



# Third Presbyterian Church

*Seeking the Light*

Hear the voice that spoke  
from time's beginning  
declaring the goodness of creation.  
Hear the word proclaimed  
that speaks to all of time  
the goodness of God's Beloved.  
Hear the voice as it sings  
to all hearts that listen  
God's intention to bless the world.  
It resounds with the exuberance of joy.

Andrew King

The Worship of God  
Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2016

8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

# 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 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.

**Children and Worship:** Children's worship bulletins, Bibles and activity clipboards are available from the ushers.

Large Print Bulletins and Bibles are available from the ushers. Hymnals and Bibles are located under the first row pews.

Child Care is available in the Education Building for infants and toddlers to age three. Church School is available for children age 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10:45 a.m. service. Third Grade will be at the Worship Table this morning.

Coffee Hour follows the 10:45 a.m. worship service. All are invited to this time of fellowship in the Celebration Center.

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. The next Exploring Membership dinner will take place February 21

**Newsletter:** The Messenger is published monthly. Copies are available at the back of the Sanctuary, in the literature racks outside Johnston Hall and on the church website. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter, contact Cindy Mark in the Church Office (cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6513, ext. 100).

## 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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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 turn off all cell phones and pagers. As the music begins this morning, please take time to become more aware of the continuing presence of God.

\* Stand as you are able

### PRELUDE

(8:30)

**"Prelude in A minor, BWV 543"**

J.S. Bach

(10:45)

**"Benedictus"**

Max Reger

### \* 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

LEADER:

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name.**

PEOPLE:

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

LEADER:

The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

PEOPLE:

The God of glory thunders, the Lord,  
over mighty waters.

LEADER:

The voice of the Lord is powerful.

PEOPLE:

The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

### \* HYMN 163

**"Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"**

ABERYSTWYTH

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

Merciful God, we are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. Our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals; we deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, and reconcile us one to another. We pray in **Jesus' 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.

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

(10:45)

*(Children, age 3 through 6<sup>TH</sup> grade, may depart for church school and child care following the children's message. You may exit through the doors to the left of the pulpit to get to the Education Building. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade will be at the Children's Worship Table today.)*

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

DISMISSAL  
of CHILDREN  
(10:45)

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 the service.*

OLD TESTAMENT  
LESSON

LEADER: Isaiah 43:1-7  
PEOPLE: The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*(Pew Bible, OT page 672)*

SOLO  
(8:30)

"Bethlehem Down"

Peter Warlock  
Chadwick Somers, *baritone*

## ANTHEM

(10:45)

### "The Shepherds' Farewell"

Hector Berlioz

Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling, The humble crib, the stable bare, Babe, all mortal babes excelling, Content our earthly lot to share, Loving father, loving mother, Shelter thee with tender care!

Blessed Jesus, we implore thee With humble love and holy fear, In the land that lies before thee, Forget not us who linger here! May the shepherd's lowly calling Ever to thy heart be dear!

Blest are ye beyond all measure, Thou happy father, mother mild! Guard ye well your heavenly treasure, The Prince of Peace, the Holy child! God go with you, God protect you, Guide you safely through the wild!

- trans. by Paul England

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*(Pew Bible, NT page 60)*

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

"Called by Name"

Lynette Sparks

## \* HYMN 691

(10:45)

"Lord, When I Came into This Life"

LAND OF REST

## \* AFFIRMATION of FAITH

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. 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.

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

SOLO

(8:30)

"I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies" Felix Mendelssohn

ANTHEM

(10:45)

"Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree" Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ the apple tree.

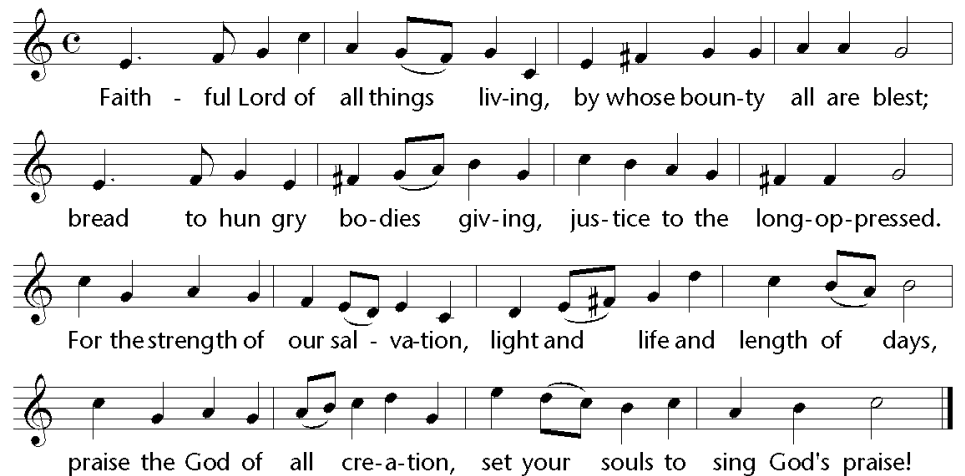
His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly I have bought: I  
missed of all; but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, Here I will sit and rest awhile: Under  
the shadow I will be, Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the apple tree.  
- Joshua Smith, New Hampshire, 1784

\* 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!

