



**Third Presbyterian Church**

Seeking the Light  
1827-2017

“Beginning with John Calvin’s support of free schools, people of the Reformed tradition have always affirmed the value of education and its potential to transform lives and systems. The Reformers considered public education essential—first of all, so that the populace might be literate and thus able to read the Bible (leading to support for primary education); and, secondly, that persons might read Scripture with understanding (and thus the Reformers’ support for higher education). ”

*A Call to Church Involvement in the  
Renewal of Public Education*

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 1987

## **The Worship of God Second Sunday in Lent**

February 25, 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.

**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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Caroline J. Robinson, Assistant Organist	
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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      “Partita on ‘Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan’”      Johann Pachelbel  
(*What God ordains is always right*)

INTROIT      “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”      arr. Hal Hopson  
Junior Choir  
I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with 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 146

LEADER: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

PEOPLE: **who made heaven and earth, the sea,  
and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

LEADER: who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.

PEOPLE: **The Lord sets the prisoners free and opens  
the eyes of the blind.**

LEADER: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down  
and loves the righteous.

PEOPLE: **The Lord watches over the strangers  
and upholds the orphan and the widow.**

LEADER: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion,  
for all generations!

PEOPLE: **Praise the Lord.**

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.*

## DISMISSAL of CHILDREN

*(sung twice: once in unison, once as a canon, beginning with the pulpit side)*

TALLIS' CANON

I. II.

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.*

## PSALTER LESSON — Psalm 46 *(read responsively by verse)*

Pew Bible, OT page 517

## ANTHEM “For He Shall Give His Angels”

Felix Mendelssohn

*(from Elijah)*

For He shall give His angels charge over thee: That they shall protect thee in all the ways thou goest; That their hands shall uphold and guide thee, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone, they shall uphold thee. For He shall give His angels...

*- Psalm 91:11-12*

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rabbi Peter Stein

## \*HYMN 772 “Live into Hope”

TRURO

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      *from "A Brief Statement of Faith," Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

**In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. 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**      **"Thou Wilt Keep Them in Perfect Peace"**      Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on Thee.  
The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day.  
The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike. God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forevermore.

*- Isaiah 26:3, alt.*

\*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 justice, receive these our gifts, made with  
thanksgiving, that our mission may be bold in sharing your  
good news. Strengthen us for service and allow us to follow  
you with all courage. Amen.**

\*HYMN 755 "Alleluia! Laud and Blessing"

WEISSE FLAGGEN

\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Prelude and Fugue in E minor," BWV 533

J. S. Bach

*The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of the Rev. William Young, Anne Steele Young and Elizabeth Young DeBruyne.*

*The memorial prayer candle is lit in gratitude for our longstanding relationship with Temple B'rith Kodesh.*

## PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Rabbi Peter Stein ..... Preacher  
John Wilkinson, Lynette K. Sparks, Pam Apt..... Liturgists  
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist  
Mary Ann Rutkowski..... Associate Director of Music  
Caroline J. Robinson ..... Assistant Organist  
Ruth Sylvestre Rossi, Carol Roth,  
Miss Rickey Snowden, Tim Stout, Dot Wallace ..... Greeters  
Sue Danielson, Dianna Daunton, Miriam Gale, Tom Gillett,  
Ann McMican, Gayle Phillips, Janet Stewart, David Tennant ..... Ushers  
Deacons Parish H..... Coffee Hour Hosts



# MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Annual Meeting Sunday, March 4

The annual meeting of Third Presbyterian Church will be held **next Sunday, March 4**, following the 10:45am service of worship. We will meet in the Celebration Center and the Congregational Fellowship Committee will provide a light lunch. All are encouraged to attend.

**Copies of the 2017 Annual Report are available throughout the church.**

### In Our Prayers

For the Jabaut and Mattice family on the death of Mark's grandfather Ronald Jabaut on February 1.

For the Apt family on the death of Steve's father Charles Apt on February 7.

### Annual Temple B'rith Kodesh Pulpit Exchange

Today we welcome Rabbi Peter Stein, Senior Rabbi at Temple B'rith Kodesh, who will present at Sunday Seminar at 9:30am and speak at the 10:45am worship service.

### Sunday Seminar

**Sunday, February 25, 9:30am in Johnston Hall**

"A Conversation about the Book of Esther," led by Peter Stein, Senior Rabbi, Temple B'rith Kodesh.

**Next Sunday, March 4:** "Conflict without Contempt," led by Kit Miller, Director of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence.

