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“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as you can.”

John Wesley

The Worship of God

The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 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: There is no Church School today. School age children are invited to sit with their families to participate in the Youth Led worship service.

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 “Simple Gifts” adapted by Syndey Carter
(piano and organ) arr. Joel Raney
Scott Stratton-Smith, *piano*
Peter DuBois, *organ*

*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

LEADER: God’s power is real and is expressed in the unique gifts given to each one of us. We are blessed with the ability to help one another grow in love, acceptance and peace.

PEOPLE: **And God calls us all.**

LEADER: God graces our minds and hearts with the wisdom and understanding to discern the purpose of our gifts.

PEOPLE: **And God trusts us all.**

LEADER: We offer what we have to give: our talents and our imperfections, our faith and our doubts, our hope and our hands.

PEOPLE: **And God loves us all. Let us worship God.**

*HYMN 708 “We Give Thee but Thine Own” SCHUMANN

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Dear God, please forgive us for not using our talents and gifts the way you planned. You have given us unique gifts, but sometimes we do not appreciate them in ourselves or others.

You've given us abilities to help change the world, yet we ignore your call. We try to be something we are not. Please show us our own way and not walk in someone else's path. 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 rejoin their families to participate in today's worship service. The nursery on the middle level of the education building is available for children age 3 and younger.

BELL ANTHEM "Enduring Gladness"

Ron Mallory
Junior High Bells

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.

GREETINGS

David Staniunas, Presbyterian Historical Society

GOSPEL LESSON — Matthew 25:14-30

Pew Bible, NT page 28

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“All Earth Rejoice With a Gladsome Voice”

Antonio Vivaldi
arr. Hal Hopson
The Covenant Singers

All earth rejoice with a gladsome voice; now sing we alleluia.

Praise the Lord. Rejoice and sing.

Sing alleluia, sing, O praise the Lord.

Sound the trumpet; sound the harp. Praise the Lord.

EPISTLE LESSON — I Corinthians 12:1-11

Pew Bible, NT page 174

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

“Stewardship of Talents and Gifts”

Jonathan Lutzer
Alex Bishop
Audrey Vinton
Greg Monrad, Jr.

*HYMN 716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

BEACH SPRING

*AFFIRMATION of FAITH

LEADER: It is through the gifts of God that we are made to be God’s church; we are united with God, and united with one another.

PEOPLE: **And as the church, and with these gifts, we become Christ’s hands in the world.**

LEADER: The gifts we receive from God are often complex and misunderstood.

PEOPLE: **But we are certain that each of us receives gifts from God. Everyone participates, everyone gets in on it, and everyone benefits.**

LEADER: The gifts from God are like tools in a tool box. If they remain in the box, they are not useful. But when we bring them out, we can use these gifts to build, repair, uplift, and renew.

PEOPLE: **Each of us is unique. We are given a variety of gifts, and the variety is indeed wonderful. Our unique talents are meant to be shared with others.**

LEADER: Being given gifts from God does not make us puppets in a puppet show, or figures in a doll house.

PEOPLE: **God does not direct all of our actions, or manipulate the ways we use our gifts.**

LEADER: Indeed, God stays behind the scenes. The Spirit of God provides us with gifts, and sends us into the world...

ALL: **And it is up to us to use these gifts to help, heal, understand, and proclaim. 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

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

Allen Pote

The Covenant Singers

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice. Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice. O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above. In our differences unite us in the circle of your love. O God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.

Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands. O God, remind us...

Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow. Give us life, Lord, make us whole.

- Allen Pote

*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: **We are thankful for the many gifts you provide us. We thank you for the gifts of our families, friends and teachers who guide us through our lives. We are grateful for the gifts that bring us joy including love, music, freedom and the beauty of nature. Help us to share our own gifts with others as you have shared with us. Amen.**

*HYMN 697 "Take My Life"

HENDON

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

LEADER: We are called to use our gifts to share God's love.

PEOPLE: **We will make stewardship a habit.**

LEADER: We will stay in touch with each other.

PEOPLE: **We will communicate.**

LEADER: We will keep the peace in the family.

PEOPLE: **We will practice forgiveness.**

LEADER: We will do something for others.

PEOPLE: We will practice justice.

LEADER: We will listen to each other.

ALL: We will respect each other's differences. Amen.

This Charge and Benediction is inspired by Lucille "Cile" Rice, a longtime member who died on August 11, 2017. She left these words of encouragement to her sons, and with their blessing we share them with you.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

RANDOLPH

**God be with you 'til we meet again;
Loving counsels guide uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you,
God be with you 'til we meet again.**

***GREETING**

POSTLUDE

"Allegro"

J.S. Bach

(from Concerto in G, BWV 592)

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Harry and Peachy Grace.

