



“Protestantism affirms that the church *must* be shaken, judged, purged, and re-made. It cannot be renewed once. Its life must be a life of constant renewal.”

Robert McAfee Brown
The Spirit of Protestantism

The Worship of God
The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday

October 29, 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.

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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 sixth 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 on December 10 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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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.*

PRELUDE “Chorale Prelude on ‘Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott’” BuxWV 184
(A mighty fortress is our God) Dietrich Buxtehude

INTROIT “Jubilate!” Michael Bedford
Junior Choir

Jubilate! Jubilate Deo, omnes terra!

O be joyful, all you nations, O be joyful in the Lord;

serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence with a song.

Jubilate!...

Enter now his gates with thanksgiving, go into his courts with praise.

O be thankful, O be thankful, call upon the Name of the Lord.

Jubilate!...

***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 90

LEADER: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

PEOPLE: **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

LEADER: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

PEOPLE: **Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

***HYMN 687** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” ST. ANNE

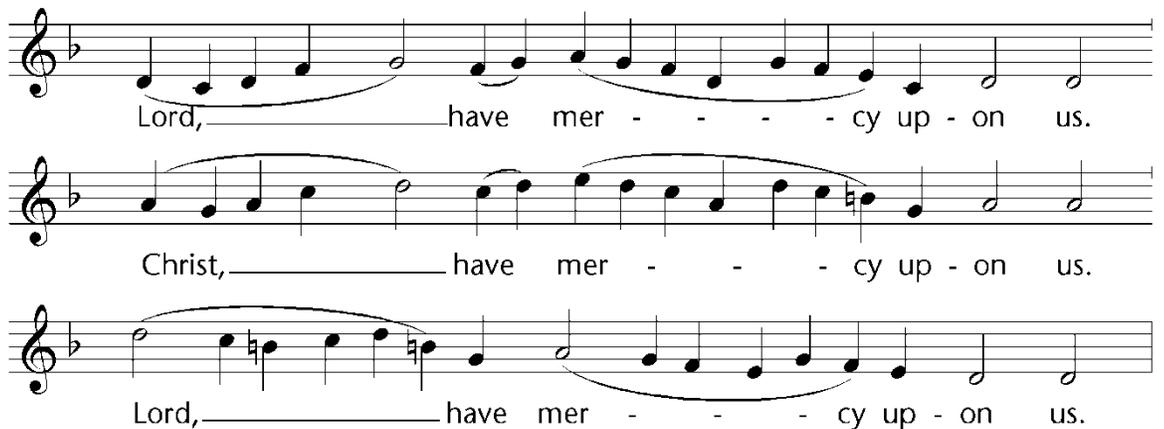
PRAYER of CONFESSION

Book of Common Order, Church of Scotland

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness; yet you are slow to be angry with your children. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, do not hold our sins against us, but in your tender love, forgive. 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.

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

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 sixth 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.

FOCUS on MISSION

Christmas Baskets

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Pew Bible, OT page 191

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Praise Ye the Lord"

Hugo Distler

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; Praise him, my soul, for he is thy strength and salvation. Sing for his sake! Psaltery and harp awake! Sound forth in glad adoration.

Praise ye the Lord who doth guide and defend thee; Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee; Ponder anew What the Almighty can do, Who with his love doth befriend thee.

- text by Joachim Neander, trans. Catherine Winkworth

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “The Stewardship of Story: Reformation 500” John Wilkinson

*HYMN 395 “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” LIEBSTER JESU

*LITANY FOR THE CHURCH based on the Presbyterian Book of Confessions

LEADER: We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom alone we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. (*Scots Confession, 1560*)

PEOPLE: **Our only comfort in life and in death is that we belong – body and soul – not to ourselves, but to our faithful savior Jesus Christ.** (*The Heidelberg Catechism, 1562*)

LEADER: The church is the assembly of the faithful, a communion of all saints, citizens of the one commonwealth, the one city, in the fellowship of all good things. (*Second Helvetic Confession, 1561*)

PEOPLE: **As the saints of God, we are united to one another in love and have communion in each other’s gifts and graces.** (*Westminster Confession of Faith, 1647*)

LEADER: The church’s commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ’s stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work. (*Theological Declaration of Barmen, 1934*)

PEOPLE: **God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.** (*Confession of Belhar, 1986*)

LEADER: Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. (*The Confession of 1967*)

PEOPLE: **In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing.** (*Brief Statement of Faith, 1988*)

LEADER: With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. (*The Confession of 1967*)

ALL: May we, the church of Jesus Christ, reformed and always being reformed, be joyful in our worship, be generous in our giving, be abundant in our caring, be courageous in our proclamation, for the sake of the world God loves so much and for the sake of the church entrusted to our care. 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

"On God and Not On Human Trust"

Johann Pachelbel

On God, and not on human trust, My earthly stand I've taken; On Him who made me out of dust I build with faith unshaken; I trust His hands Who understands, For all that He bestoweth Is good, as He best knoweth.

