



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

"I know times are changing
It's time we all reach out for something new"

Prince

Purple Rain

**The Worship of God
Second Sunday of Advent**

December 4, 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 4th 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 today 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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RESPONSE

“Wait for the Lord”

(sing three times)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' The second system starts with a measure rest of 5 measures, then continues with the lyrics 'Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!' and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

*HYMN 106 “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

PRAYER of CONFESSION

We need you to speak to us, O God, because we have, each in our own way, forgotten your law, forgotten your love for us. We are in need of your deliverance, because we have, too often, given ourselves to powers and practices that would destroy us. Forgive us and restore us. Guide us and deliver us. Teach us and renew us. In Jesus’ name we pray. 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.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems, each with a treble staff. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are 'Lord, have mercy up on us.', 'Christ, have mercy up on us.', and 'Lord, have mercy up on us.'. Each system has a long melisma line under the word 'mercy'.

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

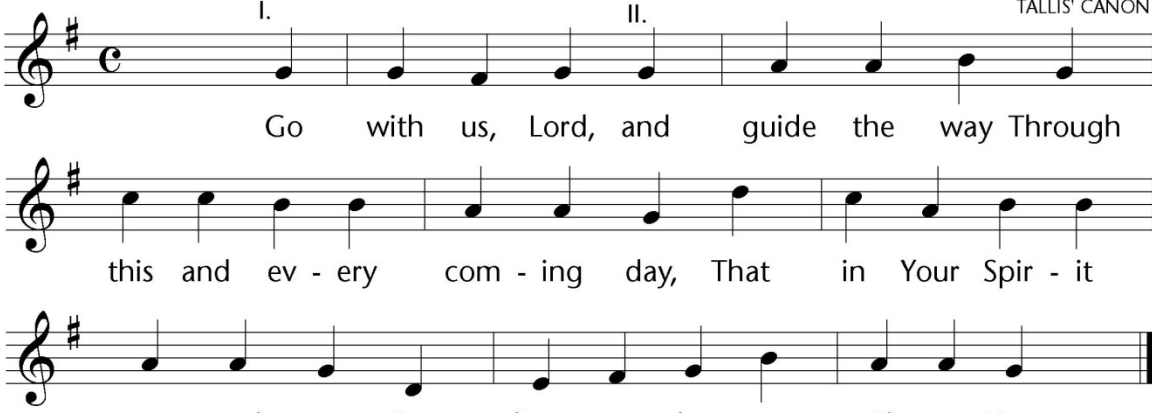
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(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 in Worship today.)

DISMISSAL of CHILDREN

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

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.)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 11:1-10

(Pew Bible, OT page 640)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "The Rune of Hospitality"

Alf Houkom

Rachel Neece, *guitar*

I saw a stranger yestereen; I put food in the eating place, Drink in the drinking place, Music in the listening place; And in the sacred names of the Triune He blessed me and my house, My cattle and my dear ones. And the lark said in her song: Often, often, often, Goes the Christ in the stranger's guise: Often, often, often, Goes the Christ in the stranger's guise.

-from the Gaelic

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 3:1-12

(Pew Bible, NT page 2)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Reconciliation and Incarnation"

John Wilkinson

*AFFIRMATION of FAITH

Confession of 1967, Presbyterian Church (USA)

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.

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 "I Look from Afar"

Anthony Piccolo

I look from afar, and behold, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him, and say: "Tell us if thou art he, who shall reign over the people of Israel." All Ye inhabitants of the earth, and ye children of the world, rich and poor, one with another, go ye out to meet him, and say: "Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like flock. Tell, if thou art he." Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in who

shall reign over the people of Israel. I look from afar, and behold, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him...

- Advent Matins Responsory (Coverdale)

*RESPONSE (The Servers Gather)



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

At the time of communion, ushers will invite you to come forward via the center and side aisles. Take a piece of bread from the server, dip it in the cup which contains grape juice, and partake as you are served. All bread is gluten-free. If moving to the communion table is difficult for you, a team of servers will come to you to serve the communion elements.

