



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

“Presence is articulated in the Word, but the Word is heard only by those who recognize the promise and already live by its fulfillment. In this sense, *Torah* is *Logos* made flesh.”

Samuel Terrien

The Elusive Presence, 477

The Worship of God First Sunday after Christmas

January 1, 2017

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.

Children and Worship: We offer quiet activities for school aged children during worship in the sanctuary. There are table and chairs on a rug under the Arnold Park balcony where children will have the opportunity to read books and do activities that relate to our scriptures for the day.

Child Care is available all morning in the Education Building for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

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 luncheon will take place on February 5 at noon.

Newsletter: The Messenger is published monthly. Copies are available at the back of the Sanctuary, in the literature racks outside Johnston Hall and by the Arnold Park entrance, 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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THIRD CHURCH STAFF

John Wilkinson, Pastor

Martha C. Langford, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Lynette K. Sparks, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Evangelism

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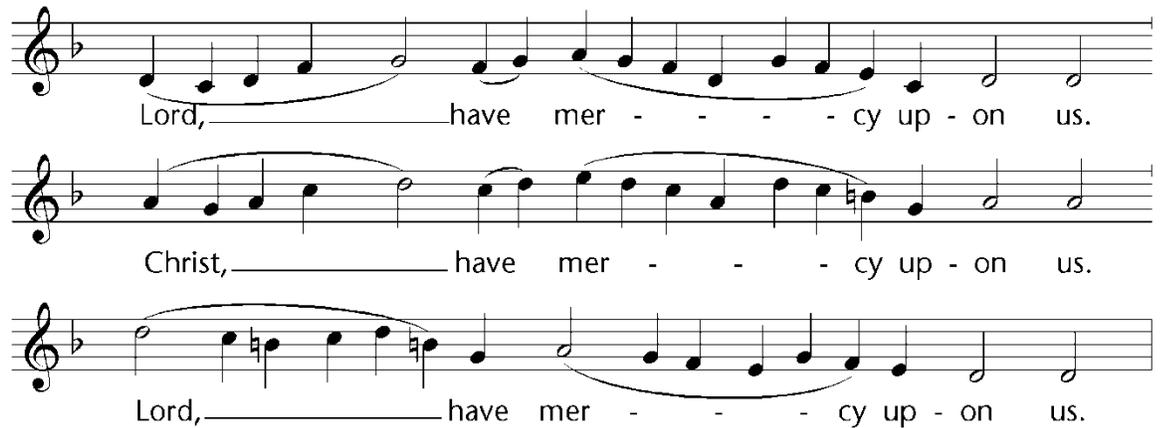
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SILENT PRAYER

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

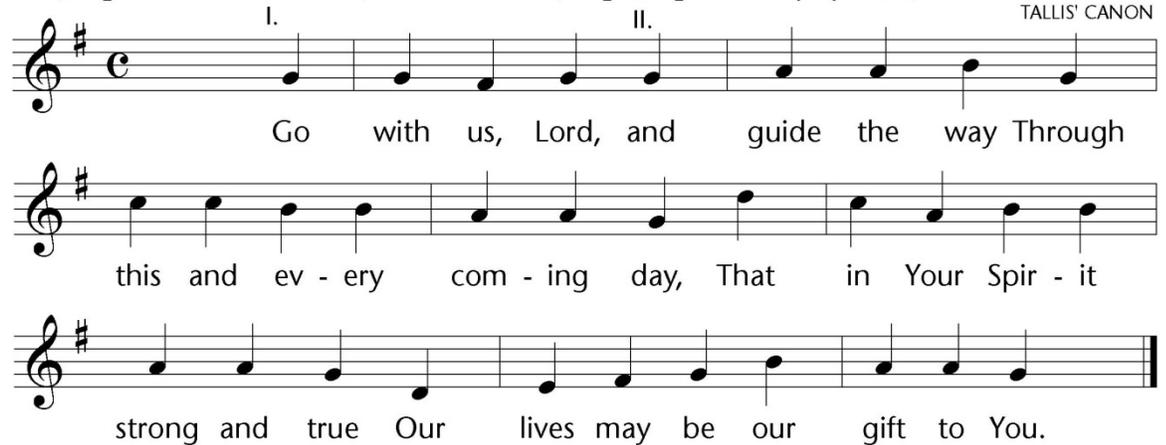
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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 children, Kindergarten and younger, in the Education Building. (Nurse Room 107)

DISMISSAL of CHILDREN

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

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 63: 7-9

(Pew Bible, OT page 693)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "The Virgin's Slumber Song"

Max Reger

Riki Connaughton, mezzo-soprano

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2: 13-23

(Pew Bible, NT page 2)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Suffering Presence or Saving Presence?"