I know that as in night and day God's purposes are vested; My heart his wishes must obey, Through pain and joy be tested; My good is meant By each intent, By all my Father's doing My weal He is pursuing.

- Christian F. Gellert (1715-1769)

*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: **O God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, we thank you that we may be together to hear your word of life and hope. We are all equal before you. You know our life in its deepest recesses. You have not forgotten us; you love us, and again and again you fill the empty hands which we stretch out towards you. Through the suffering and death of your Son Jesus Christ, you took our darkness and fear upon yourself in order that we might know light and joy. Amen.** *Waldensian (Italian Reformed) Liturgy, twentieth century*

*HYMN 275 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Reformation Fantaisie on Martin Luther's Choral:
'Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott'"

Wilhelm Rudnick

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Betty Pearson Taggart and Lynne Taggart Young.

The memorial prayer candle is lit with gratitude for the Third Graders receiving Bibles this morning.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

John Wilkinson.....	Preacher
Martha C. Langford, Ernest F. Krug, Rob White	Liturgists
Mary Ann Rutkowski	Associate Director of Music
Caroline J. Robinson	Assistant Organist
Evelyn Bishop, Cory Elder.....	Acolytes
Camille Clayton, Clive Daunton, Ruth Rossi, Jack Salzer, Tim Stout	Greeters
The Church Ladies	Coffee Hour Host

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Both of today's organ voluntaries are based on the hymn most closely associated with the Reformation: "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" (A Mighty Fortress is our God). Martin Luther, a prolific hymnodist and talented musician, wrote this tune and text between 1527-29 and is said to have sung the hymn during protests and marches with his companions.

In his chorale prelude on "Ein feste Burg," Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707) features the tune in a highly ornamented fashion in the right hand. The left hand and pedal accompany with figuration that sometimes imitates or anticipates the tune.

Berlin-educated Polish composer and organist Wilhelm Rudnick (1850-1927) may have fallen into the shadows of nineteenth-century organ composition, but his bombastic and festive fantasy on the Reformation tune appropriately reflect the triumphant nature of today's celebration. The melody features mainly in the middle voices and pedal with brassy chords punctuating above and around it. A short fugal (imitative) section comes just before then end, in which surprising harmonic shifts herald the victorious return to C major.

On this Sunday celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the choir is singing anthems with direct ties to that tradition. The first anthem, *Praise Ye the Lord*, is based on the hymn of that name (#35 in Glory to God). The words are by 17th century German Reformed theologian and hymn writer Joachim Neander, one of the first great hymn writers following the Reformation. Interestingly, the Neanderthal valley in Germany was named in his honor in the early 19th century, before becoming famous with the 1856 discovery of the Neanderthal Man. Hugo Distler (1908-1942) was a fine 20th century organist, choral conductor and composer, writing in the neo-classic style, and based this anthem on the tune LOBE DEN HERREN. Distler was forced into joining the Nazi party in 1933 in order to keep his job, and by 1942 could no longer reconcile serving both God and the Nazi party, tragically taking his own life.

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706), in the generation before J. S. Bach, was prolific in his musical settings of Psalms and hymn texts of the Lutheran Reformation. He was an influential organist and composer in southern Germany at that time, bringing southern German organ music to a new level of development, building on traditions from both northern German, and from Italy. The anthem, *On God and Not on Human Trust*, pairs music of Pachelbel with a text written a short time after Pachelbel's life, by Christian Gellert, which espouses solid Reformation theology.



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Seminar

Sunday, October 29 9:30am, Johnston Hall
"Paving the Path for Authenticity," led by the More Light Committee.

Next Sunday, November 5: "Running to End Hunger," led by Kerrie Merz and the Grocery Run Team.

Growing in the Word

Sunday, October 29, 9:30am, Parlor
"Rewards and Grace, Matthew 19:27-20:16," led by Paul Gongloff.

Next Sunday, November 5: "The Parable of the King's Wedding Banquet, Matthew 22:1-14," led by Martha Langford.

Thursday Voices

Thursday, November 2, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

"Gratitude: A Reflection," written by Eric Simpson, led by Martha Langford.

