



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

"You can't hide yourself away from the problems of today
You can't hide yourself at night just turn off the bedroom light
And you can't try to hide your feelings they'll be heavy on your
mind

You can't hide yourself from love
'Cause love will come and find you every time."

Merle Haggard
Love Will Find You

The Worship of God Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 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 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 February 5 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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THIRD CHURCH STAFF

John Wilkinson, Pastor

Martha C. Langford, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Lynette K. Sparks, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Evangelism

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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!

*HYMN 104

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

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 in Worship today.)

DISMISSAL of CHILDREN

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

TALLIS' CANON

I. II.

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

WELCOME

God calls us to be a servant people and gathers us into the body of Christ. We rejoice that God has added you to our number this day and we recognize you as brothers and sisters in faith. We renew our covenant to live and work together in the spirit of Christ and so to love and support one another that we may give honor and glory to God. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to the care and ministry of this congregation.

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 35:1-10

(Pew Bible, OT page 663)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11:2-11

(Pew Bible, NT page 11)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Reconciliation and Joy”

John Wilkinson

ADVENT MUSIC

"Gloria" (1974)

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

I. *Allegro vivace*

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam
gloriam tuam.

*Glory to God in the highest. And on
earth peace to those of good will.
We praise You. We bless You. We
worship You. We glorify You. We
give You thanks for Your great
glory.*

II. *Andante* (soloists: Paige Kiefner, Riki Connaughton, Caroline Nielson)

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis
Deus Pater omnipotens
Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostrum.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

*Lord God, heavenly King, God the
Father almighty.
Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten
Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father.
Who taketh away the sins of the
world, receive our prayer.
Who sitteth at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.*

III. *Vivace e ritmico*

Quoniam tu solus sanctus
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu, in Gloria Dei
Patris. Amen.

*For You alone are holy.
You alone are Lord.
You alone, O Jesus Christ, are most
high,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of
God the Father. Amen.*

PRESENTATION of OFFERINGS

(Today's special music presentation is supported in part by a gift from the Janet S. and David B. Reed Fund – and by your contributions to the Special Music Offering being received today. Envelopes can be found in the pew racks this morning. Thank you for your generosity.)

ANTHEM

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Cathy Moglebust
Third Church Ringers
Susie Kieren, *oboe*
Brad Sparks, *tambourine*

*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: **We thank you, O God, for every good gift. We share with deep hope that your good news will transform the world with justice and love. Bless what we give and bless our service, for we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

*HYMN 348 "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

HELMSLEY
arr. Richard Webster

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Grand Choer Dialogué"

Eugène Gigout
arr. Gary Olson

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Shirley Mitchell Moore, beloved wife of James Moore and mother of Jennifer Moore Stahlkrantz, and James, David and Eliza Moore.

The memorial prayer candle is lit in gratitude for the many faithful musical expressions offered in this Advent season.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

John Wilkinson Preacher
Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks Liturgists
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
Mary Ann Rutkowski..... Associate Director of Music
Caroline J. Robinson Assistant Organist
Reese Ossont, Madeline VeitchAcolytes
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

The prelude today, *Advent Fanfare*, is by gifted American composer Aaron David Miller. Aaron was at Third Church recently to help lead the Hymn Festival for the EROI Festival, *Breath for Singing*, in October. *Advent Fanfare* is a highly rhythmic dialogue between organ and brass incorporating thematic material from the Advent hymn, "Prepare the Way, O Zion," # 106 in the *Glory to God* hymnal. Aaron is an alum of the Eastman School of Music, graduating in 1995 following organ study with David Craighead and David Higgs and composition with Samuel Adler and Joseph Schwantner. In addition to an active career as composer and organ recitalist, he currently serves as Director of Music and Organist at the House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. His *Advent Fanfare* provides a wonderful complement for today's major choral work, John Rutter's *Gloria*.

English composer John Rutter (born 1945) is one of the most popular and widely performed choral composers of his generation and wrote the *Gloria* in 1974 for the Voices of Mel Olson, a professional choir in Omaha, Nebraska. This work effectively served as Rutter's introduction to the American music scene, and built the foundation for a prolific output of music for the church in the ensuing decades.

The text of the *Gloria* is a hymn of praise, and is considered to be one of the greatest prose hymns in Christian literature. Thus, it has held a place in the Latin Mass since the seventh century. The text itself is constructed in three sections – each one focusing on one of the persons of the Trinity. The first, a song of praise to God the Father, is followed by a section which speaks of Christ. The hymn concludes with prose relating to the Holy Spirit. Rutter's work is divided into three movements, reflecting the structure of the three distinct portions of the text. Listen for how he has set the text: the first movement is both energetic and stately, thus depicting the awesome power of God, while the contrasting second movement is more solemn and reverential. The third movement completes the Trinitarian reference, and in particular deals with the Holy Spirit through its fast, rhythmic, and spirited compositional style.

The bell anthem at the offertory, *Prepare the Way, O Zion*, by Cathy Moklebust (born 1958), is a setting of the same hymn that is treated in the organ and brass prelude in today's service. Living and working in Brookings, South Dakota, Ms. Moklebust is one of today's most popular handbell music composers, and has well over 200 published compositions and arrangements to her credit.

The *Grand Choeur Dialogué*, today's postlude, was composed originally for organ alone by 19th century French organist-composer Eugène Gigout (1844-1925). It has been arranged here for organ and brass by Gary Olson. Gigout was a student of Camille Saint-Saëns, and served for 62 years as organist of the Church of Saint-Augustin in Paris.

