



# Third Presbyterian Church

*Seeking the Light*

How odd that we who make our homes and plant our gardens under the shadow of the mushroom cloud, who regularly discard our innocents in sacrifices to far lesser gods than Yahweh, should look condescendingly upon Abraham. No stranger to the ways of the real God, Abraham would know that a mad, disordered, barbaric age needs more than a faith with no claim but that its god can be served without cost. How puny is this orderly, liberal religion before the hard facts of life.

William H. Willimon

The Worship of God  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2016

10:00am

## 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 Cantabilé César Franck

\* 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

LEADER: God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

PEOPLE: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.

LEADER: God calls to the heavens above and to the earth.

**"Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"**

PEOPLE: We offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and pay our vows to the Most High.

\* HYMN 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

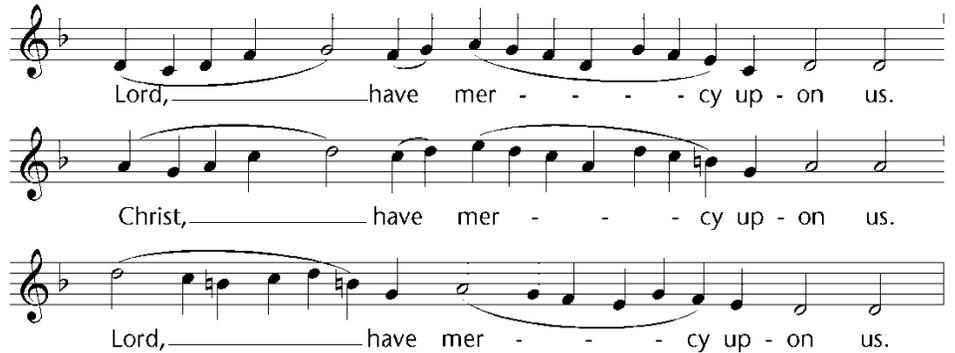
PRAYER  
of CONFESSION  
(unison)

Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing,  
but we do not always believe. You incite us to  
hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to  
give freely, but we cling to what we have. You  
call us to watch at all times for you, but we  
grow lazy and self-absorbed. Forgive us.  
Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and  
keep us alert to the wonders you work in the

world every day. For the sake of Jesus we pray.  
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 the Arnold Park balcony for quiet activities during worship. Child care is provided for kindergarten and younger. (Nursery Room 107)

# DISMISSAL of CHILDREN

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

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.*

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 12:32-48 (Pew Bible, NT page 75)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SOLO "All Things Bright and Beautiful" John Rutter  
Betsy Marvin, mezzo-soprano

EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (Pew Bible, NT page 225)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Faith" Martha Langford

\* 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 at 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.

PRESENTATION  
of OFFERINGS

*In addition to our regular offering, a Pastor's Emergency Fund offering will be received this morning. Special envelopes are in the pew pockets.*

SOLO

"How Can I Keep from Singing?" Michael Burkhardt

\* 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

\* 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 indeed right...**

**... And so we praise you, tuning our voices to the angels' songs, joining all those who sing on earth and in heaven:**

## 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!  
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 Lord's Supper this morning will be celebrated by the ancient practice of "intinction," from the Latin "to dip." At the time of communion, ushers will invite you to come forward to the lower chancel 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. Gluten-free bread is available at a clearly marked station under the Meigs Street balcony. You may return to your seats via the side aisles. If moving to the communion table is difficult for you, a team of servers will come to you to serve the communion elements.*

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP *As persons come forward to receive communion, all are invited to join in singing the following hymns:*  
Hymn 525 Let Us Break Bread Together  
Hymn 227 Jesus, Remember Me  
(repeat multiple times)  
Hymn 515 I Come With Joy

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(UNISON) Nourishing God, thank you for inviting us to your Table where all are welcome, and for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst with the cup of blessing. As you have filled our lives with love and hope, may we be a source of your love and hope for others who hunger and thirst for good news. Amen.

