

Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light
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In this new season
may you know
the presence of the God
who dwells within your days,
the mystery of the Christ
who drenches you in love,
the blessing of the Spirit
who bears you into life anew.

Jan Richardson

Blessing for Trinity Sunday

**The Worship of God
Trinity Sunday**

May 27, 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). The next Exploring Membership Luncheon will take place in the fall.

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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Rachel Norton, Development Associate.....	ext 113
Caroline J. Robinson, Assistant Organist	
Roderic P. Frohman, Pastor Emeritus	

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 “Solemn Melody” Walford Davies

*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 adapted from Psalm 29

LEADER: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

PEOPLE: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

LEADER: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

PEOPLE: **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
causing the oaks to whirl.**

LEADER: All in his temple say, “Glory!”
May the Lord give strength to his people!

PEOPLE: **May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

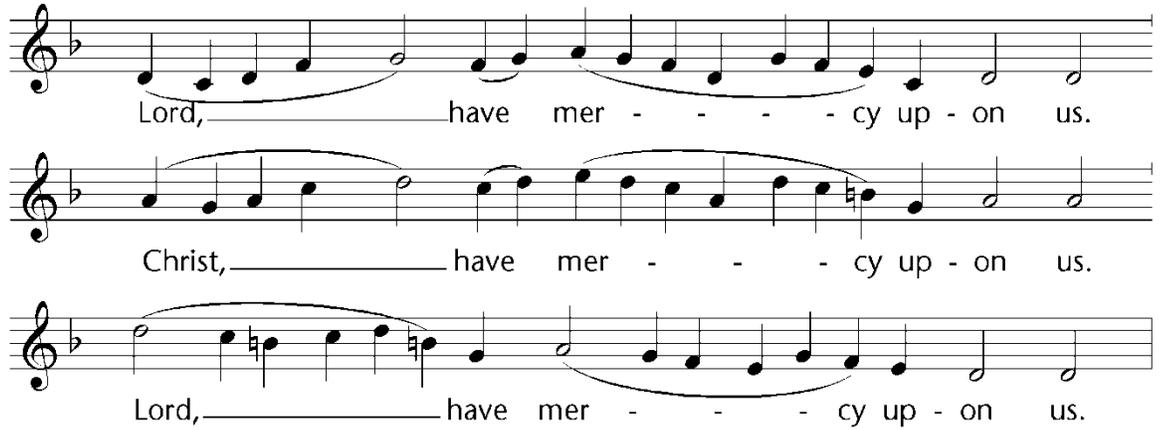
*HYMN 2 “Come, Thou Almighty King” ITALIAN HYMN

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit. 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

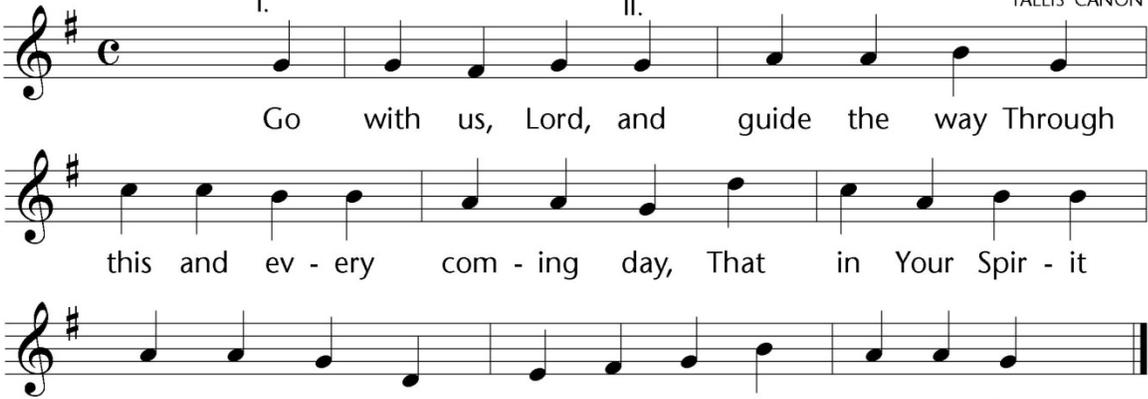
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the children's message, school aged children are invited to gather at the table under Arnold Park balcony for quiet activities during worship. 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)

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 — Isaiah 6:1-8

Pew Bible, OT page 635

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “God So Loved the World”

Bob Chilcott

Lauren Silberstein, *soprano*

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- John 3:16

GOSPEL LESSON — John 3:1-17

Pew Bible, NT page 93

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Every New Beginning”

Martha Langford

*HYMN 303 “God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian”

CHURCH UNITED

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

"There Is a Land of Pure Delight"

Grayston Ives

There is a land of pure delight where saints immortal reign; infinite day excludes the night and pleasures banish pain.

There everlasting spring abides and never-withering flowers; Death like a narrow sea divides that heavenly land from ours.

Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood stand dressed in living green; so to the Jews old Canaan stood while Jordan rolled between.

But timorous mortals start and shrink to cross the narrow sea, and linger shivering on the brink, and fear to launch away.