*THE SACRAMENT of THE LORD'S SUPPER

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*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.**

...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

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

setting by William Mathias

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

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

- 84 – "Creator of the Stars of Night"
- 92 – "While We Are Waiting, Come"
- 102 – "Savior of the Nations, Come"

- CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM
- WAITING
- NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN
- HEILAND

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

**Eternal God,
we thank you for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Send us into the world in peace
for we have seen, have heard,
and been fed by your grace.
Keep us faithful and alert
for signs of Christ’s coming
and lead us to live lives marked by truth and light,
so that we may eat and drink together
in your eternal dominion of hope, peace, joy and love.
Amen.**

*HYMN 87 “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

GENEVAN 42

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE “Prelude and Fugue in E minor, BWV 533”

J. S. Bach

*The memorial prayer candle is lit in solidarity with all those who
grieve in this Advent Season.*

*The flowers today are given in loving memory of Hugh H. Whitney
from his wife, Jean, and their children, Grant and Julia.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING’S SERVICE:

- John Wilkinson..... Preacher
- Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks, Donna Brink Fox Liturgists
- Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
- Caroline J. RobinsonAssistant Organist
- Mary Ann Rutowski.....Assistant Director of Music
- Henry Fox, Celia Fox..... Acolytes
- Ann Haag, Bonnie DeHollander, Rob White,
Jack Salzer, Ruth Sylvestre Greeters
- Griff Vinton, Bob Merz, Betsy Vinton, Harrison Lucas,
Jobin Philip, Beth Sieber, Roxanne Boyer Ushers



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Be the Church: Stewardship Update

Thanks to the many of you who have pledged already to the 2017 stewardship campaign. We are grateful for your initial response. Thus far, 263 individuals and households have pledged \$632,857.88. If you have yet to pledge, you can do so by:

- Sending your pledge card to the church office
- Placing your pledge card in the offering plate this coming Sunday
- Sending a confidential pledge to Carol Foster at cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org
- Pledging online at http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/give/give_stewardship.shtml and click on the "Pledge Online" tab

Spiritual Formation

December 11 at 9:30 in Johnston Hall: Special Music: A presentation on the "Gloria" by John Rutter

Led by David Chin, Director of Choral Activities at Roberts Wesleyan College

David will explore Rutter's work in the hour before it is performed in worship by our Chancel Choir. This is the perfect opportunity to deepen your experience of our seasonal music in Advent.

Fair Trade Palestinian Olive Oil

Today: Following 10:45am worship

The Peacemaking Mission Team is offering Palestinian fair trade olive products during coffee hour today in the celebration center. Be sure to come and check out our olive oil, tapenade, za'atar, and couscous from One World Goods. And, we expect to have a good supply of the ever-popular infused olive oils, great for gift giving! All items will be sold at cost to benefit the farmers of the Canaan Fair Trade Association in the West Bank.

Exploring Membership Luncheon

Are you new to Third Church, and want to learn more about us? Or have you participated for some time and are interested in exploring membership? We invite you to join us at our Exploring Membership Luncheon **today at noon** in Johnston Hall. You can bring all your questions, get to know our pastoral staff, a few members of the church, and other folks new to this place. The emphasis of the conversation is on exploring ways to connect. Childcare is available. Our luncheon conversation will conclude by 1:30pm. For those that are ready to join in membership, the next step is a New Member Gathering offered at two different times (1) this afternoon following the luncheon from 1:30-2:30pm, or (2) on the following Sunday, December 11, at 8:30am. To RSVP, contact Lynette Sparks (271-6537 ext. 106) or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org

Junior Choir Christmas Cookie Sale

The Junior Choir's annual Christmas Cookie Sale will be held on Sunday, December 11th following the 10:45am worship service. Please stop by our table at coffee hour to purchase some delicious treats to support the children's music ministry at Third Church!

Home for the Holidays

Last year, Third Church Deacons began a program that sought to give every Third Church member the opportunity to share a holiday meal with a group. This year we continue that effort so that the coming Christmas will bring fellowship for any member who would like to be part of a "larger family" at the dinner table. If you would like to join us, please contact Camille Clayton (413-0225 or cclay244@aol.com) or call the church office (271-6513) by December 9.