\* HYMN 716 "God, Whose Giving Know No Ending"  
BEACH SPRING

\* CHARGE  
and BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
**God be with you 'til we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you,  
God be with you 'til we meet again.**

\* GREETING

POSTLUDE "Toccata in Seven" John Rutter

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

PREACHER: Martha Langford  
LITURGISTS: Ernest Krug  
Director of Music/ORGANIST: Peter DuBois  
GREETERS: Betsey Wheeler  
USHERS: Griff Vinton, Bob Merz, Betsy Vinton, Rob White, Jobin Phillip, Beth Sieber, Roxanne Boyer, Jim Boyer

*The flowers in the Chancel are given in loving memory of  
Elizabeth Hansen, wife of Ronald Hansen.*

*The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit with prayers of thanksgiving for the  
sacrament of the Lord's Supper.*

August 7, 2016



## MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Summer of the Century

Thursday, August 11, 12:00noon, Johnston Hall

This mid-week discussion group will be led by Jim Stewart, Paul Gongloff, and Mary Cowden. Discussions on recent articles drawn from *The Christian Century*. Bring your lunch and your experience as the group takes on various articles. This week the group will review: *"Healing from the Ground Up—The Church as Field Hospital"* written by William T. Cavanaugh

### Practices of Faith

August 14: *Prayer Stations*

Led by Martha Langford

Daily prayer has been a way of life and practice of faith for the people of God for millennia, from the psalmists of ancient Israel through the saints of the Christian church. Over these years, a variety of prayer practices have grown and flourished. After a brief introduction, participants will have opportunity to explore a wide variety of different prayer practices.

### Chancel Choir Fundraiser

Members of the Chancel Choir will staff the Meigs Street and Arnold Park lots during the Park Avenue Festival TODAY. Funds raised will help offset expenses for presenting major choral works in worship, as well as support future tours and recording projects. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to take advantage of our convenient parking when they come to the festival - only \$5 per car!

### School Supplies Drive

Help us collect schools supplies for the children at Cameron Community Ministries, which ministers to children in the high-poverty Lyell-Otis neighborhood. You can bring your donations to church by August 14, and we will transport them to Cameron. Alternatively, you may make a donation for supplies and we will forward it to Cameron.

SUPPLY LIST:

\*3-ring binders, crayons, \*backpacks, erasers, \*dry erase markers, highlighters, \*glue sticks, index cards, \*hand sanitizer, loose leaf paper (wide ruled), \*masking tape, pencil cases, \*scissors, pencil sharpeners, \*scotch tape, pens & pencils, \*tab dividers, pocket folders (solid colors), \*tissues (full size boxes), post its, colored markers (washable), rulers, colored pencils, socks (all sizes), composition books, spiral notebooks (solid colors, wide ruled)

*\*Items that are in highest demand*

## Food Cupboard

Food Cupboard needs your donations of cereal, peanut butter, and 15oz canned fruits.

## Third Church Sermons

Sermons preached at Third Church are available in several ways.

1. In printed form in the literature racks in the sanctuary and chapel narthexes and outside the main office;
2. Posted on the Third Church website (along with audio recordings);
3. On the Third Church Facebook page.

## Calendar for August 7 – August 14

### Sunday at Third Church

9:00am	Practices of Faith	JH
9:15am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
9:45am	Childcare	Nursery
10:00am	Worship	Sanctuary

### Monday, August 8

9:30am Food Cupboard CC

### Tuesday, August 9

9:15am Morning Prayer Cloister  
9:45am Staff Meeting Parker Room

### Thursday, August 11

9:30am Food Cupboard CC  
12:00pm Summer of the Century JH

### Saturday, August 13

11:00am Dining Room Ministry CC

### Sunday, August 14

9:00am Practices of Faith JH  
9:15am Intercessory Prayer Chapel  
9:45am Child Care Nursery  
10:00am Worship Sanctuary