O could we make our doubts remove, those gloomy doubts that rise, and see the Canaan that we love with unobscured eyes.

Could we but climb where Moses stood and view the landscape o'er; not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood should fright us from the shore.

- Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

*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: **Holy God, your love overflows in the gift of your Spirit.
Bless these gifts that we offer, so that they may spread your
blessing in a world of hurt and need; in Christ's name.
Amen.**

*HYMN 686 "God of Our Life"

SANDON

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Ye Boundless Realms of Joy"

C. Hubert H. Parry

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Dorothy Ashworth, mother of Sylvia Pedrick.

The memorial prayer candle is lit in gratitude for Martha Langford's ministry with us, with prayers for the ways God's Spirit will continue to be present in her life.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Martha C. Langford Preacher
Ernest F. Krug, John Wilkinson, Katie Orem Liturgists
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/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 I Coffee Hour Hosts

Prayer for Memorial Day

Eternal God, in whom our forebears trusted: We rejoice in all who have faithfully lived and triumphantly died. We give you thanks for all blessed memories and all enduring hopes; for the ties that bind us to the unseen world; for all the heroic dead who encompass us like a cloud of witnesses. We pray that we who have entered into the heritage of their heroism and self-sacrifice may so honor their memory and so preserve and further their high purposes that the nation which they defended may stand in all coming years for righteousness and peace. Amen.

-Adapted, Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 1946

June 10 is a Big Day at Third Church!

Joins us at 10:00am – One Service of Worship

- We will thank our Sunday School teachers and Youth Ministry Advisors for sharing their gifts this past year.
- We will dedicate our newly restored Bell Tower and Copeland Chime
- We will enjoy hot dogs and ice cream on the East Avenue lawn, thanks to the Congregational Fellowship and Membership and Evangelism Committees.
- We will enjoy a concert on the Copeland Chime by Cecil Buchinger as we enjoy lunch, with additional music provided by the Third Church Ringers.

Plan to join us and invite a friend!



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In Our Prayers

- For Cassidy and Josh Barnum, on the birth of their son, Jackson Douglas Barnum, on May 18.
- For Jenn Poggi on the death of her uncle, Jack Miller.
- For Paul and Deb Bishop, Alex, Dan and Evelyn on the death of Paul's father Jay Bishop.

Reception for Martha Langford – TODAY!

All are invited to a farewell reception for Martha Langford as she concludes her ministry with us. The reception will be held following the 10:45am worship service in the Celebration Center.

Pew Cushions

Individual pew cushions are available in the Sanctuary. Please see an usher for assistance.

Sunday Seminar

Sunday, May 27, 9:30am in Johnston Hall

"The Church and the Civil Rights Movement" led by Rod Frohman, Pastor Emeritus. Part three of a three part series.

Note: Sunday Seminar and Growing in the Word will meet together in June.

Next Sunday, June 3:

"Esther: The Hidden Face of God," led by Jim Stewart.

Growing in the Word

Sunday, May 27 at 9:30am in the Parlor

"The Ten Commandments: Part II, Exodus 20:8-17"

Note: Growing in the Word and Sunday Seminar will meet together in June.

May is Stained Glass Month at Third Church



Please consider making a contribution to the James P. Chisholm Memorial Stained Glass Restoration Fund, introduced for the first time this month. The Chisholm Fund funds the restoration and preservation of Third Church's historic sanctuary windows, and is named in memory of Jim Chisholm, long-time Third Church member whose care for our facility remains a priceless gift.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 per year, the approximate average cost of repairing and conserving one sanctuary stained-glass window. You may participate in two ways:

- Send a check to the church office or leave in the offering plate noting "stained glass" in the memo.
- Make a silent auction bid on the beautiful stained glass window displayed in Johnston Hall by visiting www.32auctions.com/glassfund. Please contact Rachel Norton with questions at rnorton@thirdpresbyterian.org. The antique window is a production of the famed Keck Studio, and was donated to the church to support the Chisholm Fund.

Thank you for your support as we preserve and maintain our beautiful windows for future generations.

Name Tags

The Membership and Evangelism Committee is happy to announce that we will be taking orders for Third Presbyterian Church member name tags. This is a voluntary effort – we hope that many of you will obtain a name tag to help us get to know our congregation and build connections. On Sundays after worship

throughout the month of June, including on June 10 during the Big Lunch, orders for name tags will be taken. The cost of a name tag is \$10.50 and needs to be paid for at the time your order is placed by cash, check or credit card. We will ask that you keep your name tag with your own personal belongings; we do not plan to provide a storage area for them at the church. Please contact any of the following committee members if you have questions.

Rob White, *chairperson*, Sheila Elliott, Pam Foye, Sarah Krug, Laurie Mahoney, Katy Tidd

Monday Night Yoga

No yoga on Monday, May 28; the office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. See you Monday June 4!

Thursday Voices

No Thursday Voices on May 31.

Summer Sizzle Volunteers Needed – Keep the Wheels Turning!

This summer, Summer Sizzle will be running a seven week summer program entitled **Wilson Wondercamp**.

Located in Wilson Commencement Park, this camp will run on Mondays and Thursdays, July 2 to August 16, 10:00am to 4:00pm and will give kids an opportunity to engage in nature activities, music workshops, dance classes and more.