## 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 heaven and earth, as you revealed Jesus to be your Son in his baptism, so you claimed our lives in our baptism, that we might die to sin and be raised with him to new life. **Strengthen us in your Spirit's** power to live as your faithful daughters and sons, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* HYMN 547 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" AR HYD Y NOS

\* CHARGE  
and BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL  
RESPONSE  
(8:30) God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
**With a shepherd's care enfold you,**  
God be with you till we meet again.

\* CHORAL RESPONSE  
(10:45)

\* GREETING

POSTLUDE  
(8:30) "Epiphany" Gaston Litaize

(10:45) "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty " Craig Phillips

*The memorial candle is lit in thanksgiving for all who make the Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival possible, and for the opportunity to share the good news of Christ's birth with the broader community.*

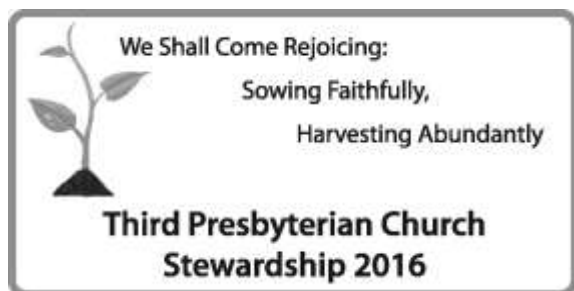
PARTICIPANTS IN **THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:**

*PREACHER:* Lynette Sparks  
*LITURGIST:* John Wilkinson, 10:45: Donna Brink Fox  
*DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST:* Peter DuBois  
*ASSISTANT ORGANIST:* Caroline Robinson  
*GREETERS:* Bob Eames, Maryjane Link, Jeff Morrison,  
Kelly Thevenet-Morrison, Betsey Wheeler  
*USHERS:* 8:30: Deb Allyn, Suzy Hengerer  
10:45: Elmer Dustman, Ann Haag, Hope Herting,  
Jeremy Peters, Gloria Pleger, Don Schichler,  
Rebecca Schichler, Anne Sievers  
*COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:* Deacons Parish B: Laura Loggi

January 10, 2016



## MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Thanks to those who have already pledged. As of January 4, we have received 368 pledges totaling \$829,458. Pledge cards are available in the office, in the pew pads in the Chapel, and in the pew racks in the Sanctuary. You may mail them to the church or you may submit a confidential pledge to Carol Foster at [cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org). If you requested envelopes on your 2016 pledge card, they are available for pickup on the table in front of Johnston Hall.

### Sunday Seminar

*Today at 9:30am in Johnston Hall*  
The Whiteness of Brown: The Failed Constitutive Rhetoric of Brown v. Board of Education with M. Elizabeth Thorpe, Assistant Professor, SUNY Brockport

### Growing in the Word

*Today at 9:30am in the Parlor*  
Baptism of Jesus, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 with Clive Daunton

### Men's Reconnection Group

*Monday, January 11, 7:00pm*  
The Men's Reconnection Group this month will meet in the Whitney Room. Contact Jeremy Peters at [psbfan6@gmail.com](mailto:psbfan6@gmail.com).

### Living Waters Wednesdays



Lynette Sparks will lead the service on January 13. Join us at 6:00pm in the Chapel.



## Thursday Voices

January 14, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

Exploring the proposed Presbyterian Directory for Worship:

Chapter Three: The Service for the Lord's Day

- W-3.01: Worship on the Lord's Day
  - W-3.02: Gathering
  - W-3.03: Word
- with Lynette Sparks

## Nominating Seeks Suggestions

The Third Church Nominating Committee is hard at work discerning those who may be called to serve as Elders, Deacons or Trustees. You are encouraged to submit names to the committee, whether those of others or yourself. Names will be considered in confidentiality. Please send names to [jwilkinson@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:jwilkinson@thirdpresbyterian.org). Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

## Happy Bunch Out to Lunch

Sunday, January 17, 12:00pm

NAPA Wood Fired Pizza (573 S. Clinton Avenue). Contact Karen Anne Bills ([karenannebills@gmail.com](mailto:karenannebills@gmail.com).)

## Chapel Concert by Candlelight

Thursday, January 21, 7:30pm

Ellen Rutkowski, *mezzo-soprano*, and Rick Hoffenberg, *piano*, will offer a program featuring American art songs of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries, as well as lieder by Korngold and piano selections by Chopin and Rachmaninoff.