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CHANCEL CHOIR – 2016-2017

Peter DuBois, Director of Music/Organist

Caroline Robinson, Assistant Organist

Soprano

Leanne Averill
Susan Carter
Sarah Cohen
Carol Coons
Mary Cowden
Tina Curren
Janet Curry
Deven Hearne
Lindsay Holmes
Karen Hospers
Katy Judd
Paige Kiefner
Kyle Kruchten
Sarah Krug
Kay Ramsay
Jan Salzer
Katherine Schumacher
Nancy Thomas
Kathy Wise

Tenor

Bruce Aldridge
Anders Namestnik

Bass

Trevor Cook
Bill Coons
Bob Ellison
Gregg Miller
Emory Morris
Andy Nagel

Bill Ramsay
Scott Ramsay
Jon Sheppard
Linc Spaulding
Scott Stratton-Smith
Russell West

Alto

Joanne Anderson
Riki Connaughton
Jeanne Fisher
Ellen Foster
Carolyn Grohman
Linda Heil
Casey Lenzo
Betsy Marvin
Ann McMican
Janey Miller
Kat Nagel
Caroline Nielson
Jeanette Olson
Pati Primerano
Caryl Qualich
Helen Tiss
Carol Zajkowski

Michael Orem
Craig Packard
Bill Pethick
Jon Schumacher
Bob Sterrett
Herb Wise
Sam Witmer

Instrumental Ensemble

Trumpet

Wesley Nance
Herbert Smith
Roy Smith
Apollo Lee

Trombone

Mark Kellogg
David Breustle
Jeffrey Gray

Tuba

W. Craig Sutherland

Timpani

Jim Tiller

Percussion

J. J. Pereira

Organ

Caroline Robinson

New Members



Jim Frackenpohl



Mary Ellen and Art Frackenpohl



Leila Nassar



Melanie Jones



Vicki Sosnowski



Mariah Sosnowski



Brian Adams and Anne Dickinson



Jennifer Poggi



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, 305 individuals and households have pledged \$707,019. 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

Today 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.

A Rochester Festival of Lessons & Carols

Our annual broadcast, "A Rochester Festival of Lessons and Carols," the program we recorded this past January, has its first Rochester airing **today** at 1:00pm on WXXI Classical 91.5. It will be broadcast again on Christmas Eve at 11:00pm. Listen in, and invite your friends to listen, as well! We'll have a complete listing of stations around the country airing the program, later this month – but the list currently includes stations in Alaska, Minnesota, Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Michigan and New York.

Junior Choir Christmas Cookie Sale

The Junior Choir's annual Christmas Cookie Sale will be held **today** 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!

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.**

Use Amazon and Support Third Church

Did you know that if you use Amazon.com for your Christmas shopping, you can also support Third Church. If you enter Amazon through the church's website (www.thirdpresbyterian.org) and then go to the Amazon site, Third Church will receive a portion of the purchase. Thank you!

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 a small group meeting at the church Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Join us!

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.

Living Waters: Longest Night Service

Monday, December 19 in the Chapel at 7:00pm

Known at times as "Blue Christmas," this Living Waters service will take place on the Monday before the winter solstice—the longest night. It acknowledges that, for many, Christmas is a time of loneliness, sorrow, alienation, and sadness. This service offers a way for us to claim our feelings while gathered together in worship surrounded by the compassionate, healing love of God. The order of service will include music, scripture, reflections, and prayer.

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.

Christmas Eve Worship Services at Third Church

Saturday, December 24

- Festival of the Nativity 4:30pm in the Sanctuary
- Candlelight Communion 8:00pm in the Chapel
- Lessons and Carols 11:00pm in the Sanctuary

Christmas Day Worship Service at Third Church

Sunday, December 25

- One service of worship at 10:45am

Calvin Guild

Thursday, December 22 at noon at Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Brighton (note different time and location) We will join the seniors group at B'rith Kodesh for a very special presentation by Rabbi Stein about their extensive Menorah collection. We will meet at the temple where we can enjoy a catered lunch (\$8/per person). Please RSVP to Dot Wallace no later than December 19.

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.

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)

Calendar for December 11– December 18

Sunday at Third Church

8:30am	Worship	Chapel
8:30am	Child Care	Christian Education Building (CE)
8:30am	New Member Gathering	Library
9:30am	Growing in the Word	Parker Room
9:30am	Sunday Seminar	Johnston Hall (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/Jr. Choir Cookie Sale	Celebration Center (CC)
4:00pm	Youth Musical Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:00pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	CC

Monday, December 12

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
11:00am	Retired Pastors' Luncheon	JH
6:00pm	Corner Place Showcase	Off-site
6:30pm	Yoga	JH

Tuesday, December 13

9:15am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45am	Staff Meeting	Parker
12:00pm	Staff Christmas Luncheon	Off-site
7:00pm	Session Meeting	JH

Wednesday, December 14

5:00pm	Children's Bell Choir	Moot Rm
5:30pm	Qabats	CC
7:15pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Rm

Thursday, December 15

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

Friday, December 16

Saturday, December 17

11:00am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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Sunday, December 18

8:30am	Worship	Chapel
8:30am	Child Care	CE
9:30am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
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10:45am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00am	Church School	CE
12:00pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:15pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
2:00pm	Nativity Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00pm	City Sings (Interfaith Caroling)	Off-site