### Growing in the Word

**Sunday, February 25, 9:30am in the Parlor**  
"The Mystery Urges, Mark 13:1-37," led by David Evans.

**Next Sunday, March 4:** "The Mystery Forsaken, Mark 14: 53-72," led by Dianna Daunton.

### A Witness of Letters

#### February 25, 2018, Coffee Hour

GENDA, the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act, is a civil rights bill that would protect transgender, gender non-conforming and non-binary New Yorkers from discrimination in housing, employment, and public services. The NYS Assembly has passed the bill each of the last 10 years; however, the NYS Senate has refused to bring the bill to the floor for the past fifteen years. Advocates from GENDA 2018 have created a letter to New York State Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, requesting him to bring GENDA to the Senate floor for a vote in the 2018 Legislative Session.

The Third Church More Light Committee urges members and friends of Third Church to become signatories to this letter. We will have copies of the letter available at coffee hour, and more information can be found at the Third Church Facebook page. To sign-on, you may also email your name to Juli Owens at [juliowens1@aol.com](mailto:juliowens1@aol.com).

### Monday Night Yoga

**Monday, February 26, 6:30pm, Johnston Hall**  
Join us for this free class!

## Thursday Voices

**Thursday, March 1, 12:00pm,  
Johnston Hall**

"Exodus 20: 1-17, Psalm 19, I Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22," led by Martha Langford.

## Support Local Women and Girls

Church Ladies is joining Temple B'rith Kodesh (TBK) in their support of local women and girls.

Buy supplies (pads and pantyliners, any size) to make emergency kits for women living in poverty.

For the remainder of February and March, bring in supplies and drop them in the wooden collection box outside Johnston Hall.

Join Church Ladies at one of the upcoming P.A.D. parties:

- Church Ladies event, Friday, March 2 from 6:00-8:00pm in Johnston Hall. Bring a salad item to share for our Stone Salad dinner, listen to a representative from the P.A.D. Project Initiative and help assemble emergency kits. RSVP to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch, [rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org).
- Join the Women of TBK, Wednesday, April 18 at 1:00pm at 2131 Elmwood Ave, Rochester. RSVP to Ellen Solomon, [131ellens@gmail.com](mailto:131ellens@gmail.com).

## Moms Demand Action – Gun Sense in America

**Sunday, March 18, 12:00pm – 1:30pm  
Johnston Hall**

More information on the next page.

## Hudnut Weekend March 10 and 11



**Saturday, March 10, 9:00am - 12:00pm,  
Johnston Hall**  
"The Future of Mainline

Protestantism"

James Hudnut-Beumler, Professor of Church History and Former Dean, Vanderbilt Divinity School.

This event is for all Third Church members. No cost for the event -- please RSVP to the church office at 271-6513.

**Saturday, March 10, 4:30pm, Celebration Center and Sanctuary**

All Church Anniversary Tea

Special guests Heidi and James Hudnut-Beumler.

For all church members and friends

Please RSVP to the church office at 271-6513.

**Sunday, March 11**

**8:30am and 10:45am Worship**

Hudnut Guest Preacher Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville.

**9:30am Sunday Seminar**

"The Future of Theological Education," led by James Hudnut-Boemler.

**12:00pm – Informal Conversation in Johnston Hall**

"Remembering the Hudnut Years"

## Stay in Touch with Our Kenyan Friends

The Kenya team will be bringing you monthly updates from Kihumo parish and we hope to share our lives of faith with them as well. If you have a photo or video you think our friends in Kihumo parish would like to see, feel free to send it to [ddaunton@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ddaunton@rochester.rr.com). Videos or pictures from recent church events (Mardi Gras, Souper Bowl of Caring skit, etc.) would be great. We will also be sharing on our various social media sites and on displays at Third Church.

This month, Kihumo graduated a group who had completed a two year course of study called TEE (Theological Education by Extension). This two year course covered ten topics, including Old and New Testament, church history, Jeremiah and Mark, drug and substance use, HIV and AIDS, preaching, biblical theology and the PCEA (Presbyterian Church of East Africa). Congratulations to the graduates of this amazing program!

## New Ways to Donate Online

Donating to Third Church just got easier!

If you'd like to donate online, visit [www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://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](http://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.

## Support Third Church When You Shop at Amazon

Amazon Associates is a program which pays referral fees to Third Church when an Amazon customer accesses [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) through the Third Church website.

Go to [www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org) and click on the Amazon logo on the homepage. Shop as you usually do, and Amazon will send a percentage of your purchase to Third Church. It's a great way to generate income for Third Church at no additional cost to you!

## Find Us on Twitter and Instagram!

In addition to Facebook, Third Church is also on Twitter and Instagram at handle @ThirdChurchROC. Join the conversation!

Join us:

**MOMS**   
**DEMAND**  
**ACTION**  
FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA

**Sunday, March 18**  
**12:00noon - 1:30pm**  
**Johnston Hall**

Join us to learn about gun violence prevention – the facts and the myths and how we can make a difference as individuals and as a community.

Led by **Cha Ron Sattler-Leblanc**  
MomsDemandAction

Light Lunch available for \$5 at the door

**RSVP** to the church office at 271-6513.

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*Cha Ron Sattler-Leblanc*