



“With one arm evangelicals attacked the bad habits and tawdry amusements of unregenerate workingmen. With the other they offered redemption. They invited humbler men into their churches. They poured money into poor congregations, financed the establishment of new churches in working-class neighborhoods, and used their wealth and social position to help poor but deserving brethren.”

Paul E. Johnson

A Shopkeeper's Millennium: Society and Revivals in Rochester, New York, 1815-1837

The Worship of God
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 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 third grade class will be at the Worship Table this morning.

Child Care is available all morning in the Education Building for infants and toddlers.

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 (271-6537, ext. 106 or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org). The next Exploring Membership luncheon will take place today at 12:00pm.

Newsletter: The Messenger is published monthly. Copies are available in the Chapel and Sanctuary, in the literature racks outside Johnston Hall and the Arnold Park entrance, and on the church website. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter, contact Cindy Mark in the Church Office (ext. 100 or cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org).

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 silence all electronic devices. As the music begins, please take time to become more aware of the continuing presence of God.

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

BELL PRELUDE "Rondo Giocoso"

Derek K. Hakes
Covenant Ringers

PRELUDE "Three Preludes"

Hermann Schroeder

Maestoso– Andante sostenuto– Poco vivace

INTROIT "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Junior Choir

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, Alleluia! O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with
silver gleam, Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One! Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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

from Psalm 106

LEADER: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

PEOPLE: **Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord,
or declare all God's praise?**

LEADER: Happy are those who observe justice,

PEOPLE: **who do righteousness at all times.**

*HYMN 320 "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

WAREHAM

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful spirit. 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

"Psalm 47"

Bradley Ellingboe
The Covenant Singers
Caroline Nielson, Caroline Robinson,
Russell West, Will Zimmer, *percussion*

Clap your hands, Oh shout all you people, Praise the Lord for His victory.
For the Lord most high is the ruler over all the land and the sea. God has
triumphed over the nations, Praise the Lord and shout joyfully! Praise the
Lord with sound of trumpets! Come, sing praise to God. Shout all people!
God rules over all of the nations. God sits high on His holy throne. All the
princes of all the peoples bend their knees to our God alone! All the earth
rise up and exalt Him, Praise the Lord for His victory. Clap your hands,
oh, shout all you people. Come, sing praise to God! Shout all people!
Clap your hands...

- *paraphrase by Gracia Grindal*

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 age 3 and younger.
The third grade class will be at the Children's 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.*

EPISTLE LESSON — Philippians 4:1-9

Pew Bible, NT page 198

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Be Joyful in God”

Carson Cooman

Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of his Name. Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! All earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your Name.” Come now and see the works of God, how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people. Bless our God, you peoples; Make the voice of praise to be heard; Who holds our souls in life, and will not let our feet to slip. Blessed be God. Be joyful in God, all you lands...

- Psalm 66: 1-2a, 3-4, 7-8, 18a

GOSPEL LESSON — Matthew 22:1-14

Pew Bible, NT page 24

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “The Stewardship of Story: Charles Finney”

John Wilkinson

*HYMN 346 “For the Healing of the Nations”

ST. THOMAS

*AFFIRMATION of FAITH *from* A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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

"Jesus, I Adore Thee"

Stephen Caracciolo

(Adoro te devote)

Jesus, I adore thee, Word of truth and grace, Who in glory shineth light upon our race. Christ, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed.

Alpha and Omega, thou true Son of God.

Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail; Faith that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil. I believe whate'er the Song of God hath told. What the truth hath spoken that for truth I hold.

Word of God incarnate, Lord of life and light, Teach me how to love and worship thee aright. Holy Spirit, ever bide within my heart, Speaking thy commandments, telling all thou art.

Wondrous revelation, verity and grace. Lo, in glory's heav'n I see thee face to face. Light of endless light whom heav'n and earth adore, Fill me with thy radiance now and evermore.

text by Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274)

*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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*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: **Grant, eternal God, that your church may show forth your justice and love among all peoples. May our common ministry be strengthened in hope as we seek to serve you always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Prelude on 'God of Grace'"

Paul Manz

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Ruth Moser, wife of Jim Moser.

