



# Third Presbyterian Church

*Seeking the Light*

“Grace descends, glittering, like wings unfurling in the air. The air shimmers, it dances with sound, sounds of the river flowing, the water pouring, the men breathing; the light glittering, grace flooding, the wings beating, words surfacing: God’s son.”

Andrew King

**The Worship of God  
Baptism of the Lord**

January 8, 2017

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 kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade class will be at the children's worship table.

**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](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.



[www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org)



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### THIRD CHURCH STAFF

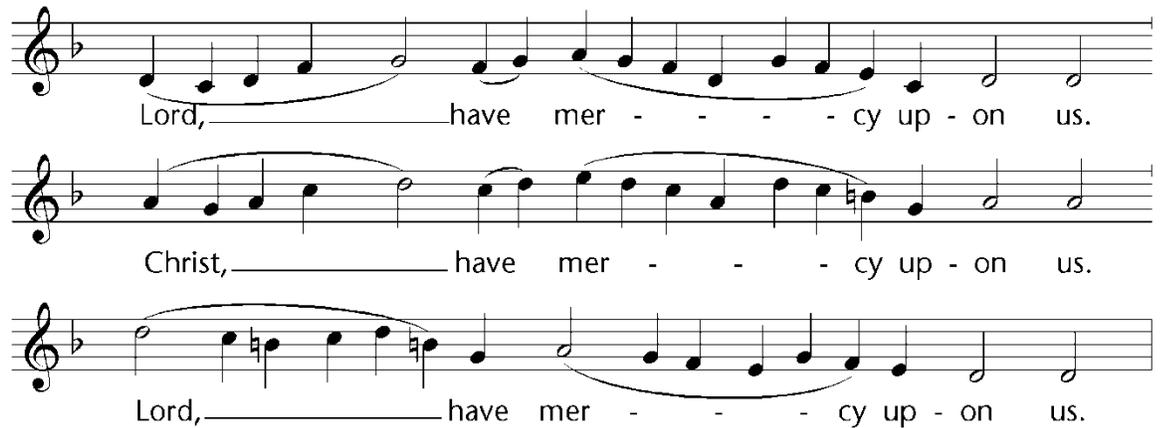
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SILENT PRAYER

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

### "Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord"

David Evans  
arr. Indra Hughes

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here, Come bow before him now with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground, Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around, He burns with holy fire; with splendor he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light, Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place, He comes to cleanse and hear, to minister his grace, No work too hard for him: in faith receive from him, Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. Amen.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 3:13-17

(Pew Bible, NT page 3)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

"Business as Usual?"

Lynette K. Sparks

## \*HYMN 485 "We Know that Christ Is Raised"

ENGELBERG

## \*AFFIRMATION of FAITH

from the Confession of 1967

**By humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined himself to men and women in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the Spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin, but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism, the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound us to God's very self. 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

*(If you requested envelopes on this year's Stewardship pledge card, they are available for pick-up on the table in front of Johnston Hall.)*

## ANTHEM

### "O Thou, the Central Orb"

Charles Wood

O Thou the central orb of righteous love, Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine, Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, As stars about Thy throne, set in the height Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, Our nature all shall feel eternal day, In fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

*- text by H. R. Bramley*

## \*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 heaven and earth, as you revealed Jesus to be your Son in his baptism, so you claimed our lives in baptism, that we might die to sin and be raised with him to new life. Strengthen us in your Spirit's power to live as your faithful daughters and sons, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN 826 "Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Allegro maestoso and Fugue"  
(from Sonata No. 2 in C minor)

Felix Mendelssohn

*The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Ruth H. Meinhold and Dr. Charles Meinhold, from the Meinhold family.*

*The memorial prayer candle is lit in thanksgiving for the gift of baptism.*

## PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

Lynette K. Sparks .....	Preacher
John Wilkinson, Ernest F. Krug, Susan Fox .....	Liturgists
Peter DuBois.....	Director of Music/Organist
Mary Ann Rutkowski .....	Associate Director of Music
Caroline J. Robinson .....	Assistant Organist
Audrey Vinton, Natalie Vinton.....	Acolytes
Bob Eames, Maryjane Link, Betsey Wheeler, Jeff Morrison, Kelly Thevenet-Morrison.....	Greeters
Elmer Dustman, Hope Herting, Gloria Pleger, Ann Sievers, Rebecca Schichler, Don Schichler, Jeremy Peters .....	Ushers

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The Prelude today, "Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam," comes from Johann Sebastian Bach's *Clavierübung III*, one of the few collections of his works published in his lifetime. It is a series of hymn-based pieces that outline the major tenets of the Lutheran faith as understood by Bach, all framed by a large-scale prelude and fugue. In this hymn recalling the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, the accompaniment evokes, in sound, the flowing water of the river. The hymn tune appears in long notes in the pedal.