We need your help! Between 6 and 15 chaperones/counselors will be needed to make this camp run smoothly. The minimum commitment required is three out of the seven weeks, with specific days of the week a possibility.

If you are interested, please contact Melanie Jones **by Friday June 1** at artsenrichmentdirector@aol.com or 347-668-6181. After June 8, volunteers will be welcomed on a space available basis.

Additionally, while many sites are willing to give us access to their on-site educational and cultural programming at zero to reduced fees, **lack of transportation remains a significant barrier for these families.**

Our goal is raise \$5,000 to fund transportation for educational excursions.

Look for our special table at Coffee Hour on June 3 and June 17. Your contribution of any amount can be sent to the church office. Please write *Summer Sizzle Fill the Bus* in the memo line.

GRCC Faith in Action Dinner Honorees

Tuesday, June 5, 5:30pm
Burgundy Basin Inn

Otto Muller-Girard, Sr. and Otto Muller-Girard, Jr. will be honored for their faithful service in our church and community at the Greater Rochester Community of Church's Faith in Action Dinner on Tuesday, June 5. Many from the community will be recognized. We are honored to support Otto Sr. and Otto Jr. in this event.

The cost of the dinner is \$40 per person. If you would like to attend the dinner please contact Emily Blecksmith in the church office at eblecksmith@thirdpresbyterian.org, and indicate whether you'd like vegetarian lasagna or the chicken entrée.

Checks can be made payable to Third Presbyterian Church, marked Faith in Action Banquet, and sent to the attention of Carol Foster.

American Diabetes Bike Tour deCure

Saturday, June 9

The YOUth of Third Church are hosting a water stop for this year's American Diabetes Bike Tour deCure, run by our own Kerrie Merz. We are hosting the first rest stop so it's an exciting place to be!

Help us support this important event - all are welcome. Volunteers are needed between 8:30am and 12:45pm. Contact Deb Bishop at dabishop@rochester.rr.com today to sign up to volunteer.

Save The Date! Elvis to Elton Summer Picnic

Thursday, July 26, 4:15pm-8:00pm
Perinton Park Pavilion

Come for great food and fellowship and bring a friend!

Stay tuned for more information!

Meals With a Meaning – October 20

Want to get to know other church members on a more meaningful level? Then join us this fall for “Meals With a Meaning.” There is no set cost for this event. Instead, each guest is asked to consider what he or she would spend on a typical evening out to dinner. Contributions go to the Third Church operating budget. Gatherings are sized to fit each volunteer’s table. Meals need not be expensive or fancy, but focus on creativity and personal cooking preferences with a focus on fun! If you’ve enjoyed this event in the past, consider hosting this year. If you are new to Third Church since our last event, we especially look forward to your participation and getting to know you better. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 20. Then contact committee chairs to sign up as a host or a guest. Contact Beth Aten (bethfa@rochester.rr.com) or Hope Herting (mhherting@yahoo.com).

Find Us on Twitter and Instagram, and Stay in Touch via Email!

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

Additionally, if you are not on our email distribution list to receive weekly updates, please contact Cindy Mark at cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Donations Needed for RAIHN Bridge Apartment

RAIHN now has a bridge apartment, which allows families awaiting their final housing inspection to leave the RAIHN rotation and open a space for another family.

During the month of April, we will be collecting the following items to help stock the apartment:

Cleaning supplies, plunger, toilet brush, toilet paper, paper towels, light bulbs, canned and dry foods.

Donated items should be labeled “RAIHN” and can be left in the specially designated box by the church office.

Calling All Gardeners!

Can you commit to one hour per week to help grow fresh, healthful vegetables for families in need? Volunteer with the Alison Clarke Community Garden to supplement the food at the South Wedge Food Program at the corner of Averill Ave. and Ashland Street. Contact Tracy Walker at tracy@walkermedia.net for more information.

Amazon Wish List

Friends, the Third Church librarians have identified a few books that would enhance the offerings of our church library. We have added these to the library's Amazon Wish List.

If you would like to donate a book to the library, visit amazon.com, and from home page, go to the “Lists” drop down menu. Click “Find a List or Registry” then search for “Third Church Library.”

In the coming months we will add more books to the wish list that would be welcome additions to our collection. And we always gratefully accept gently used, unmarked books from your personal collection that are appropriate for the library.

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.

You can also use your mobile device to make donations to Third! Download the Give+ app, search for Third Presbyterian Church, and follow the instructions to make one-time or recurring gifts toward your pledge or special funds.

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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Sunday Morning Parking

Third Church aspires to be inclusive in many ways, including for those with mobility challenges. In order for worshipers to be able to use the ramp at the Arnold Park door, we have designated the ENTIRE Arnold Park parking lot for handicapped access on Sunday mornings.

We know, however, that there are more with handicapped access needs than there are spaces in the Arnold Park lot. Therefore, if you do not have a blue handicapped parking card, we kindly ask you not to park in the Arnold Park lot. If you are dropping someone off at the Arnold Park entrance, please continue through the driveway to our Meigs Street lot.