



Bring we the frankincense of our love
To the feet of the holy Child,
Ever remembering God's great gift
Of a love that is undefiled.

Bring we the myrrh of humility
To the throne of the Son of God,
Ever recalling the purity
Of His life when the earth He trod.

Ever secure in His changelessness,
Though the kingdoms of earth may fall,
Bring we the gold of our faithfulness
To the King who is Lord of all.

H. Kenn Carmichael

“Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love”

The Worship of God
First Sunday after Epiphany

January 7, 2018

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. **Children should report to their classrooms in the Education Building before the service at 10:40am 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 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 “Puer natus in Bethlehem,” BuxWV 217 Dietrich Buxtehude
(A Babe is Born in Bethlehem)

“Prélude sur l’Introit de l’Épiphanie” Maurice Duruflé

*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: O come, let us worship God and consider what wondrous things God has done:

PEOPLE: **the Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!**

LEADER: O come, let us worship God and consider what wondrous things God has done:

PEOPLE: **the peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**

LEADER: O come, let us worship God:

PEOPLE: **for God has done wondrous things!**

*HYMN 151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are” KINGS OF ORIENT

PRAYER of ADORATION

**God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory,
rising in splendor. The radiance of your incarnate word
pierces the night that covers the earth and signals the
dawn of justice and peace. May his brightness illumine our
lives and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light.
We ask this through Jesus Christ your Word made flesh.
Amen.**

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Isaiah 60:1-6

Pew Bible, OT page 690

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "In the Beginning Was the Word"

Carson Cooman

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. In him was life, and that life was the light of all. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

- John 1:1-2, 4-5 (NIV)

GOSPEL LESSON — Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible, NT page 2

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Bearing Gifts"

John Wilkinson

*HYMN 150 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

DIX

During this hymn, children in Grade 1 and older will return to worship to be present for the Sacrament of Communion.

The gathering of the servers.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A New Creed, United Church of Canada (1968)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

"Creator of the Stars of Night"

arr. Kenneth Lowenberg

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer, save us all, and hear your servants when they call. You came, the Bridegroom of the bride, as earth drew on to eventide; you came to save our fallen race through your unending love and grace. At your great Name, exalted now, all knees in lowly homage bow; all things in heaven and earth adore, and crown you King forevermore. To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, laud, honor, might and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

- from a 9th century Latin hymn

*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

*THE SACRAMENT of THE LORD'S SUPPER

At the time of communion, ushers will invite you to come forward via the center and side aisles. Take a piece of bread from the server, dip it in the cup which contains grape juice, and partake as you are served. Return to your seat via the side aisle. All bread is gluten free. If moving forward is difficult for you, a team of servers will come to you to serve the communion elements.

*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...

*SANCTUS

Richard Proulx

(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. Ho -
san-na in the high-est. Blest is the One who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

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

Please join the choir in singing Hymns 509, "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" and 529, "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" while others are being served.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, as the travelers with their treasures were overwhelmed with joy on finding Jesus, so we also are overwhelmed on finding out the depth of his love for us. In the meal we have shared, Jesus showed just how beloved we are to him, by loving us and giving himself for us. Help us to remember. Help us to be grateful. Help us to share you love as we seek to be your light in the world. Amen.

***HYMN 152 "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright" PUER NOBIS NASCITUR**

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***GREETING**

POSTLUDE "Prelude in G Major," BWV 541 J.S. Bach

The memorial prayer candle is lit in solidarity with all who face physical harm because of the weather, including our homeless neighbors.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

- John Wilkinson..... Preacher
- Martha C. Langford, Lynette K. Sparks, Katie Orem..... Liturgists
- Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
- Caroline J. Robinson Assistant Organist
- Steve Apt, Bonnie DeHollander,
Alice Fishbeck, Ann Haag, Jack Salzer Greeters
- Jim Boyer, Roxanne Boyer, Jobin Philip, Mary Philip,
Beth Sieber, Betsy Vinton, Griff Vinton, Stephen Zuegel Ushers
- Deacons Parish E Coffee Hour Hosts



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 323 pledges totaling \$802,327.

Included in that number are 21 new pledges. 125 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

Boar's Head Today!

Sunday, January 7, 4:00pm, Sanctuary

Doors open at 3:15pm and pre-festival music will begin at 3:30pm. A festive reception to follow.

Join us for the **TWELFTH** incarnation of The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival, and bring along a friend or two! Enjoy the pageantry and carol singing as we celebrate Epiphany and the end of the Christmas season in a festive and fun way.

Sunday Seminar

Sunday, January 7, 9:30am in Johnston Hall

"Spiritual Formation and Directions in Ministry," led by Martha Langford.

Next Sunday, January 14: "Sacred Conversations on Race," led by Wilma Campbell, Rochester ACTS Sacred Conversations on Race Team.

Growing in the Word

Sunday, January 7, 9:30am in the Parlor

"The Mystery Discloses, Mark 4:1-34," led by Dianna Daunton.

Next Sunday, January 14: "The Mystery Calms, Mark 4:35-5:43," led by David Evans.

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.

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!

Monday Night Yoga

Monday, January 8, 6:30pm, Johnston Hall

Join us for this free class!

Kindergarten Qabats Visit

Wednesday, January 10, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Current kindergarteners are invited to come and visit Qabats to “test drive” the program and see what it is all about! Parents will have the opportunity to observe our activities, eat dinner with us and have any questions about our program answered. Children in kindergarten who are registered for Sunday School should watch their mailboxes for an invitation! Children in grades 1-5 who do not currently participate in the program are also invited to visit on that evening. Please RSVP to Becky no later than January 7 so that we can plan for meals and seating.

Thursday Voices

**Thursday, January 11, 12:00pm,
Johnston Hall**

“Jesus’ Answer to Domination,” led by Ernest Krug.

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, whose talk “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.” Cost is \$8 for a simple soup and sandwich lunch. Please RSVP to Dot Wallace (dpiercewallace@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!

Adult Fellowship Euchre Night

**Saturday, January 20, 7:00pm
At the home of Len and Becky Picone**

This gathering has been a tradition for many years, and we hope you will join us! Whether you are a seasoned euchre player or a newbie who can’t even pronounce it, please join us for a fun night of cards and fellowship. There are many great “tutors” who will have everyone playing by the end of the night. Please bring a snack or beverage to share. RSVP to Becky D’Angelo-Veitch (271-6537, ext. 118 or rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org) by January 18.

Toddler Music Class This Winter

Our toddler/caretaker music class is back for the winter session! This 6 week class is for children 14 months – 3 years, with their caretakers.

Songs, movement, stories from scripture and rhythm instruments will all be a part of the experience each week!

Classes are free of charge and will take place in the Moot Room on Mondays, January 22 – March 5 (No class on Monday, February 19) from 10:30am – 11:00am.

Please RSVP to Mary Ann Rutkowski by January 15, 271-6537, ext. 101 or mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Save Your Advent Wreaths

In the coming weeks, as you “un-deck” your halls, please save your Advent wreath straw forms, green candle cups and any un-rusted floral pins to be re-used next year. You can save them at home to bring with you next December, or drop them off at church and we will store them until Advent 2018. Re-using them is good for the environment and good stewardship of our Congregational Fellowship funds! Thank you in advance.

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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