

Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light
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“I have a lot of faith. But I am also afraid a lot, and have no real certainty about anything. I remembered something (someone) once told me--that the opposite of faith is not doubt, but certainty. Certainty is missing the point entirely. Faith includes noticing the mess, the emptiness and discomfort, and letting it be there until some light returns.”

Anne Lamott

Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith

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

March 4, 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 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).

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

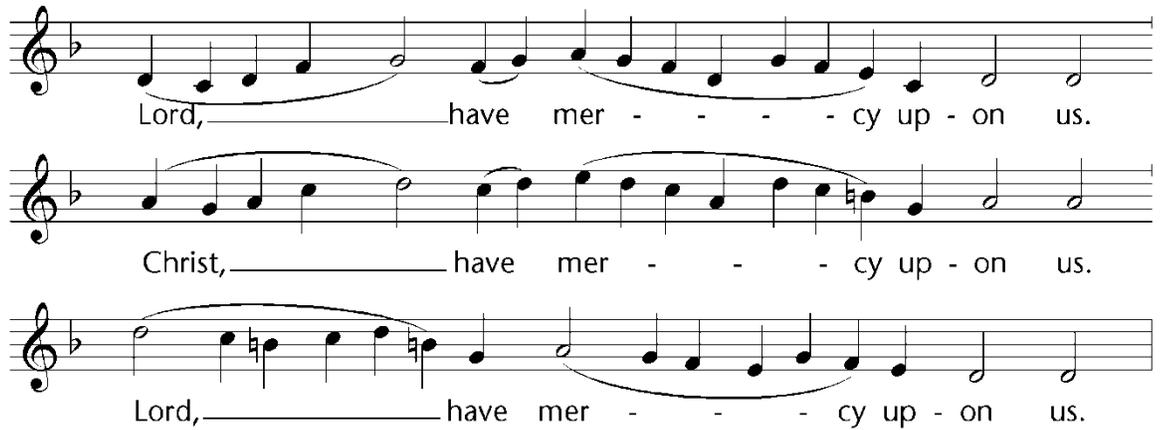
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For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past, and lead us out from darkness to
walk as children of the light. Amen.

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

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 Corinthians 1:18-25

Pew Bible, NT page 166

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Morning Glory, Starlit Sky"

Cary Ratcliff

Morning glory, starlit sky, soaring music, scholar's truth, flight of swallows, autumn leaves, memory's treasure, grace of youth; Open are the gifts of God, gifts of love to mind and sense; hidden is love's agony, love's endeavor, love's expense. Love that gives, gives evermore, gives with zeal, with eager hands, spares not, keeps not, all outpours, ventures all, its all expends. Drained is love in making full, bound in setting others free, poor in making others rich, weak in giving power to be. Therefore he who shows us God helpless hangs upon the tree; and the nails and crown of thorns tell of what God's love must be. Here is God: no monarch he, throned in easy state to reign; here is God, whose arms of love aching, spent, the world sustain.

- W. H. Vanstone (1980)

GOSPEL LESSON — John 2:13-22

Pew Bible, NT page 93

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"The Stewardship of Alternative Values"

John Wilkinson

*HYMN 498

"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

BEACH SPRING

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

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. Amen.

PRESENTATION of OFFERINGS

In addition to our regular offering, today we receive a special offering for the People's Emergency Fund, which is used to help those who come to us in financial distress, especially those who face eviction or utility shut-offs. Envelopes are in the pew racks. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled
down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a
crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

- Isaac Watts

*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

*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



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

setting by William Mathias

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

“Contemplation on ‘Ubi Caritas’”

Catherine McMichael
Third Church Ringers

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 306 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

RESPONSE “May the Road Rise to Meet You”

Junior Choir

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind me at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, ‘til we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*GREETING

POSTLUDE “Prelude in C minor”

Felix Mendelssohn

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Elmer Urich, father of Gale Myers.

The memorial prayer candle is lit in gratitude for Third Church leaders past and present, with hopes for our future on this Annual Meeting Sunday.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING’S SERVICE

John Wilkinson..... Preacher
Lynette K. Sparks, Martha C. Langford, Jeremy Peters..... Liturgists
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
Mary Ann Rutkowski Associate Director of Music
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
Congregational Fellowship..... Coffee Hour Hosts



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Annual Meeting TODAY

The annual meeting of Third Presbyterian Church is today, 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 **Stephanie Post** on the death of her nephew Mikey on February 17.