Both anthems this morning come from the tradition of the Anglican Church. The first is an arrangement of a hymn tune with words and music written in the 1980s by David Evans of Winchester, England – "Be still, for the presence of the Lord". It is based on a passage from Genesis 28, the story of Jacob at Bethel – 'surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not...'. Indra Hughes, an active composer and conductor in Auckland, New Zealand, has arranged it here, in what has become a very popular hymn.

"O Thou, the Central Orb" is an example of the grand style of musical composition characteristic of the Victorian and post-Victorian era in England. It is based on a text by H R Bramley, a 19<sup>th</sup>-century English clergyman and hymnologist, who collaborated with Sir John Stainer on several collections of carols. Charles Wood, composer of this anthem, taught at Cambridge for many years, and his pupils included Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells, among others.

Felix Mendelssohn's six sonatas for organ, published in 1844, do not follow the traditional structure of sonatas in the classical form, but in most cases are collections of individual movements he had composed separately, that were brought together into sonatas at the request of his publisher. This was perhaps a marketing ploy at least to some degree, as collections of sonatas were particularly attractive to musical consumers of his day. The "Allegro maestoso and fugue", played as postlude this morning, are the final two movements of his second Sonata in C minor. The grand Allegro maestoso gives way to a fugue with a "singing" theme that is developed and builds to full organ by its conclusion.



# MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Be the Church: Stewardship Update

Thanks to the 369 of you who have already pledged \$824,057 for 2017. We are grateful for your response. Thus far, 80 of you who pledged for 2016 have yet to respond for next year. We seek to raise approximately another \$115,000. Your response is critical as we begin planning for 2017.

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
- Sending a confidential pledge to Carol Foster at [cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org)
- Pledging online at [www.thirdpresbyterianchurch.org/give/give\\_stewardship.shtml](http://www.thirdpresbyterianchurch.org/give/give_stewardship.shtml) and click Pledge Online

## "Between the World and Me" Collaborative Conversations on Race

Third Church will collaborate with Gates and Laurelton Presbyterian Churches to explore the book "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Coates, national correspondent for the *Atlantic*, has crafted a nationally noted book, an extended essay/letter addressed to his son on what it means to be black in America today. The series will take place for three Thursdays in January from 6:00-7:30pm:  
**January 12** Gates Presbyterian Church ~ 1049 Wegman Rd.

**January 19** Laurelton United Presbyterian Church ~ 335 Helendale Rd.

**January 26** Third Presbyterian Church

You don't have to read the book, but it would be helpful if you did. It is relatively brief and very accessible. It's readily available at bookstores or online.

Contact Martha Langford or Lynette Sparks with questions.

## Spiritual Formation

**January 15**

**Sunday Seminar (9:30am, Johnston Hall)**

Race and Rochester

Led by Kate Bennett, FR=EE

Kate Bennett and other members of Facing Race and Embracing Equity (FR=EE) will help us understand more about the complex issues of race in the Rochester area. The initiative launched in 2013, has a goal of reaching racial equity and seeks to address structural racism in institutions, schools, media and government. FR=EE is currently planning for the Fourth Annual Summit on Race, which will take place in March or April of 2017.

**Growing in the Word (9:30am, Parlor)**

"Gifts for the Church"

Focus on 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

## Christmas in January!

Come and Sing Carols...for the Christmas Lessons & Carols recording, 2017

**January 14, from 1:00 – 2:30pm, Sanctuary**

All members and friends of the congregation are invited to participate in a Christmas Lessons and Carols recording that the Chancel Choir, readers, and clergy will be making in collaboration with WXXI. This recording will be broadcast locally on Christmas Eve 2017 and around the nation during the Christmas season! We hope to gather a "congregation" – as many people as possible – to join us. We'll sing traditional Christmas carols and hear the readings we typically hear on Christmas Eve. Join us for this event to help share the Good News of Christ's birth in 2017!

