



# Third Presbyterian Church

*Seeking the Light*

What we have to remember is that our eyes are not all we have for seeing with, maybe not even the best we have. Our eyes tell us that the mountains are green in summer and in autumn the colors of flame. They tell us that the nose of the little girl is freckled, that her hair usually needs combing, that when she is asleep, her cheek is flushed and moist...

"But all these things are only facts because facts are all the eye can see. Eyes cannot see truth. The truth about the mountains is their great beauty. The truth about the child is that she is so precious that without a moment's hesitation we would give our lives to save her life if that should somehow ever become necessary.... It is not with the eyes of the head that we see truths like that, but with the eyes of the heart."

Frederick Buechner  
*Secrets in the Dark*

**The Worship of God  
Second Sunday of Easter**

April 3, 2016

8:30am

## 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 this morning, please take time to become more aware of the continuing presence of God.

\* Stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Healey

Willan

"Prelude on Gibbons' 'Song 13'"

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

\* DOXOLOGY

PLEASE STAND AS THE ORGAN INTRODUCTION BEGINS

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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Psalm 118: 24-29)

LEADER: This is the day that the LORD has made;

**PEOPLE: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

LEADER: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

**PEOPLE: We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

LEADER: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good,

**PEOPLE: For God's steadfast love endures forever.**

\* HYMN 231

"Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

SUO GAN

\*PRAYER  
of ADORATION

Living God, we praise you-for the day that you have made; for the life that you have given; for the church that you have called. Let this day be filled with wonder; let our lives proclaim the message; let your church sing out the news-that Christ, our Lord and Savior, is risen from the dead. Amen.

\* RESPONSE:



Christ is a - live, and comes to bring Good news to  
this and ev - ery age, Till earth and sky and o - cean  
ring With joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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Tune: TRURO

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.*

NEW TESTAMENT  
LESSON

Acts 5:27-41

(Pew Bible, NT page 123)

SOLO

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. Craig Courtney

Caroline Nielson, *mezzo-soprano*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

(Pew Bible, NT page 115)

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Seeing”

Martha Langford

\* AFFIRMATION  
of FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.**

**We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

PRAYERS  
of the PEOPLE  
and THE LORD'S  
PRAYER

*(Prayer request cards are available in the pew pockets and can be placed in the offering plate.)*

**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 "Ride On, King Jesus"

arr. Hall Johnson

\* 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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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: **With glad rejoicing we bring you our gifts, God of great abundance. May these gifts and all the gifts of our lives be part of what you are doing in the world to turn mourning into dancing and to bring joy throughout your creation, so that all your creatures might praise you, singing: Blessing, honor, and glory to you! Amen.**

\* HYMN 256 "These Things Did Thomas Count as Real" KEDRON

\* CHARGE  
and BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL  
RESPONSE

**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.**

\* GREETING

POSTLUDE "Allegro Maestoso and Fugue" Felix Mendelssohn  
(from *Sonata II in C minor*)

*The flowers are given by Zachary and Jennifer Schafrath in honor of the baptism of their daughter, Margaret Randolph Schafrath.*

*The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit in memory of those killed in Pakistan this week, and for all facing violence and religious persecution.*

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

PREACHER:

(8:30) Martha Langford

LITURGISTS: Ernest Krug

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois

USHERS: Bill and Linda Adams

**Exploring Membership at Third Church**

The next "Exploring Membership Dinner" on May 1 at 6:00pm is a time to meet members, other newcomers and staff. This is an opportunity to share your story and explore ways to connect with the people here. Those who wish to become members of Third Church can choose to attend a New Member Gathering immediately following the dinner from 7:30 to 9:00pm. For more information or to reserve your place at the dinner, contact Lynette Sparks (271-6537, ext. 106 or [lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org)).

April 3, 2016



## MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Exchange Weekend with Temple B'rith Kodesh

#### TODAY at Third Church

9:30 a.m. Rabbi Peter Stein will lead our Sunday Seminar

10:45 a.m. Worship, Rabbi Stein will speak

### Living Waters Wednesdays



Lynette Sparks will lead the service on Wednesday, April 6. Join us in the Chapel at 6:00pm

### Thursday Voices

Thursday, April 7

*In full accord: Paul's social gospel*, written by N. T. Wright, led by Lynette Sparks

### Monday Yoga

April 4, 11, 18, 25 at 6:30pm, Johnston Hall

### Shawl Knitting Ministry

April 6, 20 at 5:00pm, Parlor

Contact Sue Spaulding (342-9568)

### Sisters in Spirit

Fridays, April 8, 22, 9:30am, Parlor

Contact Amy Stratton-Smith, [ameliajean123@gmail.com](mailto:ameliajean123@gmail.com)

### Concert Tickets on Sale

Tickets are on sale for the Choir of Royal Holloway concert on **April 8 at 7:30pm** in our Sanctuary. Don't miss this opportunity to hear this world-renowned English choir in live performance! See the current issue of the Messenger for details. Purchase tickets ONLINE at [www.thirdpresbyterian.org/tickets](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/tickets) or in the Church Office during the week. Cost is \$15 general admission; \$5 for students with valid ID; children 12 and under, free. This concert is being presented, in part, with significant support given in loving memory of Elizabeth S. Hansen, and in partnership with WXXI Public Broadcasting.