The Chapel Concert by Candlelight Series is made possible in part through the generosity of the Janet S. and David

B. Reed Fund. The performance is free and open to the public. Donations will be received to support the series.

## Christmas in January

Saturday January 23, 1:00-2:30pm

**Come and Sing Carols...** for the 2016 Christmas Lessons & Carols recording. All members and friends of the congregation are invited to participate in a Christmas Lessons and Carols recording that the Chancel Choir, readers, and clergy will be making in collaboration with WXXI. This recording will be broadcast locally on Christmas Eve 2016, and around the nation during the Christmas season! We hope to **gather a "congregation"** – as many people as possible – to join us on Saturday, January 23, from 1:00 – 2:30pm **in the Sanctuary**. We'll sing traditional Christmas carols, and hear the readings we typically do on Christmas Eve. Join us for this event to **help share the Good News of Christ's birth in 2016!**

## Conversation with Bryce Wiebe

Sunday, January 24 at 12:00 noon Luncheon in Johnston Hall, & with youth groups at 6:00pm

Join us for a conversation with Bryce Wiebe, Manager of Special Offerings for the Presbyterian Mission Agency, at noon on Sunday, January 24. Please RSVP to the church office (271-6513) if you will be attending the luncheon. Bryce leads the PC (U.S.A.) staff responsible for promoting the One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, and Christmas Joy offerings and the causes they support. Bryce will also lead activities with the

Third Church youth groups during their evening programming on January 24.

Bryce previously worked for the Presbyterian Hunger Program and served as director of Christian education at First Presbyterian Church in New Haven, Conn. where he developed **educational materials, wrote children's plays, created worship experiences, and led Bible studies that emphasized economic justice.** Bryce also served as executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hastings, Neb. He earned his M.Div. from Yale Divinity School and a B.A. in music and business administration from Hastings College. He is also a first cousin to Lynette Sparks!

### **If Music Be the Food....**

*Sunday, January 24, 7:30pm*

This concert will include Mozart G minor String Quintet performed by Robin Scott and Thomas Rodgers, violins, Carol Rodland and George Taylor, violas, Ahrim Kim, cello; works of Haydn and Mozart for solo piano performed by Douglas Humpherys; **excerpts from Mozart's Gran Partita,** conducted by Mark Powell with James Van Demark, bass, and Eastman students.

No tickets are sold for the concerts, rather, audience members are invited to bring non-perishable food items or cash **donations for Rochester's Foodlink** as the price of admission.

### **Kenya Traveler's Report Lunch**

*Sunday, January 31—12:15pm*

Join us for lunch and a presentation from the group that went to Kenya this past autumn. See photos and hear updates on projects we helped to start, priorities moving forward, and learn more about this unique and nearly decade-old partnership. The travelers have wonderful stories about this rich experience that we would love to share with our congregation. RSVP to the church office.

### **Temporary Shelter Seeks Donations**

While working on a long-term solution **for Rochester's homeless, the** Rochester Emergency Action Committee for the Homeless (REACH) has established a temporary shelter and is seeking donations and volunteers. To learn more, visit their website <http://reachrochester.wix.com/reach>.



# The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

An Ancient Processional  
Celebrating Epiphany

*presented by*

The Third Presbyterian Church  
Chancel Choir & Instrumental Ensemble  
and cast of over 100 people

Peter DuBois, *Director of Music*

Third Presbyterian Church  
East Avenue at Meigs Street  
Rochester

**Saturday, January 9, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, January 10, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Free-will offering received at the door**

~ Doors open 45 minutes before each performance ~  
Pre-Festival music – madrigals and handbells – begins  
30 minutes prior to each performance

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## CALENDAR for January 10 – January 17

### Sunday at Third Church

8:30 am	Child Care	Christian Education Building (CE)
8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	Johnston Hall (JH)
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30 am	Commissioning Class	CE/207
9:30 am	Outreach Steering Committee	Whitney Room
10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Church School <i>(The third grade class is at the worship table today)</i>	CE
11:45 am	Coffee Hour	Celebration Center (CC)
3:00 pm	<b>Boar's Head Warm Up</b>	Celebration Center (CC)/Johnston Hall
4:00 pm	<b>Boar's Head Festival</b>	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	<b>Boar's Head Festival Reception</b>	CC

### Monday, January 11

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
5:30 pm	Personnel Committee	Parker Room
6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	CC
6:30 pm	Yoga	JH
7:00 pm	Men's Reconnection	Whitney Room
7:00 pm	Stewardship Committee	Parker Room

### Friday, January 15

9:30 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parlor
7:00 pm	Youth Movie Night/Lock-In	CE Youth Lounge

### Saturday, January 16

10:00 am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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### Sunday, January 17

8:30 am	Child Care	CE
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
9:30 am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
9:30 am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30 am	Growing in the Word	Parker Room
9:30 am	Commissioning Class	CE/207
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 am	Church School	CE
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:00 pm	Happy Bunch Out to Lunch	Off Site

### Tuesday, January 12

<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
9:45 am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
3:00 pm	GS4A Steering Committee	JH
7:00 pm	Session/Deacon Meeting	JH
8:00 pm	Deacon Meeting	JH
8:00 pm	Session Meeting	CC

### Wednesday, January 13

5:00 pm	Children's Musical Rehearsal	CE/Moot Room
5:30 pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal	Moot Arts Room
5:30 pm	Qabats	CC
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Living Waters Wednesdays</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

### Thursday, January 14

9:30 am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45 am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Room
12:00 pm	Thursday Voices	JH
5:30 pm	Joint Budget/Finance	JH
5:45 pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Room