonata No. 4 in C minor", Op. 153  
I. Allegro molto moderato

Charles Villiers Stanford

*The memorial prayer candle is lit in memory of Christopher Mould. Today we remember Chris in a special way as the plaque is placed dedicating the candle in his memory.*

*The flowers today celebrate the November 12<sup>th</sup> wedding of Callan Joseph and Christopher Ruf.*

## PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

John Wilkinson..... Preacher  
Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks, Christie Lutzer..... Liturgists  
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist  
Mary Ann Rutkowski..... Associate Director of Music  
Caroline Robinson ..... Assistant Organist  
Trevor Guaronski, Zach Guaronski ..... Acolytes  
Bob Eames, Maryjane Link, Betsey Wheeler,  
Jeff Morrison, Kelly Thevenet-Morrison..... Greeters  
Elmer Dustman, Hope Herting, Gloria Pleger, Anne Sievers, Rebecca Schichler,  
Don Schichler, Jeremy Peters ..... Ushers

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Craig Phillips, composer of today's preludes, is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music, having received both Masters and Doctoral degrees from the school in the late 1980s. He is a widely published composer of organ and choral music, and serves as Director of Music and Organist at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beverly Hills, California. These brief hymn preludes are creative interpretations of three hymns in our hymnal, *Glory to God* - #35, #816, and #826, respectively.

Today's Junior Choir anthem, "When Morning Gilds the Skies", is based on the familiar hymn of the same name. Arranged by Mark Patterson, a nationally known children's choral composer, the piece was originally commissioned in early 2016 for the children's choir and youth chorale of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, located just outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Patterson has graciously given us special permission to perform this piece before the publisher takes over the copyright, and we are the only other choir to present this anthem in its current form.

American composer Randall Thompson wrote a cantata, *The Peaceable Kingdom*, in 1934 after seeing a painting by that title, created by the preaching Quaker of Pennsylvania, Edward Hicks. He was particularly taken by the painting's images of the lion and lamb, animals and people, Native Americans and Anglo Americans living together in peace and harmony. He also reacted to the inscription from the book of Isaiah which ends "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." "Say ye to the righteous," which the choir sings this morning, is the opening movement of the larger work. The choir will offer the complete work, *The Peaceable Kingdom*, as special music on March 26, 2017.

"Behold, the Tabernacle of God" is a setting of a 7<sup>th</sup> century text from the Sarum Antiphoner, by 20<sup>th</sup> century English composer William H. Harris. Harris served for a number of years as organist and director at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, England, where he also taught piano to the young Princess Elizabeth, later to become Queen Elizabeth II.

Several weeks ago (October 16), we heard choral music by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, teacher to Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Today's postlude comes from his fourth Organ Sonata, composed just about 100 years ago. Stanford was a major figure in revitalizing English music in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, and his organ sonatas were a substantial contribution to the literature. The fourth sonata evokes the music of Ireland, Stanford's country of birth, and this Celtic quality can be heard in the opening movement, played as postlude today by Caroline Robinson.



# MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Spiritual Formation

Join us today for Spiritual Formation every Sunday from November 20-December 4.

### Advent: Reflecting on Unity, Reconciliation, and Justice

During the Advent Season, Third Church will spend time with the Belhar Confession, both individually and in groups using the devotional booklet, "30 Days with the Belhar Confession." Plans are in the works to use this material with Thursday Voices, with small groups meeting offsite, and through social media. If you are interested in joining this study, either individually or as part of a small group, please contact Martha Langford (mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org) by November 13. Copies of the devotional booklet are available from the church office for \$1 per copy.

### RAIHN Hosting this Week

Beginning this afternoon we are again hosting RAIHN homeless families for the week, and still need volunteers for overnight stays, evening dinners, and takedown. To sign up, please contact Laurie Mahoney at [lmahone1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:lmahone1@rochester.rr.com) or sign up at [www.ThirdPresbyterian.org/raihn](http://www.ThirdPresbyterian.org/raihn).

### 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 (vegetarian option available). Join us to make a wreath for home devotional use during the season of Advent. If you have supplies (wreath form, pins, plastic candle cups) from last year, please bring them so that they can be re-used!

## Be the Church: Stewardship 2017

Stewardship Sunday is November 20 – watch your mailbox and email for information.

### Rochester Early Music Festival

Two events of the upcoming Rochester Early Music Festival will feature Third Church musicians. On **Monday, November 14 at 8:00pm**, cellist Glenna Curren, with pianist Christopher Petit, will offer music for cello and piano by the SONS of J. S. Bach, and W. A. Mozart. It will be held in the beautiful Chapel Hill Wedding Chapel at 8 Prince Street. Admission is free, though donations will be accepted.