Ernest F. Krug

*HYMN 834 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

PRECIOUS LORD

***AFFIRMATION of FAITH**

from the Confession of 1967

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of a debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for man. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

PRESENTATION of OFFERINGS

(If you requested envelopes on this year's Stewardship pledge card, they are available for pick-up on the table in front of Johnston Hall.)

SOLO "Christmas Joy"

C. P. E. Bach

***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

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. All bread is gluten-free. If moving to the communion table is difficult for you, a team of servers will come to you to serve the communion elements.

*THE SACRAMENT of THE LORD'S SUPPER

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*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.**

...Therefore we praise you, joining with choirs of angels and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing the glory of your name:

*SANCTUS

(organ intro) Richard Proulx

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. 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, Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

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 CUP

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Gracious God, you have accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world as your agents of reconciliation. Give us wisdom to see how we may grow in faithfulness as disciples of Jesus Christ and be instruments of your peace and healing in the world around us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen

*HYMN 436 "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

O QUANTA QUALIA

*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 "In thee is Gladness", BWV 615

Johann Sebastian Bach

The memorial prayer candle is lit in remembrance of Christopher Mould.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

- Ernest F. Krug Preacher
- Martha C. Langford, Lynette K. Sparks, Corni Labrum Liturgists
- Caroline J. Robinson Assistant Organist
- Ann Haag, Bonnie DeHollander, Rob White,
Jack Salzer, Ruth Sylvestre Greeters
- Griff Vinton, Bob Merz, Betsy Vinton, Harrison Lucas,
Jobin Philip, Beth Sieber, Roxanne Boyer Ushers

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The text for the well-known Christmas carol "The Holly and the Ivy" surfaced sometime in the mid-19th century; it was published along with its commonly-associated tune in the 1911 collection entitled *English Folk-Carols*. Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995), longtime organist of Gloucester Cathedral in England, set the tune within *Four Preludes on Well-known Carols* (1955). Sumsion's setting features a ritornello of calm triplet figures both in alternation and in combination with the melody. In his Little Organ Book (Orgelbüchlein), J. S. Bach also set a familiar Christmas carol, *In dir ist Freude*, written by an Italian composer in 1591. In Bach's setting, the melody appears in canon in the hands and feet, while also featuring a repeating motive in the pedals reminiscent of pealing church bells.



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Be the Church: Stewardship Update

Thanks to the 355 of you who have already pledged \$807,749 for 2017. We are grateful for your response. Thus far, 94 of you who pledged for 2016 have yet to respond for next year. We seek to raise approximately another \$150,000. Your response is critical as we begin planning for 2017.

If you have yet to pledge, you can do so by:

- Sending your pledge card to the church office
- Placing your pledge card in the offering plate
- Sending a confidential pledge to Carol Foster at cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org
- Pledging online at www.thirdpresbyterianchurch.org/give/give_stewardship.shtml and click Pledge Online

"Between the World and Me" Collaborative Conversations on Race

Third Church will collaborate with Gates and Laurelton Presbyterian Churches to explore the book "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Coates, national correspondent for the *Atlantic*, has crafted a nationally noted book, an extended essay/letter addressed to his son on what it means to be black in America today. The series will take place for three Thursdays in January from 6:00- 7:30pm:

January 12 Gates Presbyterian Church ~ 1049 Wegman Rd.

January 19 Laurelton United Presbyterian Church ~ 335 Helendale Rd.

January 26 Third Presbyterian Church

You don't have to read the book, but it would be helpful if you did. It is relatively brief and very accessible. It's readily available at bookstores or online.

Contact Martha Langford or Lynette Sparks with questions.

Spiritual Formation

January 8

Sunday Seminar (9:30am, Johnston Hall)

"NAMI: What it means to support those dealing with a mental illness"

led by Kristina Mossgraber and Loekie Windig, NAMI Rochester

Representatives from our local NAMI chapter (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will share the day to day realities of living with a mental illness and of supporting someone who lives with a mental illness. This is an opportunity to explore how we respond supportively to individuals and caregivers and work together to end the silence and stigma associated with these diseases.