The memorial prayer candle is lit in memory of all victims of gun violence, with prayers for peace that lead to faithful action.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

John Wilkinson.....	Preacher
Martha C. Langford, Lynette K. Sparks, Rob White	Liturgists
Peter A. DuBois.....	Director of Music/Organist
Mary Ann Rutkowski	Associate Director of Music
Caroline J. Robinson	Assistant Organist
Megan Stout, Caitlin Clarke	Acolytes
Camille Clayton, Kirsten Elting, Jeff Morrison, Peg Rachfal, Kelly Thevenet-Morrison.....	Greeters
Adult Spiritual Formation	Coffee Hour Host

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984) was a German composer and organist, who also taught conducting and composition at the University of Cologne and Bonn University during the course of his career. He was particularly interested in breaking what he saw as the hold of Romantic music in the Catholic Church, and introducing more 20th century harmonic language into its music. The three preludes which comprise this morning's prelude come from his set of six *Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi, Op. 9*.

The Covenant Singers' anthem is a paraphrase of Psalm 47, with text by Gracia Grindal, Professor of Rhetoric at Luther Seminary. The music, which has something of an "island" feel, was composed by Bradley Ellingboe (b. 1958), a graduate of St. Olaf College and the Eastman School of Music. He served for thirty years on the faculty of the University of New Mexico.

Carson Cooman (b. 1982) is a Rochester native (and grandson of Third Church member Dot Wallace) who is on the staff of The Memorial Church at Harvard University as Composer-in-Residence. He has hundreds of compositions to his credit in all genres, from solo instrumental works, to full operas and oratorios. He also champions new compositions for the organ, as a performer throughout the country. "Be Joyful in God" (Opus 664) was written for the choir of Battell Chapel at Yale University.

Stephen Caracciolo (b. 1962) splits his time as a choral conductor of the Lancaster Chorale in central Ohio, as a faculty member of the University of Maryland Baltimore County, and as a professional bass in the choir of the Washington National Cathedral. For his anthem, "Jesus, I Adore Thee," he has set a 13th century plainchant with timeless words by Thomas Aquinas, also from the 13th century.

Today's postlude comes from a series of hymn improvisations by Paul Manz (1919-2009), who was an icon of Lutheran church music through much of the 20th century. He was one of the relatively few organists of his time who kept the art of hymn improvisation alive in America, before a resurgence in the study of improvisation in recent years. His "Prelude on 'God of Grace'" not only incorporates the familiar hymn tune CWM RHONDDA, but echoes another familiar melody by Handel that you may recognize!



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Seminar

Sunday, October 15, 9:30am, Johnston Hall
"Championing What Works: The Children's Agenda," led by Larry Marx, Children's Agenda Chief Executive Officer.

Next Sunday, October 22: "Paving the Path of Authenticity," led by the More Light Committee.

Growing in the Word

Sunday, October 15, 9:30am, Parlor
"Would-be Disciples and a Lesson about Discipleship," Matthew 8:18-27; 15:21-28, led by Martha Langford.

Next Sunday, October 22: "Peter's confession and Jesus' Passion, Matthew 16:13-28," led by Dianna Dauntton.

Exploring Membership Luncheon TODAY

Johnston Hall, 12:00pm

This is a time to meet members, other newcomers and staff. It is an opportunity to share your story and explore ways to connect with the people here.

Those who wish to become members of Third Church can choose to attend a New Member Gathering immediately following the luncheon from 1:30pm to 2:30pm, or at an alternate time if schedule conflicts arise. Child care is available.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Lynette Sparks (271-6537, ext. 106 or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org).

ROC SALT Mission Center Open House TODAY

All are invited to an open house at 68 Ashland Avenue at Averill today from 2:00 to 4:00pm. You'll have a chance to see the historic building and hear plans for future mission use.

Thursday Voices

Thursday, October 19, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

"My friends are praying for me. Does God care?" written Jeffrey Weiss and "When the world spins a crazy prayer," written by Walter Brueggemann, led by John Wilkinson.

RAIHN Open House

Thursday, October 19, 5:30pm-7:00pm
142 Webster Ave., Rochester

Join us for a tour of RAIHN's new Day Center!

Meals With a Meaning



Saturday, October 21

What better way to deepen our church family connections! "Meals with a Meaning" is an evening of dinners around town

in members' homes that also helps support the church's operating budget. In past years, this event has raised over \$8,000.00 annually. There is no set cost for the event. Instead, each guest is asked to consider what he or she would spend on a typical evening out to dinner. We have a number of hosts who are excited to welcome you to their homes (we have gatherings large and small, gatherings of neighbors, singles, even a home for members with gluten sensitivities!)—now it's your turn; mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 21**. For more information, contact Beth Aten (bethfa@rochester.rr.com) or Hope Herting (mhherting@yahoo.com).

