



"Every endeavor that sets out to change the world, or even a little rural village in upstate New York, or on the Kansas prairies, or a forgotten neighborhood in East LA, or an affluent suburb of Austin starts with three or four people, maybe 12, who have a vision and are ready to leave everything they have to make it happen."

Caspar Green

The Worship of God
Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 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. The fourth and fifth grade class will be at the Worship Table today.

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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"Third Presbyterian Church"

THIRD CHURCH STAFF

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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 “Adagio in E Major” Frank Bridge

INTROIT “Light of Light” Nancy Gifford
Junior Choir

Light of light, ever bright, bringing day to darkest night,
Ev’ry-where, hear our prayer, give us eyes to see.
Laudamus te.

Evermore we adore God of majesty and awe,
Ev’ry-where hear our prayer, give us voice to praise.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te.

*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 62

LEADER: From God comes my salvation.

PEOPLE: **For God alone my soul waits in silence.**

LEADER: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

PEOPLE: **God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.**

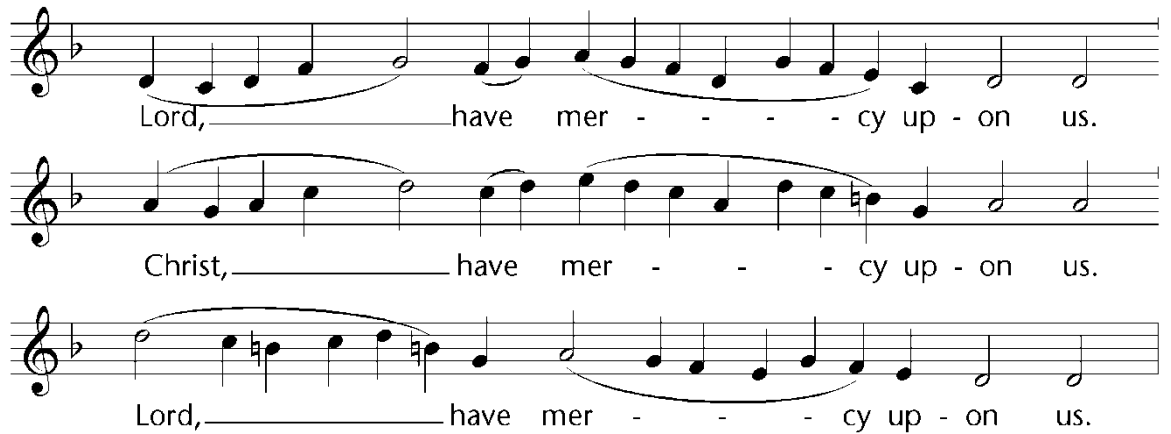
*HYMN 645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you.
You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but
we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us
back to you, that we might show mercy to others. 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 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Jonah 3:1-10

Pew Bible, OT page 860

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee”

William H. Harris

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness. The Lord is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea all such as call upon him faithfully. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry and will help them. The Lord preserveth all them that love him.

- Psalm 145:15

GOSPEL LESSON — Mark 1:14-20

Pew Bible, NT page 35

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Time Is Now”

Lynette Sparks

*HYMN 109

“Blest Be the God of Israel”

MERLE'S TUNE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"

Cary Ratcliff

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore, Jesus, son of God will save you, full of pity, love and power. I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms; in the arms of my dear savior; Oh, there are ten thousand charms. Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if ye tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

- Joseph Hart, 1759

*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

*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: **Merciful God, you have saved us for a purpose. We dedicate these gifts as we dedicate our lives to you, that you will make us fishers of people, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 374 "O Holy City, Seen of John"

MORNING SONG

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Finale Jubilante"

Healey Willan

The Chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Glenn and Winona Phillips, parents and grandparents of Gayle Phillips and Barbara Rich.

The memorial prayer candle is lit in solidarity with all who are living with grief and loss.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Lynette K. Sparks Preacher
Martha C. Langford, John Wilkinson, Corni Labrum Liturgists
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
Mary Ann Rutkowski Associate Director of Music
Caroline J. Robinson Assistant Organist
Camille Clayton, Kirsten Elting, Jeff Morrison,
Peg Rachfal, Kelly Thevenet-Morrison..... Greeters
Bill Boller, Clive Daunton, Otto Muller-Girard, Jr.,
Jeff Sprague, Beth Tschorke, Phil Tschorke Ushers
Deacons Parish C..... Coffee Hour Hosts



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In Our Prayers

We pray for the family of Sally Lunt, who died on January 12.