Growing in the Word (9:30am, Parlor)

"Named and Claimed"

Focus on Matthew 3:13-17

Christmas in January!

Come and Sing Carols...for the Christmas Lessons & Carols recording, 2017

January 14, from 1:00 – 2:30pm., Sanctuary

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 2017 and around the nation during the Christmas season! We hope to gather a "congregation" – as many people as possible – to join us. We'll sing traditional Christmas carols and hear the readings we typically hear on Christmas Eve. Join us for this event to help share the Good News of Christ's birth in 2017!

Eastman Faculty Recital

Carol Rodland, Professor of Viola at the Eastman School of Music, will present a faculty recital, with her sister, organist Catherine Rodland, in the sanctuary of Third Church on **Sunday, January 22 at 3:00pm**. The sisters often perform as a duo, and this viola and organ recital will be unique in Rochester. Catherine is Professor of Organ and Artist in Residence at St. Olaf College, in Northfield, Minnesota. All are invited to attend.

Church Ladies: "How Does the Election of 2016 Make SBA Even More Relevant Today?"

In November 2016, almost 10,000 visitors gathered at Susan B. Anthony's gravesite in Mt. Hope Cemetery to say, "Thank you, Susan B. Anthony;" more than 23 million watched the social media coverage. Deborah L. Hughes, President and CEO of the National Susan B. Anthony Museum & House will share her reflections on why the essential Susan B. Anthony is more timely and relevant today than she was before November 8, 2016. The presentation will be followed by tours of the Susan B. Anthony House, a National Historic Landmark. \$15 or members free. 45 person limit in the carriage house. Coffee and snacks will be provided. RSVP to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch 271-6537, ext. 118 or RVeitch@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Christmas Basket Thank You

Christmas Basket Thanks. 84 city families, the most in our history, from Schools 3 and 35, RAIHN and Hillside received Christmas Baskets and TOPS gift cards from members of our congregation. Rose Pethick and the Committee thank everyone who purchased, packed and delivered the food, and who contributed funds to purchase the TOPs gift cards. New committee members are needed for next year. If interested, contact Rose at 388-8546.

Nominations Being Received

Your Nominating Committee is hard at work identifying slates for our three offices – Session, Deacon and Trustee. You can nominate yourself or suggest someone who you think has the gifts and qualifications to serve. All nominations are confidential. Please send your nominations to jwilkinson@thirdpresbyterian.org or complete a nomination form located in the chapel and sanctuary or the church office.

Calendar for January 1 – January 8

Sunday at Third Church

10:30am	Child Care	Christian Education (CE) Building
10:45am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00pm	Coffee Hour	Narthex

Monday, January 2

Office closed

Friday January 6

3:30pm	GS4A Strategy Meeting	JH
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Tuesday, January 3

9:15am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
9:45am	Staff Meeting	Parker
5:30pm	Peacemaking	Off-site
6:00pm	Spiritual Formation	JH
8:00pm	Congregational Fellowship	Whitney

Saturday, January 7

11:00am	Dining Room Ministry	CC
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Wednesday, January 4

5:00pm	Children's Bell Choir	Sanctuary
5:30pm	Qabats	CC
7:00pm	More Light Committee	Whitney
7:15pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Sunday, January 8

8:30am	Worship	Chapel
8:30am	Childcare	CE Building
9:30am	Growing in the Word	Parlor
9:30am	Sunday Seminar	JH
9:30am	Jr. Choir	Moor Rm
10:00am	Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
10:45am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00am	Church School	CE
12:00pm	Coffee Hour	CC
12:00pm	Nominating Committee	Parker
12:00pm	Commissioning Class	Youth Lounge
4:00pm	Youth Musical Rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:00pm	Youth Advisors	Youth Lounge
6:00pm	Youth Dinner/Fellowship	Youth Lounge

Thursday, January 5

9:30am	Food Cupboard	CC
10:45am	Celebration Ringers	Moot Rm
11:00am	GS4A Meeting	Library
12:00pm	Thursday Voices	JH
5:30pm	Third Church Ringers	Moot Rm