The memorial prayer candle is lit in recognition of Transgender Remembrance Day, as we pray and work for an end to transgender violence.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Youth of Third Church.....Leaders
John Wilkinson.....Liturgist
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
Scott Stratton-SmithCovenant Singers Accompanist
Erin Colaluca, Natalie Vinton..... Acolytes
Camille Clayton, Kirsten Elting, Jeff Morrison,
Peg Rachfal, Kelly Thevenet-Morrison..... Greeters
Dining Room Ministry.....Coffee Hour Host

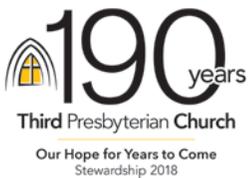


MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Led Worship TODAY

Youth will be leading the 10:45 worship service today. Our theme is "Stewardship of Talents and Gifts."

Stewardship Sunday is December 3



You will receive this coming week a mailing from the Stewardship Committee. Included in that mailing will be a pledge card, plus lots of

information about our financial picture. Please consider all of this information prayerfully. Our goal – to increase our response by 50 pledges and \$100,000 — is ambitious. That's because our ministry is growing and thriving as we increase our capacity to nurture all ages within our congregation, to offer outstanding music and worship, to serve more and more through our outreach programs, all the while tending our facilities and fairly compensating our staff.

In this Year of Stewardship, as we celebrate our 190 years of ministry, we stand in a long line of faithful forbears. Now it's our turn to respond in faith from all that God has given us as we support our ministry now and launch it into the future.

As we pause this week to give thanks, take a moment to express your gratitude for your connections to Third Church, and for the many ways we are called to serve.

Gratefully,

The Stewardship Committee

Presbyterian Historical Society

This morning, at the 10:45 service, we will receive greetings from David Staniunas, Records Archivist from the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia. Welcome, David!

Sunday Seminar

Sunday, November 19 9:30am, Johnston Hall
"Seasonal Paraments: Art Illuminating Faith," led by Jeanette Olsen.

Next Sunday, November 26: Joint session with Growing in the Word, "The Lord's Prayer," led by Ernest Krug.

Growing in the Word

Sunday, November 19, 9:30am, Parlor
"Jesus' Death and Resurrection, Matthew 27:27-28:20," led by Dianna Daunton.

Next Sunday, November 26: Joint session with Sunday Seminar, "The Lord's Prayer," led by Ernest Krug in Johnston Hall.

Monday Night Yoga

Monday, November 20, 6:30pm, Johnston Hall

Join us for this free class!

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.

Today is the last day to respond!

Nativity Service Sign-Up

Attention all youth, grades 7-12 - the sign-up for participation in this year's Nativity service is here!

Check the YOUth Weebly website for a link in the November YOUth newsletter.

The deadline for sign ups is Sunday, December 3. Please contact Mary Ann Rutkowski (mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org) with any questions.

Immediate Food Cupboard Staffing Needs

We are in immediate need of several volunteers to manage the Food Cupboard stockroom.

-Stockroom manager: 3 hours every Tuesday afternoon plus 1 hour on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday

-Foodlink Shopper: a few hours every Tuesday

-Shopper for last minute perishables: a few hours every Wednesday for Thursday needs, and every Friday or Saturday morning for Monday needs.

For more details, contact Lynette Sparks, lspark@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 106.

Christmas Basket Ministry

Please stop by the Christmas Basket ministry table following worship to sign up to prepare and deliver a Food Basket to a family in need from Schools #3 and #35 and graduates of the RAIHN Program.

Donations will also be accepted for the purchase of Tops Gift Cards that will be included with each food basket delivery.

As in years past, we will also be collecting winter hats, mittens, socks and underwear for the children at each of the schools as well as RAIHN.

Should you have questions feel free to contact Sheila Elliott at 750-0611.

Our Current RAIHN Rotation – Critical Need

Today we welcome RAIHN families who will be our overnight guests all week in the Education Building.

WE ARE IN CRITICAL NEED of 3 overnights to team with tenured volunteers (3 nights), help with hosting breakfast on Friday, hosting and help with pizza lunch on Sunday

November 26 and help with takedown on Sunday afternoon.

Can you help? You (and a friend, perhaps?) can be paired with an experienced volunteer.

Please go to www.thirdpresbyterian.org/raihn to see the details and to sign up.

We are grateful for your taking on this life-changing mission. And to all those who have already signed up, thank you for sharing your holiday week with our families.