URGENT Stewardship Update



As we move toward finalizing the 2018 budget, the Stewardship and Joint Budget and Finance Committees are grateful for all who have pledged

thus far. At the same time, we are awaiting the pledges of 102 who pledged in 2017, as well as new pledges for 2018. Those pledges will go a long way to help us eliminate our projected deficit.

To date, 346 of you have pledged \$841,729. Included in that number are 21 new pledges. Thank you!

You can pledge by...

- Placing your cards in the offering plate this morning. Additional pledge cards are available in the pews.
- Mailing a completed pledge card to the church office
- Emailing a confidential pledge to cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org.

If you've already pledged and requested envelopes, you may find them on the table outside of Johnston Hall.

Sunday Seminar

Sunday, January 21 and 28, 9:30am in Johnston Hall

"Violence in Scripture," led by Mark Brummitt, Associate Professor of Old Testament Studies at CRCDS.

Growing in the Word

Sunday, January 21, 9:30am in the Parlor

"The Mystery Scandalizes, Mark 8:22-9:1," led by Ernest Krug.

Next Sunday, January 28: "The Mystery Defies, Mark 11:27-12:24," led by Paul Gongloff.

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 and return it by **Sunday, January 28.**

Toddler Music Class This Winter

Mondays, 10:30am – 11:00am, Moot Room

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. **Classes begin tomorrow!**

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

If you'd like to join us, please contact Mary Ann Rutkowski at 271-6537, ext. 101 or mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Monday Night Yoga

Monday, January 22, 6:30pm, Johnston Hall.

Join us for this free class!

Thursday Voices

**Thursday, January 25, 12:00pm,
Johnston Hall**

"Practical Nonviolence," led by John Wilkinson.

Pipe Dream?

**Saturday, January 27, 9:00am
ROC Salt Mission Center (Historic Calvary St.
Andrew's)
68 Ashland St. at Averill**

Do you have three hours to volunteer on a Saturday morning? At the site of the Presbytery's new ROC SALT mission initiative, new boilers and pipes have been installed.

In order to improve the system, we are going to "wrap" the pipes with insulation. This requires no special skills, just a willingness to work with a fun group to get an important job done. To volunteer on Saturday January 27, please contact Tracy Walker (tracy@walkermedia.net or 752-5790).

If Music Be the Food... Concert Series

Next Sunday, January 28, 7:30pm, Sanctuary

Join us for Bach, Shostakovich and more!

The "If Music Be the Food..." concert series features professional and student musicians who donate their time and talent to raise awareness about food insecurity in the Rochester area. Please bring a food item to donate to Rochester's Foodlink food bank as your ticket to the concert.

For more information, visit www.ifmusicbethethefood.com, or email Artistic Director, Mimi Hwang, mhwang@esm.rochester.edu.

This concert series is supported by Peter DuBois and Robert Poovey, (Director of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church), who serve as administrative liaisons.

Stained Glass Windows at Calvary St. Andrew's Lecture

**Sunday, January 28, 2:00pm
ROC Salt Mission Center (Historic Calvary St.
Andrew's)
68 Ashland St. at Averill**

Valerie O'Hara, Pike Stained Glass Studios, will present the history of "The Stained Glass

Windows of Calvary St. Andrew's" through slides and a tour of the sanctuary.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 3, 8:30am, Johnston Hall

Join us for fellowship, pancakes and insightful discussion.

Please RSVP to Paul Bishop at pabishop@live.com or Andrew Elder at andrew_elder@pobox.com.

Exploring Membership Luncheon

**Sunday, February 4, 12:00pm
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, February 4. 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).

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 4

It's Souper Bowl of Caring time again. Youth will be collecting canned food items and taking this special offering on February 4 at both services. This year our hunger ministry recipients are Cameron Community Ministries, Third Church Food Cupboard and our new Youth mission outreach HOM4Lunch.

Remember, every dollar, every pound of food stays local! Thank you for helping us to make a difference!

2017 Third Church Statistics

Total Money Raised: \$2,390.35

Pounds of food donated: 262 lbs. of non-perishable food

Charities helped: Three - Cameron, Food Cupboard, HOM
2018 Goal...Just One More! One more dollar, one more pound.

Listening as an Act of Love and Social Change

Monday, February 12, 1:00pm – 4:00pm
M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence
929 S. Plymouth Ave., Rochester

Listening is a gift that helps us to discover ourselves and others. How can listening be enacted as love and as a commitment to social justice? When listening feels challenging, how can we best respond? Join Gandhi Institute director Kit Miller for a thoughtful afternoon focused on these questions through experiential exercises, games and dialogue.

RSVP to Deb Bishop,
dabishop@rochester.rr.com or 267-9939 if you are able to attend.

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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