



Hope is being able to see that there is light
despite all of the darkness.

Desmond Tutu

**The Worship of God
First Sunday of Advent**

December 3, 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 fourth and fifth 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 next Sunday, 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 “Nun komm der Heiden Heiland” BWV 659 J.S. Bach
(Savior of the Nations, Come – *based on Hymn 102*)

INTROIT “Come to Us, Emmanuel” Carol McClure
Junior Choir

Come to us, Emmanuel, Christ whose joy we now await,
Whose birth the prophets did fortell,
Come to us we pray, Come to us we pray.

LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH The Ormaechea and Jones families

LEADER: As we light the first Advent candle, we remember that Paul thanked God for the gift of grace.

PEOPLE: **“I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him...”**

LEADER: Paul assures us that “we are not lacking in any spiritual gift...”

PEOPLE: **As we wait for the coming of the Christ child, our faith is strengthened for the journey.**

LEADER: We thank God for the gift of grace.

PEOPLE: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

RESPONSE “Wait for the Lord”

(sing three times)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

PRAYER of CONFESSION

God of eternity, when the voice of the prophet was silent and the faith of your people low; when darkness had obscured light and indifference displaced zeal: you saw that the time was right, and prepared to send your Son. Give us hope. Set us free from fear and faithlessness that we may be ready to welcome him who comes as Savior and Lord. 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

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Michael Bedford
Junior Choir

Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord! Hosanna,
Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes! Prepare the way of the Lord!
Make straight a path for the Lord! Make straight a path for the Lord!
Hosanna, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes! Make straight a path for
the Lord!

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and save your people Israel; O come, O
come, Emmanuel, and save your people Israel. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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 fourth
and fifth 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 STEWARDSHIP

Susan Rupp

ANTHEM

“E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him Who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood That we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord. The Lord, Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come; Sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more; They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

- adapted from Revelation 22 by Ruth Manz

EPISTLE LESSON — Romans 15:4-6

Pew Bible, NT page 163

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Our Hope for Years to Come”

John Wilkinson

HYMNS 708

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

SCHUMANN

717

“For the Life That You Have Given”

PLEADING SAVIOR

During the singing of the hymns, you are invited to bring your pledge cards forward. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. We will conclude with hymn 687.

*HYMN 687

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

*AFFIRMATION of FAITH

from “A Statement of Christian Faith,” Church of Scotland, 1992

We proclaim Jesus Christ, God the Son: Born of Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became one of us, sharing our life and our death. He made known God's compassion and mercy, giving hope and declaring forgiveness of sin, offering healing and wholeness to all. By his death on the cross and by his resurrection he has triumphed over evil. Jesus is Lord of life and of all creation.

PRESENTATION of OFFERINGS

In addition to our regular offering, today we receive a special offering for the Pastors' Emergency Fund, which is used to help those who come to us in financial distress. The fund primarily offers assistance to individuals who have received rental eviction notices or utility shut-off notices. It also provides a small amount of transportation assistance for individuals to get to work. The needs are always greater than available funds. Please be generous as you are able. Envelopes are in the pew racks.

ANTHEM

"Salvation Is Created"

Pavel Tschesnokoff

Salvation is created in midst of the earth, O God. Alleluia.

*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

*THE SACRAMENT of THE LORD'S SUPPER

This morning, communion will be served in the pews. All bread is gluten free. As you pass the tray to the person next to you, please say the person's name (if you know it) and as you pass the bread, please say, "Christ's body for you" or "the bread of life for you." As the juice is served, please say "Christ's blood for you" or "the cup of salvation for you."

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*GREAT 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.**

LEADER: It is truly right to give you thanks and praise...

(organ intro)

Ho - - - ly, ho - - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow-er and might, Heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est! (organ)

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Creator of the Stars of Night"

Plainchant

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Our God our help in ages past and our hope for years to come: welcomed by Christ, we thank you for bread and cup shared in community. Grateful for this meal, we ask you to bless what we have offered this day. Send us now into the world as your hope-filled servants, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN 82 **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

HYFRYDOL

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Hugh H. Whitney from his wife, Jean, and their children, Grant and Julia.

The memorial prayer candle is lit in memory of those killed in mosque bombings in Egypt and Nigeria.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

John Wilkinson..... Preacher
 Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks, Jeremy Peters..... Liturgists
 Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
 Mary Ann Rutkowski..... Associate Director of Music
 Steve Apt, Bonnie DeHollander,
 Alice Fishbeck, Ann Haag, Jack Salzer Greeters
 Griff Vinton, Betsy Vinton, Roxanne Boyer, Jim Boyer
 Jobin Philip, Mary Mathews, Stephen Zuegel..... Ushers

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

On this first Sunday of Advent, the music for the service takes on a somewhat subdued and reflective tone of anticipation. Perhaps one of the most evocative pieces that helps understand that sense of hope and expectation amidst the darkness of the season, is the chorale prelude on *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 659 by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). The melody of the hymn (found in *Glory to God* at #102) is itself an adaptation of a plainchant. In this prelude, a slowly-unfolding accompaniment hints at the chorale tune, supporting a highly ornamented treatment of the melody above. It is one of Bach's most introspective and expressive chorale preludes.

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come is probably the best-known choral work by American composer Paul Manz (1919-2009). Manz was a leading Lutheran church musician, composer, and performer through much of the 20th century, serving as Cantor (Director of Music) at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis and Professor of Music at Concordia University in St. Paul. The text, written by his wife Ruth in 1954, is based on Revelation 22, and provides a glimmer of expectation in the darkness of Advent, even as the music moves from B-flat minor to D-flat major.