Sunday Seminar

Sunday, March 4, 9:30am in Johnston Hall

"Conflict without Contempt," led by Kit Miller, Director of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence.

Next Sunday, March 11: "The Future of Theological Education," led by James Hudnut-Beumler, Professor of Church History and former Dean of Vanderbilt Divinity School.

This presentation is part of the 2018 Hudnut Weekend.

Growing in the Word

Sunday, March 4, 9:30am in the Parlor

"The Mystery Forsaken, Mark 14: 53-72," led by Dianna Daunton.

Next Sunday, March 11: "The Mystery Solved, Mark 15:16-41," led by Ernest Krug.

Monday Night Yoga

Monday, March 5, 6:30pm, Johnston Hall

Join us for this free class!

Hudnut Weekend, NEXT 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"

Thursday Voices

**Thursday, March 8, 12:00pm,
Johnston Hall**

"Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31;
Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-28," led by
Lynette Sparks.

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

Join the Women of TBK, Wednesday, April 18 at 1:00pm at 2131 Elmwood Ave, Rochester. RSVP to Ellen Solomon, 131ellens@gmail.com.

Special Music for Lent: Two Twentieth Century Choral Masterworks

Sunday, March 18, 10:45 Worship Service

The Chancel Choir and soloists will present two twentieth-century British choral masterworks as the Special Music for Lent. "Rejoice in the Lamb," composed in 1943 by Benjamin Britten, and "Lo, the full, final sacrifice" by Gerald Finzi, written in 1946. These two pieces, composed just three years apart, are very different in both musical style, and in the way they convey imagery for Christ – as Lamb of God, as Shepherd, and as sacrifice. Both are based on classic texts – the first by 18th century poet Christopher Smart, and the second on a text by Richard Crashaw, inspired by two hymns of St. Thomas Aquinas.

These are powerful and thought-provoking works of musical devotion, and will add greatly to our experience of the season of Lent. The Chancel Choir and Soloists will be directed by Peter DuBois, with accompaniment by Caroline Robinson. Please plan to be present for this extraordinary musical and spiritual offering. A Special Music offering will be received that day to support this, and future, special music presentations.

Moms Demand Action – Gun Sense in America

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

Join us to learn about gun violence, the facts and myths, and how we can make a difference.

\$5 at the door, light lunch available.

Led by Cha Ron Sattler-Leblanc, MomsDemandAction. RSVP to the church office, 271-6513.

Calvin Guild

**Wednesday, March 21, 12:00pm,
Johnston Hall**

Join us to hear Carolyn Coit Dancy present her original one act play, "A Reverence for Life," a first-person monologue about Rachel Carson, author of *Silent Spring*.

Cost is \$8 for a soup and sandwich lunch. Please RSVP to Dot Wallace, dpiercewallace@gmail.com no later than Friday, March 16.

Grocery Run Rally

**Thursday, March 22, 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Ox and Stone
282 Alexander Street
Rochester**

Join the Grocery Run team for snacks and drinks (soft drinks are on us, cash bar is available) and to share ideas and thoughts for Grocery Run events to come.

This is your chance to get involved and become part of the hunger-fighting future!

Please RSVP to eastavenuegroceryrun@gmail.com.

RAIHN Training Opportunity

Thursday, March 22, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Asbury First United Methodist Church
1010 East Ave.

If you are interested, please contact Jen Canning at RAIHN, coordinator@raihn.org.

Have you volunteered for RAIHN and attended our Volunteer Orientation? Would you like to learn more about issues our families are facing that shape their experiences, such as culture, trauma and poverty?

Then please attend this interactive discussion with other volunteers as we increase our understanding about our guests' lives and share our own RAIHN stories and experiences.

Elvis to Elton

Friday, March 23, 6:00pm – 8:00pm,
Celebration Center

For adults in their 60s to 80s. Please RSVP to the church office, 271-6513 by March 19 if you are interested in an evening of fun and fellowship.

Please bring a dish to share based on your last name: A-G: salad, H-S: meat or vegetable main dish, T-Z: dessert.

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. 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!

Find Us on Twitter and Instagram!

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New Ways to Donate Online

Donating to Third Church just got easier!

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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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