Transgender Day of Remembrance

Monday, November 20, 5:30pm

Trillium Health

259 Monroe Ave., Rochester

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. Anti-trans violence continues at a horrifying rate, particularly violence against transgender women of color. We are invited to lift our voices to speak against this violence and to speak Christ's love for us all. The violence comes close as this year marks the death of KASHMIRE NAZIER REDD, age 28 of Rochester.

Third Church is one of the sponsoring organizations for a city-wide MEMORIAL CEREMONY that will take place at 5:30pm on November 20 at Trillium Health. There will also be a REMEMBRANCE GATHERING at Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park (353 Court Street, Rochester) at 2:00pm today.

In 2017, we remember:

Mesha Caldwell, age 41, Canton MS

Sean Hake, age 23, Sharon, Pennsylvania,

Jamie Lee Wounded Arrow, age 28, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

JoJo Striker, age 23, Toledo, Ohio

Tiara Richmond, also known as Keke Collier, age 24, Chicago, Illinois

Chyna Gibson, age 31, New Orleans, Louisiana

Ciara McElveen, age 26, New Orleans, Louisiana

Jaquarius Holland, age 18, Monroe, Louisiana

Alphonza Watson, age 38, Baltimore, Maryland

Chay Reed, age 28, Miami, Florida

Kenneth Bostick, age 59, Manhattan, New York

Sherrell Faulkner, age 46, Charlotte, North Carolina

Kenne McFadden, age 27, San Antonio, Texas

Kendra Marie Adam, age 28, Ithaca, New York

Ava Le'Ray Barrin, age 17, Athens, Georgia

Ebony Morgan, age 28, Lynchburg, Virginia

TeeTee Dangerfield, age 32, Atlanta, Georgia

Gwynevere River Song, age 26, Waxahachie, Texas

Kiwi Herring, age 30, St Louis, Missouri

Kashmire Nazier Redd, age 28, Rochester, New York
Derricka Banner, age 26, Charlotte, North Carolina
Scout Schultz, age 21, Atlanta, Georgia
Ally Steinfeld, age 17, Cabool, Missouri
Stephanie Montez, age 47, Robstown, Texas.
Candace Towns, age 30, Macon, Georgia

143rd Annual Union Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 23, 10:00am
Thanksgiving Day
First Unitarian Church
220 Winton Road, Rochester

The Rochester Union Thanksgiving Service is an interfaith service with a long history in Rochester. This service brings people of all faith traditions together in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Please note the time for this service is 10:00am, not 11:00am as previously published in the November *Messenger*.

Thursday Voices

Thursday, November 30, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

"In the Holiday Spirit: Giving, Gratitude and Grace," written by Deepak Chopra, led by Ernest Krug.

Riverside Neighbors Book Discussion

Thursday, November 30, 7:00pm
Gates Presbyterian Church

Join members of our partner Presbyterian churches in the Riverside Neighbors for a discussion of Bryan Stevenson's *Just Mercy*. Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. All are welcome to join us.

Shop and Dine for RAIHN

Tuesday, December 5, 5:00-9:00pm
Pittsford Plaza

Dine at Benucci's Italian Ristorante and mention you are dining for RAIHN to have 20% of your check donated (reservations are suggested, 264-1300).

Shop at One World Goods that same evening and a portion of your purchase price will be donated to RAIHN.

Christmas Decorating

We will be decorating the church on **Saturday, December 9 at 10:00am**.

If you would like to join in, please contact Maryjane Link, at maryjanelink@gmail.com.

Third Church Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 9, 12:00pm – 3:00pm

It is a season for storytelling; after all, the gospels began as shared stories. Resurrection has always been the story's finale, but each gospel has a unique take on the beginning. Hear the story of Advent unfold as we shape and share our stories and the seasonal stories of Third Church. Work with Jeanne Fisher, Vice President for Radio at WXXI, and Robin Flanigan, freelance journalist, as they lead us in the art of storytelling.

To reserve your place at this retreat, contact Martha Langford, mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537 ext. 108) by December 6.

Living Waters: Longest Night Service

Monday, December 18, 7:00pm, Chapel

All are invited to a "Longest Night" observance in this Advent Season. Also known 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, the Christmas season is one where loneliness and sorrow mingle with joy and peace. Surrounded by the community of hope, we will lift our prayers and our mixed emotions in worship of God, whose Son is "risen with healing in his wings."

Bell Tower and Chime Renovation Update

Thanks to the more than 140 individuals and families who have responded to our bell tower and chime renovation campaign. We are pleased to report that we have received nearly \$78,000 in gifts and pledges. That, coupled with nearly \$112,000 previously raised, means that we have reached our goal!

It's still not too late to give, as we are seeking to build a small contingency fund into the work. Send your gift or pledge to the church and indicate if it is in memory or honor of someone.