### DRM Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We hope that you will join us in worship on April 10, so that we may remember and recognize those who have helped to initiate and sustain DRM for 25 years. We would also like to extend a special invitation to all who have volunteered for DRM in any way during this time. There are two ways you can get involved.

**Saturday April 9**, join in a sing-along with our guests during Dining Room Ministry this day. Participants should meet in Johnston Hall at 11:00am. Contact Betty Iwan at [bettyiwan@frontiernet.net](mailto:bettyiwan@frontiernet.net) or 585-442-3655.

**Sunday April 10**, come to the Chapel or Sanctuary worship service and wear an apron to demonstrate our commitment to this ministry.

## Understanding the Second Amendment

**April 14, 2016 at 7:00pm**

Understanding the Second Amendment: Legal and Historical Aspects. Led by David Tennant, Co-Chair of the New York State Bar Association Task Force on Gun Violence. Invite your friends and colleagues to this free event!

## Church Ladies – Book Swap

**April 15, 7:00pm, Johnston Hall**

Bring in any book that you are ready to trade. For every three books you bring in, take one book home. Please a snack or dessert to share while we browse books and share fellowship. Please RSVP to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at [rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org) or 271-6537 ext. 118

## A Little Night Music

**Saturday, April 16, 7:30pm, Celebration Center**

A free evening of jazz and dessert to support Genesee Area Campus Ministries (at the University of Rochester) Matthew Sieber-Ford Jazz Combo Paige Kiefner, Soprano

## Happy Bunch Out to Lunch

**April 17, 12:00noon**

NAPA Wood-fired Pizza, 573 South Clinton Avenue  
Contact Karen Anne Bills, [karenannebills@gmail.com](mailto:karenannebills@gmail.com)

## Congregational Meeting

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** on **April 17, 2016** following the 10:45am service of worship. All members are encouraged to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to hear a report from the Nominating Committee and to elect church officers.

## Calvin Guild

**Wednesday, April 20, 12:00noon, Johnston Hall**

Betty Iwan and Judy Gordon will share stories and photos from their recent pilgrimage to Israel, Palestine and Jordan. RSVP to Dot Wallace at [dpiercewallace@gmail.com](mailto:dpiercewallace@gmail.com) or 223-8502.



# *"Once Upon A Parable"*

A musical presented by the Junior Choir and Glorious Voices



Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 10:45am

Third Presbyterian Church, 4 Meigs St., Rochester, NY

[www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org)

Music and Lyrics by the Illini Choir and Tim Long

# Calendar for April 3 – April 10

## Sunday at Third Church

8:30am	Childcare	Nursery
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Room
9:30am	Sunday Seminar/Growing in the Word	JH
<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Worship/Temple B'rith Kodesh Exchange</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00am	Church School	Education Building
12:00pm	Coffee Hour	CC

## Monday, April 4

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
2:00pm	Library Committee	Library
6:30pm	Yoga	JH

## Friday, April 8

11:00am	Bereavement Support Steering Committee	JH
7:30pm	Choir of Royal Holloway concert	Sanctuary
9:00pm	Royal Holloway Reception	CC

## Tuesday, April 5

<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
9:45am	Staff Meeting	Parker Room
10:00am	Program Staff Inservice	Youth Lounge
5:30pm	Peacemaking	Off site
6:00pm	Spiritual Formation	JH
6:30pm	Presbytery Meeting	Downtown United Presbyterian Church
7:00pm	Youth Committee Meeting	Parker Room
7:00pm	Children's Ministry Committee	Whitney Room

## Saturday, April 9

8:30am	Webster PW Retreat	CC
9:45am	Men's Breakfast	Off site
10:30am	Temple B'rith Kodesh Exchange	Off site
11:00am	Dining Room Ministry/25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	CC

## Sunday, April 10

8:30am	Child Care	CE
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Worship/25<sup>th</sup> DRM Anniversary</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
9:30am	Commissioning	Youth Lounge
9:30am	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Moot Room
9:30am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Worship/25<sup>th</sup> DRM Anniversary</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00am	Church School	CE
12:00pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:15pm	Children's Musical Set up	Sanctuary
4:00pm	Covenant Ringers	Sanctuary
4:30pm	Jr. High Bells	Moot Room
5:00pm	Youth Advisor Meeting	Youth Lounge
5:15pm	Covenant Singers	Choir Room
6:00pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	CC/Youth Lounge

## Wednesday, April 6

5:00 pm	Childrens Musical Rehearsal	Moot Room
5:00 pm	Shawl Knitting Ministry	Library
5:30 pm	Junior Choir	Moot Room
5:30 pm	Qabats	CC
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Living Waters Wednesdays</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
7:00pm	Outreach Committee	JH
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Rm

## Thursday, April 7

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