



“Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.”

Pope Francis

**The Worship of God  
First Sunday in Lent**

February 18, 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:** There is no Sunday School today. We offer quiet activities during worship for school age children at the table under the Arnold Park balcony.

**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](mailto:lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org)). The next Exploring Membership luncheon will take place on Sunday May 6, 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](mailto: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 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.*

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**PRELUDE**      “Von Gott, will ich nicht lassen” BWV 658      J. S. Bach  
(*I shall not abandon God, for he does not abandon me*)

**\*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 25

**LEADER:** To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust.

**PEOPLE:** **Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.**

**LEADER:** Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

**PEOPLE:** **All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep God’s covenant and decrees.**

**\*HYMN 861**      “Come, Worship God”      O QUANTA QUALIA

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Holy God, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you, and against others, through ignorance, through wickedness, through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have belittled your love, and betrayed your trust. We are sorry, we are ashamed, we repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of the light. 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 and baptism, 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.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION Maya Ann Leist, William Daly Curtis

THE ACT OF BAPTIZING

WELCOME

ELDER: Through baptism, Maya and William have now been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church. God has made them members of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

PEOPLE: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into the peace and unity of the church of Jesus Christ. Our vow is to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you and to help you to know and follow Christ. May God's abundant blessings be always with you.**

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE AND DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

KINGDOM

1. Child of blessing, child of promise, Bap - tized  
2. Child of joy, our dear-est trea - sure, God's you  
with the Spir - it's sign, With this wa - ter God has  
are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly  
sealed you Un - to love and grace di - vine.  
give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.

Text: Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980  
Tune: V. Earle Copes, 1959

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.*

EPISTLE LESSON — I Peter 3:18-22

Pew Bible, NT page 234

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

**“Wash Me Thoroughly from My Wickedness”**

S.S. Wesley

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin; for I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

- Psalm 51:2,3

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “The Stewardship of Lent”

John Wilkinson

\*HYMN 417 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

SOUTHWELL

\*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

### "Steal Away"

arr. Nicholas White

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home,  
I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder; The trumpet sounds  
within-a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

Steal away, steal away...Green trees are bendin' poor sinners stand a-  
tremblin';

The trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

\*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.**

ALL: **God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you  
reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example  
of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts  
and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN 165 "The Glory of These Forty Days"

ERHALT UNS, HERR

\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Postlude No. 6 in D minor"

Charles Villiers Stanford

*The Chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Henry G. Theuer, Sr., Walter W. Bronson, Gretchen S. and Adolph J. J. Merkt, parents of Hank and Lea Theur.*

*The memorial prayer candle is lit at the beginning of the Lenten season with hopes that our faith may be nourished and our connection to God and one another deepened.*

## PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

John Wilkinson..... Preacher  
Martha C. Langford, Ernest F. Krug, Christie Lutzer ..... Liturgists  
Caroline J. Robinson ..... Assistant Organist  
Camille Clayton, Kirsten Elting,  
Jeff Morrison, Peg Rachfal, Kelly Thevenet-Morrison ..... Greeters  
Bill Boller, Bob Merz, Otto Muller-Girard, Jr.,  
Jeff Sprague, Beth Tschorke, Phil Tschorke ..... Ushers  
Worship, Music and Arts Committee..... Coffee Hour Hosts