



“Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.”

Hamilton Wright Mabie

**The Worship of God
First Sunday after Christmas**

December 31, 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: We offer quiet activities for school aged children during worship in the sanctuary. There are table and chairs on a rug under the Arnold Park balcony where children will have the opportunity to read books and do activities that relate to our scripture readings for the day.

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 Sunday, February 4 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 “Allegro” J.S. Bach
(from *Concerto in G, BWV 592*)
“Das alte Jahr vergangen ist”
(The Old Year Now Has Passed Away)

*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: We looked for a warrior;

PEOPLE: **You sent a baby.**

LEADER: We looked for royalty;

PEOPLE: **You were born to peasants.**

LEADER: We looked for power;

PEOPLE: **You showed us meekness.**

LEADER: We looked among rulers and politicians;

PEOPLE: **You were found among cattle and shepherds.**

LEADER: We looked for riches;

PEOPLE: **You gave us selflessness.**

LEADER: We looked for a king;

PEOPLE: **You gave us a servant.**

LEADER: May we become alive to the story —

PEOPLE: **seeking peace, humbling ourselves,
looking for glory in lowly places.**

LEADER: May we recognize our part in the story —

PEOPLE: **our place as Christ-followers, our calling to gentleness and
humility, our opportunities to give our most profound gifts.**

*HYMN 140 “Once in Royal David’s City”

PRAYER of ADORATION

Glory to you, almighty God, for you sent your only-begotten Son, that we might have new life. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for you became flesh and dwelt among us that we might become your people. Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you direct and rule our lives. Glory to you, almighty God, and to your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the children's message, school aged children are invited to gather at the table under the Arnold Park balcony for quiet activities during worship. The nursery on the middle level of the education building is available for preschool age children and younger.

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Pew Bible, OT page 692

READING "Papa Panov"

Leo Tolstoy

CAROL 145 "What Child Is This" stanza 1

GREENSLEEVES

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 96 (*read responsively by verse*) Pew Bible, OT page 550
READING "Papa Panov" Leo Tolstoy
CAROL 145 "What Child Is This" *stanza 2* GREENSLEEVES

READING "Papa Panov" Leo Tolstoy
SOLO "Gesù Bambino" Pietro Yon
Riki Connaughton, *mezzo-soprano*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:22-40 Pew Bible, NT page 59
REFLECTION John Wilkinson
*CAROL 145 "What Child Is This" *stanza 3* GREENSLEEVES

*LITANY for CHRISTMAS

LEADER: In a little town, known for nothing much,
God's holy child was born.

PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**

LEADER: By the faint light of the moon,
Mary and Joseph found their way.

PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**

LEADER: Shown by a courtyard fire, the open stable door.

PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**

LEADER: Warm breath of resting beasts,
kindly sparkle in their eyes.

PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**

LEADER: In the shadowy stable stall,
Joseph kindled a lamp.

PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**

LEADER: There Mary gave birth to Jesus,
called God-With-Us.

PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**

LEADER: Angels opened the doors of heaven,
sang, "Glory to God in the heights!"

PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**

LEADER: Shepherds saw the sky ablaze,
left their sheep and came to see.

PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**

LEADER: In the darkest winter night,
God set a brilliant star.

PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**

LEADER: Magi from the East
divined God's shining sign.
PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**
LEADER: And on this Christmas with joy,
we greet the Child.
PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light! 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

In addition to our regular offering, we will receive gifts for the Christmas Joy Offering. Envelopes are located in the pew racks.

OFFERTORY "Wexford Carol" arr. Philip Maue
Riki Connaughton, *mezzo-soprano*

*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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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: **All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son, whom you sent to save us. With singing angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CAROL RESPONSE 134

"Joy to the World" *stanza 1*

ANTIOCH

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "In dir ist Freude"

J.S. Bach

(In Thee is Gladness)

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Shirley Mitchell Moore, beloved wife of James Moore and mother of Jennifer Moore Stahlkrantz, and James, David and Eliza Moore.

The memorial prayer candle is lit in gratitude for service workers, especially those who labor in the challenging elements.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

John Wilkinson..... Preacher

Lynette K. Sparks, Ernest F. Krug, Mary DuBois, David Stimson..... Liturgists

Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist

Camille Clayton, Bonnie DeHollander, Betsey Wheeler Greeters



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Stewardship Update



Thanks to all of you who have pledged thus far to support our 2018 effort. At the time of publication, we have received 304 pledges totaling \$778,762.

Included in that number are 20 new pledges. 144 of you who pledged for 2017 have yet to pledge for the coming year.