In November, as part of the Year of Stewardship, we will explore the gift of gratitude.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation Today

Sunday, October 29, 3:00pm, Sanctuary

All are invited to a worship service commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. 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.

Living Waters Worship

Monday, October 30, 7:00pm, Chapel

Join us for this service of worship focusing on All Saints, where we will remember Third Church members who have died in the past year and any and all loved ones who have gone before us. All are welcome for this meaningful service.

Get Fit, Fight Hunger November 4



Excitement is building for the eighth annual East Avenue Grocery Run on November 4! Join us for a fun and personally rewarding day to benefit our Dining Room Ministry and Food Cupboard and other food pantries around Rochester.

There's still time to register online at www.groceryrun.org and www.runsignup.com. You may also register in person at Fleet Feet Sports through Friday November 3 at 7:00pm and race day morning here at church beginning at 7:00am. Bib and t-shirt pickup for registered participants will be November 2 and 3 at Fleet Feet Sports, 155 Culver Road from 11:00am - 7:00pm and Saturday morning at church.

If you've signed up to volunteer, please meet this morning after the 10:45am service in the cloister. You'll get information about your assignment and a t-shirt if you need one.

Please consider making a donation in support of your favorite runner, walker or food program (including the Third Church Staff Team) at www.crowdrise.com/groceryrun2017. 100% of your donation will feed hungry people here in Rochester.

Informal Recital of Vocal Duets

Sunday, November 5

An informal recital of vocal duets will be offered following 10:45 worship on Sunday, November 5 in the Chapel. The program will feature former Third Church soprano soloist Paige Kiefner, and current Alto II soloist Caroline Nielson in a program of famous duets from opera and oratorio repertoire. This 30-40 minute recital will begin at 12:30pm. All are welcome!

Stewardship Forum

Sunday, November 12, 12:00pm

This fall, the Stewardship Committee has engaged in a pilot project, visiting a sample of church members for conversation. Though stewardship is the calling card, the conversations have really been about connecting and relationship-building. We've also shared information about Third Church's financial needs. Thanks to all who have made visits and thanks to all who have received visitors.

With Stewardship Sunday approaching on December 3 (see the "in Touch" stewardship insert for more information), the Stewardship Committee invites all to attend a forum on Sunday, November 12. We will spend some time sharing stories, and then together will explore financial information and how you fit in. Susan Rupp and John Wilkinson will lead this forum, and we hope any and all will consider attending.

Special Music and Concert for Reconciliation

Sunday, November 12

On Sunday, November 12 the Chancel Choir will present two special musical offerings. First, in the 10:45 worship service, they'll offer Morten Lauridsen's sublime and transcendent work, "Lux Aeterna" accompanied by orchestra. This piece, which explores the spiritual significance of Light, in this life, and the next, has become something of a modern classic.

Then, in the evening, at 7:30pm, invite your friends to join you as the Chancel Choir and orchestra will present a full CONCERT for RECONCILIATION. The featured work for the concert will be another 20th century classic choral work, "The Peaceable Kingdom" by

Randall Thompson. Inspired by Edward Hicks' numerous portrayals of the Lion and Lamb dwelling together in harmony, this unaccompanied choral work musically sets vivid and dramatic texts from the prophecies of Isaiah to point us toward reconciliation. The second portion of the program will include a repeat performance of Morten Lauridsen's "Lux Aeterna," offering a second chance to bask in the beauty of this music.

Both events are free, with special music offerings being received to help support the expenses for both the morning and evening performances. Significant financial support for these events is also being provided by the Lois V. Parker Special Music Fund, and the Janet S. and David B. Reed Fund.

Boar's Head Casting – Sign Up Now!

Casting for the Boar's Head Festival in January is underway, and we need LOTS of people of all ages to participate! See the October Messenger either in print or online for a complete list of roles. And remember, previous stage experience is NOT necessary! Contact Peter DuBois (pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 109) to let him know of your interest, or if you have questions.

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. Thank you for your support!

Art and Enrichment at Cameron

Arts and Enrichment is plugging in to the Cameron Community Ministries afterschool tutoring program by providing two hours of arts instruction programming per week. It creates accessibility and new artistic growth experiences at no charge.

The Fall Session began the week of October 9 and will continue through December 15 and includes such classes as "Songwriting" with Fatima Razic, "Steel Pan" with Alfred St. John and "Wearable Art" with Frances Hare.

Stay tuned for further updates about the children and a possible December performance date at Cameron!

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.

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