Anti-Racism Training

Saturday, October 21

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley will be holding anti-racism training on Saturday, October 21.

For more information on this important event, visit <https://pbygenval.org/events/introduction-systemic-racism/> or call 242-0080.

Guest Preacher Next Sunday

Our guest preacher next Sunday October 22 at the 10:45 am service will be Barbara Wheeler, distinguished church leader and former president of Auburn Theological Seminary. As part of our 190th anniversary celebrations, liturgy and music will reflect our nineteenth century worship practices.

Children's Sabbath Next Sunday

At worship next Sunday October 22, you will be offered the opportunity to sign advocacy letters based on the needs of at-risk children in our communities. Visit www.thechildrensagenda.org to learn more.

John Wilkinson Preaching at Choral Evensong in Pittsford

Sunday, October 22, 5:00pm
Christ Church Pittsford
36 South Main St., Pittsford

Join us for a contemplative offering of Choral Evensong featuring John Wilkinson as guest preacher.

Works include Christopher Tye's "Give Almes of Thy Goods," C.V. Stanford's setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C, Edgar Bainton's "And I Saw a New Heaven," and Responses by William Smith.

Great Schools Are Diverse Schools: An Evening with Nikole Hannah-Jones

Nikole Hannah-Jones, a nationally recognized investigative journalist who covers civil rights for The New York Times Magazine, provides a compelling case for school diversity, and has decades of experience studying segregation in education to back it up. Our city and suburban districts are considering plans to form socioeconomically diverse schools.

This public event is an important milestone in an ongoing conversation on how we can dramatically restructure education in our community so it works for all students. Please join us on Thursday, October 26 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

You are invited to a worship service commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on Sunday, October 29 at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. This service will feature prayers, hymns, a sermon and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This will be an ecumenical joint service with Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word, Trinity Reformed Church and Henrietta United Church of Christ, including a combined choir.

Junior Choir CDs Available!

The Junior Choir's latest CD, "So it is with the Spirit," is available! Contact Mary Ann Rutkowski to order (mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org, 271-6537 ext. 101). Cost is \$12/CD, which supports future Children's Music programming and events, including our upcoming Children's musical.

Grocery Run Registration T-Shirt Deadline Today



Register for the Grocery Run today in coffee hour and get your really cool t-shirt on the spot. Or register online at www.groceryrun.org and receive your t-shirt at packet pickup. Church members can use the discount code 4 Meigs when registering online.

Must register by midnight tonight to receive a tshirt!

Volunteers are needed on race day to greet, direct people to parking lots, answer questions, serve snacks at the after party, hand out water bottles, keep runners safe on the course, etc. If you're willing to help, we have a job for you!

Contact Becky Picone at becky.picone@gmail.com and let her know how you can help. All volunteers should plan to meet after church on October 29th for a quick briefing of duties, and to get your volunteer shirt, if needed. Thank you!

Become a Volunteer Tutor Today

Do you have two hours a week to help a RCSD student? Becoming a volunteer tutor is a rewarding way to work directly with the youth of Rochester. Opportunities are available at either School #3, School #35 or East High School and you can choose the age group and the subject matter you'd like to work with. Schedules are flexible.

For more information on School #3 and East High, contact Deb Bishop at 267-9939 or dabishop@rochester.rr.com.

For more information about tutoring at School #35, contact Ike Neilson at 281-0017 or Neilson1118@me.com.

Worship Recordings and Sermon Availability

Did you know that Sunday sermons and anthems can be listened to again via the church website?

Visit www.thirdpresbyterian.org, click on "Worship," then select "Sermons and Order of Worship" from the drop down menu.

Sermons are also available for viewing on the website; printed versions are available at several locations in the church.

Find Us on Twitter and Instagram!

In addition to Facebook, Third Church is also on Twitter and Instagram at handle [@ThirdChurchROC](https://twitter.com/ThirdChurchROC). Join the conversation!

Chime and Bell Tower Update

Thanks to those of you who have already responded to our campaign to restore and renovate the Copeland Memorial Chime and Bell Tower. We are grateful for your response.

Several have asked if you may make a gift in honor of or in memory of someone. Yes!

Simply note on your form that information (please write legibly).

Given in memory of _____.

Given in honor of _____.

We will publish this list in a future Messenger and other locations. Again, the amount of the gift will not be shared publicly.

Thank you for your support. Please be in touch with Carol Foster at 271-6537, ext. 111 if you have any questions.

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