Pavel Tschesnokoff (1877-1944) was a prolific composer of music for the Orthodox Church, with over 400 choral works specifically written for the Church. He was involved in a movement whose aim was to restore the glories of ancient tunes to contemporary Orthodox music. *Salvation is Created* is a Communion hymn traditionally sung in Friday services, and is based on Psalm 74:12, with a text also appropriate for Advent.

Eugène Gigout (1844-1925) wrote the *Toccatà in B minor* as one of a set of ten pieces in 1890. Gigout, who was a student of Camille Saint-Saëns, served for sixty-two years as organist of the Church of St. Augustin in Paris. He was known as an excellent improviser, and his compositions were mainly for the organ.



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Stewardship Sunday is TODAY



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.

Gratefully,

The Stewardship Committee

Advent Wreath Making and Soup Lunch TODAY

Join us after the 10:45am worship service today for a simple soup lunch and to make an Advent Wreath. We will have all the supplies you need to create the wreath itself, as well as devotional materials for home use.

Olive Oil Sale

The Peacemaking Mission Team is offering Palestinian fair trade olive products during the Advent lunch and wreath making today.

Be sure to come and check out our olive oil, tapenade, za'atar and couscous from One World Goods! And, we expect to have a good supply of the ever-popular infused olive oils, great for gift-giving!

All items will be sold at cost to benefit the farmers of the Canaan Fair Trade Association in the West Bank.

Sunday Seminar

Sunday, December 3 9:30am, Johnston Hall
"Spirituality of a Generation," led by Nadia Mullen, Protestant Chaplain and Interfaith Program Specialist at Nazareth College.

Next Sunday, December 10:

"Art of the Nativity," led by Jim Moore, Third Church Member.

Growing in the Word

Sunday, December 3, 9:30am, Parlor

"Introduction to Mark's Gospel," led by Martha Langford.

Next Sunday, December 10:

"The Mystery Appears, Mark 1:1-15," led by David Evans.

Monday Night Yoga

Monday, December 4, 6:30pm, Johnston Hall

Join us for this free class!

Thursday Voices

Thursday, December 7, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

"Advent Credo," written by Allan Boesak and "Into The Darkest Hour," written by Madeleine L'Engle, led by Martha Langford.

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 Facebook page, the November youth newsletter or Weebly website for the link.

The deadline for sign ups is today! Contact Mary Ann Rutkowski (mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org).

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.

Contact Lynette Sparks,
lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537,
ext. 106.

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.

Advent Retreat

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

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.

Junior Choir Annual Cookie Sale

Sunday, December 10, during Coffee Hour
Celebration Center

Please visit our table of goodies, which will be available for a suggested donation of \$5/package. We will also have copies of our latest CD, "So it is with the Spirit," available for purchase – the CD makes a GREAT Christmas gift or stocking stuffer for family, friends, and neighbors!!!

Exploring Membership Luncheon

Sunday, December 10, 12:00noon

Johnston Hall

Are you new to Third Church, and want to learn more about us? Or have you participated for some time and are interested in exploring membership? We invite you to join us at our next Exploring Membership Luncheon on Sunday, December 10. You can bring all your questions, get to know our pastoral staff, members of the church, and other folks new to this place. The emphasis of the conversation is exploring ways to connect. Childcare is available; please let us know in advance if you need it. Our luncheon conversation will conclude by 1:30pm.

For those that are ready to join in membership, the next step is a New Member Gathering offered that same afternoon following the luncheon from 1:30-2:30pm, or the following Sunday at 8:30am. To RSVP or learn more, contact Lynette Sparks (271-6537 ext. 106 or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org).

Handel's "Messiah" Times TWO!

The Chancel Choir, Soloists, and Orchestra will offer Part One (the "Christmas" portion) of George Frederick Handel's beloved masterpiece, "Messiah" on Sunday, December 17– twice! And you're invited to each! Soloists will include Danika Felty, soprano; Riki Connaughton and Caroline Nielson, alto; Anders Namestnik, tenor; Sam Witmer, baritone; and Nicholas Landrum, bass.

On Sunday morning, "Messiah" will serve as the centerpiece of our Advent III worship service at 10:45am, offered by choir, soloists, and orchestra. And on Sunday evening at 7:30pm, we'll offer it to the wider community – as a "Community Sing!" People are invited to bring their own scores, or borrow one for the evening, and join the choir in singing the choruses that are familiar to so many! Or, if you'd rather just listen to the assembled "community choir" that's fine, too! Either way, it will be a festive and memorable way to experience "Messiah." Spread the word to your family and friends, and plan to join in this wonderful musical preparation for Christmas!

Support for these presentations comes from the Lois V. Parker Special Music Fund, and the Janet

S. and David B. Reed Fund. A special music offering will also be received to support this special experience. Your generosity is appreciated!

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 **Friday, December 15.**

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."

Dining Room Ministry Christmas Meal – Volunteers Needed

Our annual Dining Room Ministry Christmas Meal will be served on Saturday, December 23. We are looking to the Congregation for volunteers to help serve our hungry neighbors. Experienced and inexperienced volunteers are welcome to help with this meal. Bring your children, your grandchildren or your next door neighbor. Wear your Santa hats and Christmas aprons! Volunteers will need to arrive at the Celebration Center kitchen at 10:00am and would be done by 1:00pm. Please consider joining us on December 23.

Contact Nancy Adams at nancycadams@hotmail.com or 314-3783.

Help Publicize Boar's Head

YOU can help spread the word about the upcoming Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival, January 6 & 7! Pre-printed invitation post-cards are available in the church office for you to pick up and send to your friends. All you need to do is add an address, and a stamp! There's room for a short personal message, too. They're available in packets of ten. Please help yourself, and help us fill the church for the Festival!

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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