For the special Gala Concert on **Friday, November 18 at 7:30pm**, our own Third Church Ringers will team up with choral ensemble **Musica Spei** in the premiere of a new work, "Gaude," by area composer Brian Story. It was commissioned in honor of **Musica Spei's** 20th anniversary. This concert will be at St. Anne Church, 1600 Mt. Hope Avenue. More information about the Festival, and tickets, can be found at [www.musicaspei.org/festival-information](http://www.musicaspei.org/festival-information)

### **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 at the Cinema Theater on Clinton Avenue. Donation will be \$3.00. A discussion will follow the film. This event is co-sponsored by Laurelton United Presbyterian Church, Gates Presbyterian Church and Third Presbyterian Church. This event is supported in part by a grant from the Presbytery of Genesee Valley.

### **Christmas Baskets**

Please visit the Christmas Basket table in the narthex and sign up to purchase, pack and deliver a Christmas Food Basket to a city family from School 3, 35 or RAIHN. Also, contributions from the whole congregation are needed to purchase gift cards for turkeys or other meat to be included in the baskets. In addition, donations of boys and girls underwear, socks, hats and gloves are welcome. 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. Materials are provided by teachers. Please contact Deb Bishop, dabishop@rochester.rr.com or 267-9939, to learn more.

### **American Boychoir Concert Tickets**

Purchase your tickets today for the wonderful **American Boychoir Holiday Concert** which we're sponsoring on **Saturday, December 3 at 7:30pm** in the Third Church sanctuary. Led by Fernando Malvar-Ruiz, this world-renowned choir performs over 100 concerts annually, and is acclaimed for dazzling audiences with its unique blend of musical sophistication, spirited presentation, and ensemble virtuosity. This will be a family-friendly concert of beautiful Christmas music that you'll want to share with your family and friends! Tickets may be purchased at Coffee Hour **today**, or anytime, online at [www.thirdpresbyterian.org/tickets](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/tickets)

## Help Me Get Connected!

New this fall at Third Church—any and all in the Third Church community are invited to schedule a one-on-one meeting with staff member Becky D'Angelo-Veitch to think more intentionally about how to connect in our congregation. Whether you are brand new to Third Presbyterian Church or have been in this community for a long time, you are invited to sign up. We like the analogy of joining a health club: we want to learn about you—what your strengths are, where you would like to focus your energy, and at what level you are able to commit right now. We want to help you understand what options there are to learn, to serve, to connect and to grow within the congregation. And just as a health club will offer more than one type of strength training and a variety of ideas for cardiovascular workouts, so we too can share many ways to connect, deepen your spirituality and serve the world. We know one size never fits all, so we want to help you to find the right combination of connection points for your life. After our meeting, information will be shared with appropriate leadership within the congregation, and in about a month, we will follow-up to make sure that you have had the chance to explore one or more of the opportunities.

**Scan here**  
to access sign-up for



Appointments with  
Becky D'Angelo-Veitch  
for "Getting Connected"  
sessions!  
(or you may contact Becky  
at 271-6537 ext. 118 or  
[rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org))

## Calendar for November 13 – November 20

### Sunday at Third Church

<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
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)
<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00am	Church School	CE
12:00pm	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center (CC)
2:00pm	RAIHN	CC
4:30pm	Covenant Ringers	Sanctuary
4:30pm	Jr. High Bells	Moot Rm
5:15pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Rm
6:00pm	Youth Fellowship	CC/JH

### Monday, November 14

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
6:30pm	Yoga	JH

### Tuesday, November 15

<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
9:45am	Staff Meeting	Parker
6:00pm	Property Committee	Whitney
7:00pm	Trustees	CC
7:00pm	GS4A Work Group	Parlor
7:00pm	Deacons	JH
7:00pm	Outreach Steering Committee	Whitney

### Wednesday, November 16

12:00pm	Calvin Guild	JH
12:00pm	Corner Place Steering Committee	Off-site
5:00pm	Children's Bell Choir	Sanctuary
5:30pm	Qabats	CC/JH
7:15pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Rm

### Thursday, November 17

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Rm
12:00pm	Thursday Voices	JH
4:00pm	GACM Meeting	JH
5:30pm	Joint Budget & Finance	JH
5:30pm	Third Church Ringers	Off-site
7:30pm	UPT- Grant Writing Team	Parker

### Friday, November 18

### Saturday, November 19

11:00am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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11:00am	Church School	CE
12:00pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:00pm	Advent Wreath Making/Lunch	CC
2:00pm	All-Church Movie	Off-site
4:00pm	Skalny Center Concert	Chapel
4:30pm	Covenant Ringers	Sanctuary
4:30pm	Jr. High Bells	Moot Rm
5:15pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Rm