If you've yet to respond, you can:

- Place your pledge card in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Additional pledge cards are available in the pew racks in the Sanctuary and the pew pads in the Chapel.
- Mail a completed pledge card to the church office
- Send a confidential pledge to cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org

2017 Christmas Joy Offering

With Christ at the center of this holiday season, we can follow in his example of servant leadership by serving our brothers and sisters in faith. Funds from the Christmas Joy Offering support past, present, and future leaders in two particular ways: providing critical financial assistance to eligible workers/families in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to qualifying retired church workers and their families; and supporting the education and development of our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Thanks to your generosity, we can support those in need. **Today is the last day we will receive the Christmas Joy Offering.** Envelopes are available in the pew racks.

Sunday Seminar

Sunday Seminar will return on January 7 at 9:30am in Johnston Hall with "Spiritual Formation and Directions on Ministry" led by Martha Langford.

Growing in the Word

Growing in the Word will return on January 7 at 9:30am in the Parlor with "The Mystery Discloses, Mark 4:1-34," led by Dianna Daunton.

Nominating Committee Seeks Suggestions

In this Year of Stewardship, please consider whether you, or someone you know, has gifts to serve and might be called to the offices of Elder, Deacon or 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 or complete a nomination form located in the chapel and sanctuary or the church office starting Sunday, January 7.

Stained Glass Returns

We are pleased to report that the stained glass window in the northeast corner of the sanctuary, "A Tree Planted by the Rivers of Water" (Willet Studios, 1961), is now back in place after a successful restoration! A combination of special gifts and funds from the Property Committee operating budget made this possible. Thank you!

Thursday Voices

Thursday, January 4, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

In January, we will explore stewardship of the public sphere through the work of Walter Wink in *The Powers That Be: Theology for a New Millennium*.

On January 4, Martha Langford will lead a discussion on "The Domination System."

Young Adult Trivia Night

**Thursday, January 11, 6:00pm-8:00pm
Johnston Hall**

Join Young Adults from all over the Presbytery as we host a trivia night. Young Adults (20s and 30s) are invited to join in for this evening of fun, friendly competition and fellowship. Dinner and snacks will be provided. RSVP to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org no later than January 8. For this Presbytery-sponsored event, child care will be provided with advance RSVP to Katie Styr (katie@gatespres.org) by Jan. 1.

Calvin Guild

**Wednesday, January 17, 12:00pm,
Johnston Hall**

Join us for lunch and a presentation on Eleanor Roosevelt by Rochester resident and history buff John Schmeelk, who describes his talk as follows, "The program will center around Mrs. Roosevelt as a woman who was a bridge from the traditional roles of women to the present. A look at what formed her, things that helped create this uniquely talented and flawed gift to all Americans. Family, marriage, politics, and a war against depression (her own and the nation's). A Great Woman - A Great Human Being." Cost is \$8 for a simple soup and sandwich lunch. Please RSVP to Dot Wallace (dpiercwallace@gmail.com) no later than Friday, January 12.

Christmas in January!

Come and Sing Carols for the Christmas Lessons & Carols recording for 2018 **Saturday, January 20, from 1:00 – 2:30pm in the 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 2018, and around the nation during the Christmas season! We hope to gather a "congregation" – as many people as possible. We'll sing traditional Christmas carols, and hear the readings we typically do on Christmas Eve. Join us for this event to help share the Good News of Christ's birth in 2018! Invite a friend!

Christmas Baskets – You Can Still Help!

The Christmas Basket Committee appreciates all who have chosen to sponsor a food basket for a family in need as well as all who have donated money for the purchase of TOPS gift cards, mittens, hats, undies and tights. We are still in need of additional funds to cover the gift cards. **Today is the last day to contribute.** Please drop-off your check or cash donation to Carol Foster at the church and make a note that it is for The 2017 Christmas Basket Ministry Program.

Should you have questions feel free to contact Sheila Elliott at 750-0611, or email selliott@rotoliteelliott.com.

Boar's Head Needs You!

Bakers are still needed to provide cookies, breads, mince tarts and plum puddings for the festive receptions which will follow both performances of The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival on January 6 and 7. **Items may be prepared as you do your holiday baking, but need to be delivered to the church by Friday, January 5.** Easy recipes for mince tarts, plum puddings, and volunteer forms may be found in the literature racks outside the church office. Please let us know as soon as possible if you can provide baked goods, and also if you are available to help with the reception set-up.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP financially support our presentation of the biennial Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival on January 6 and 7, as a Patron. The Festival is a wonderful tradition and a gift from our congregation to the larger community of Rochester as we conclude our celebration of Christmas with this great Epiphany event! To help in this way, send a check payable to Third Presbyterian Church with the notation "Boar's Head Patron" clearly marked—or place your check, so marked, in the offering plate.

New Ways to Donate Online

Donating to Third Church just got easier!

If you'd like to donate online, visit www.thirdpresbyterian.org, click on the "Give" tab on right under the banner at the top of the page, and select "Give Online."

From there you will find several ways to make a quick and convenient donation, whether it's recurring or one-time only.

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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