### Eastman Faculty Recital

Carol Rodland, Professor of Viola at the Eastman School of Music, will present a faculty recital, with her sister, organist Catherine Rodland, in the sanctuary of Third Church on **Sunday, January 22 at 3:00pm**. The sisters often perform as a duo, and this viola and organ recital will be unique in Rochester. Catherine is Professor of Organ and Artist in Residence at St. Olaf College, in Northfield, Minnesota. All are invited to attend.

### The FISK JUBILEE SINGERS in concert at Third Church

The world-renowned FISK JUBILEE SINGERS will be heard in a FREE concert in the Third Church Sanctuary on **Thursday, January 26** at 7:00pm. This outstanding group will be performing as part of the Rochester Institute of Technology's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of "Expressions of King's Legacy". The Third Church Chancel Choir will also be featured in this concert, along with soprano Kearstin Piper Brown. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Fisk Jubilee Singers are vocal artists and students at Fisk University in Nashville, TN., who sing and travel worldwide. The original Jubilee Singers introduced 'slave songs' to the world in 1871 and were instrumental in preserving this unique American musical tradition known today as Negro spirituals. In 2008, the Fisk Jubilee Singers were selected as a recipient of the 2008 National Medal of Arts, the nation's highest honor for artists and patrons of the arts. The award was presented by President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush during a ceremony at the White House.

Help us pack the sanctuary for this spectacular concert by this unique ensemble – please join us, and invite your friends! More information about the Fisk Jubilee Singers can be found at [www.fiskjubileesingers.org](http://www.fiskjubileesingers.org)

### Christmas Basket Thank You

84 city families, the most in our history, from Schools 3 and 35, RAIHN and Hillside received Christmas Baskets and TOPS gift cards from members of our congregation Rose Pethick and the Committee thank everyone who purchased, packed and delivered the food, and who contributed funds to purchase the TOPS gift cards. New committee members are needed for next year. If interested, contact Rose at 388-8546.

### Calvin Guild

#### January 18 at noon – Johnston Hall

Join us for lunch and a discussion with John Wilkinson focused on themes around our Year of Reconciliation. A simple soup and sandwich lunch will be served for a cost of \$7 per person. RSVP to Dot Wallace at [dpiercewallace@gmail.com](mailto:dpiercewallace@gmail.com) or 223-8502 by January 15.

### Men's Group Breakfast

#### January 21, 8:30am – Johnston Hall

If you are planning on attending, please e-mail Paul Bishop at [pabishop@live.com](mailto:pabishop@live.com) or Andrew Elder at [Andrew\\_elder@pobox.com](mailto:Andrew_elder@pobox.com) so we can assure enough space and provisions.

### Nominations Being Received

Your Nominating Committee is hard at work identifying slates for our three offices – Session, Deacon and Trustee. You can nominate yourself or suggest someone who you think has the gifts and qualifications to serve. All nominations are confidential. Please send your nominations to [jwilkinson@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:jwilkinson@thirdpresbyterian.org) or complete a nomination form located in the chapel and sanctuary or the church office.

## Calendar for January 8 – January 15

### Sunday at Third Church

<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
8:30am	Childcare	Christian Education (CE) Building
9:30am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30am	Sunday Seminar	Johnston Hall (JH)
9:30am	Jr. Choir	Moot Rm
<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)
12:00pm	Nominating Committee	Parker
12:00pm	Commissioning Class	Youth Lounge
4:00pm	Youth Musical Rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:00pm	Youth Advisors	Rm 206
6:00pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	Youth Lounge

### Monday, January 9

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
11:00am	Bereavement Support Steering Committee	JH
2:00pm	Library Committee	Library
5:30pm	Presbytery Council	Rm. 206
6:30pm	Yoga	JH
7:00pm	GS4A Magnet Schools Work Group	Parker

### Tuesday, January 10

<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
9:45am	Staff Meeting	Parker
7:00pm	Session/Deacon Meeting	CC
8:00pm	Deacon Meeting	CC
8:00pm	Session	JH

### Wednesday, January 11

2:00pm	WXXI Set-up	Sanctuary
5:00pm	Children's Bell Choir	Sanctuary
5:30pm	Qabats	CC
7:15pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Rm

### Thursday, January 12

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Rm
12:00pm	Thursday Voices	JH
5:30pm	Joint Budget & Finance	JH
5:30pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Rm
7:00pm	Collaborative Book Study	

Gates Presbyterian Church

### Friday January 13

### Saturday, January 14

9:00am	Bereavement Support Workshop	CE
10:00am	Christmas in January Recording Session (choir only)	Sanctuary
11:00am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
1:00pm	Christmas in January Recording Session (congregation)	

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