YOUth Fundraiser

Third Presbyterian Church youth will be selling hand-crafted ornaments in coffee hour **today** and Sunday December 11. The ornaments incorporate pages from our old hymnals. Be sure to stop by the table in the celebration center and check it out! Ornaments are \$10 each.

Christmas Baskets

Please visit the Christmas Basket table at coffee hour 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.

City Sing: An Interfaith Event

Walking through the Josana Neighborhood singing songs of Peace. Join us December 18, 4:00pm at Sahlen Stadium, 460 Oak Street.

Special Music for Advent

Next **Sunday, December 11 at the 10:45am** worship service, the Chancel Choir, joined by organ, brass, and percussion, will offer the brilliant and joyous "GLORIA" by John Rutter. One of the most popular choral works of the past thirty years, the GLORIA sets the text of the ancient *Gloria in excelsis* in striking music of our time. Other music that morning will include pieces for organ, brass, and percussion, as well as festive hymn settings. Plan to be present, and invite family and friends to join you! A special music offering will be received to support this and future special music presentations.

Chapel Concert by Candlelight

The first in this year's series of Chapel Concerts by Candlelight will be offered on **Thursday, December 8 at 7:30pm** in the Chapel. This program will feature the **Christ Church Schola Cantorum**, a fantastic choral group known locally for their weekly services of Compline offered on Sunday evenings, and nationally for their growing list of recordings. Led by Stephen Kennedy, this program will offer music of the season - from chant, to ravishing choral music of the Renaissance and Baroque, to music of our own time. Help spread the word, and join us for this lovely free concert - donations will be accepted. The Chapel Concert by Candlelight series is supported in part by the Janet S. and David B. Reed Fund.

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." We will use this resource with Thursday Voices on Thursdays at noon and with small groups meeting at the church Sundays at 2:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Join us!

Christmas Decorations

If you would like to make a donation to help support the cost of our Christmas decorations, please send your check to the church office marked "Christmas Flowers" and note clearly the names that should be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

I would like this gift to be:

- In loving memory of:
- In honor of:
- In celebration of:
- A donation from:

The deadline for receiving donations is **Monday, December 12.**

Calendar for December 4 – December 11

Sunday at Third Church

8:30am	Worship	Chapel
8:30am	Child Care	CE
9:30am	Growing in the Word	Johnston Hall (JH)
9:30am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Rm
10:00am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00pm	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center (CC)
12:00pm	Poinsettia Delivery	Columbarium
12:00pm	Exploring Membership Luncheon	JH
12:00pm	Commissioning Class	Youth Lounge
4:00pm	Youth Musical Rehearsal	Choir Room
4:30pm	Youth Advisors	Youth Lounge
6:00pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	CC

Monday, December 5

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
11:00am	Bereavement Support Steering Committee	JH
2:00pm	Library Committee	Library
5:00pm	Shawl Knitting Ministry	Parlor
5:30pm	Personnel Committee	Whitney
6:00pm	Spiritual Formation	CE 206
6:30pm	Yoga	JH
7:00pm	GS4A Work Group	Whitney

Tuesday, December 6

9:15am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45am	Staff Meeting	Parker
5:30pm	Peacemaking	Off-site
6:00pm	Spiritual Formation	JH
7:00pm	Congregational Fellowship	JH

Wednesday, December 7

5:00pm	Children's Bell Choir	Sanctuary
5:30pm	Qabats	CC
7:00pm	More Light Committee	Whitney
7:15pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Rm

Thursday, December 8

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Rm
12:00pm	Thursday Voices	JH
5:30pm	Third Church Ringers	Sanctuary
6:00pm	Advent Study	Parlor
7:30pm	Chapel Concert by Candlelight	Chapel

Friday, December 9

9:30am	FoodLink Meeting	JH
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Saturday, December 10

2:30pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
11:00am	Dining Room Ministry	CC

Sunday, December 11

8:30am	Worship	Chapel
8:30am	Child Care	CE
8:30am	New Member Gathering	Library
9:30am	Growing in the Word	Parker
9:30am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Rm
10:00am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:00am	New Member Session Meeting	Parlor
10:45am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00am	Church School	CE
12:00pm	Coffee Hour	CC
4:00pm	Youth Musical Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:00pm	Youth Dinner Fellowship	