



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

“You don't have to see the whole staircase,
just take the first step.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Worship of God Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 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.

Church School: is available for children, preschool through sixth grade, during the 10:45am worship service. The 2nd and 3rd grade class will be at the children's worship table.

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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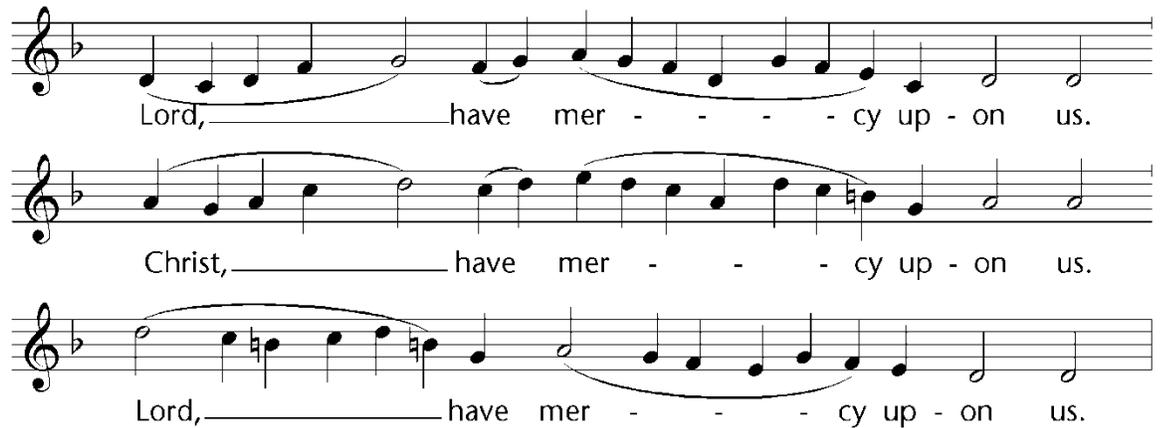
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THIRD CHURCH STAFF

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| Jane S. Carden, Youth Ministry Coordinator | ext. 107 |
| Caroline J. Robinson, Assistant Organist | |
| Roderic P. Frohman, Pastor Emeritus | |

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

BELL ANTHEM "How Great Thou Art"

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Third Church Ringers

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the children's message, children are invited to proceed to the education building for Sunday school. The nursery on the middle level of the education building is available for children to age three. The 2nd and 3rd grade class will be at the Children's Worship table today.

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.)

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(Pew Bible, NT page 165)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "The Secret of Christ"

Richard Shephard
Paige Kiefner, *soprano*

For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak. I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them. (*Isaiah 42:14-16*) And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God; and on either side of the river was there a tree of life, and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations. (*Revelation 22:1-3*) Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts, that we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage, following in the steps of Jesus, our Master and our Friend. Amen.

(The Pilgrim Prayer by Rev. Derrick Walters)

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:29-42

(Pew Bible, NT page 92)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Will You Come and Follow Me"

John Wilkinson

*HYMN 377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

HOUSTON

*AFFIRMATION of FAITH From the Confession of 1967, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relations with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity.

Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and responsible for the integrity of his or her witness in each particular situation. Each member is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. In turn, each member, in her or his own competence, helps to guide the church. 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

(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.)

ANTHEM

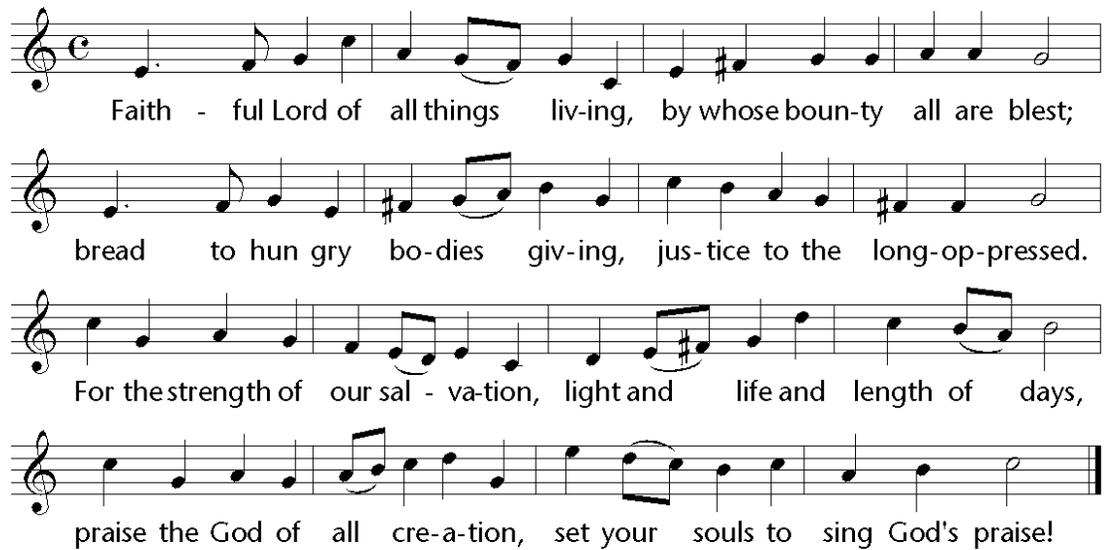
"The Call of Wisdom"

Will Todd

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy; walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory. Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction, entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger. *I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me? I am here, I am with you.* Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value. Jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting. *I am here, I am with you...* Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom. Those who know me know my love; those who seek me find their answer. *I am here, I am with you...* God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit co-eternal. Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages. *I am here, I am with you...*

Michael Hampel (based on Proverbs 8)

*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: **Almighty and loving God, we bless you for our creation,
preservation, and all the blessings of this life.
Give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that our hearts may be thankful,
and that we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all
our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Festal Flourish"

Gordon Jacob

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Glenn and Winona Phillips, parents and grandparents of Gayle Phillips and Barbara Rich.

The memorial prayer candle is lit in memory of Barbara "Peachy" Grace and Lorraine Nitzman.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

John Wilkinson..... Preacher
Martha C. Langford, Lynette K. Sparks, Brad Sparks Liturgists
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
Mary Ann Rutkowski Associate Director of Music
Caroline J. Robinson Assistant Organist
Hannah Broshears, Reese Ossont..... Acolytes
Peg Rachfal, Camille Clayton, Jean Whitney,
Alison Gray, Clive Daunton Greeters
Bill Boller, Otto Muller-Girard, Jr., Priscilla Boller, Phil Tschorke,
Beth Tschorke, Jeff Sprague Ushers

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's prelude, *Concerto in G*, by Johann Sebastian Bach, is actually a transcription of a violin concerto composed by Prince Johann Ernst, son of the Duke of Saxe-Weimar, while Bach was court musician there. It is modeled on the violin concertos of Antonio Vivaldi, which were very much in vogue at the time. Its three movements (fast, slow, fast) also follow the musical conventions laid down by Vivaldi, and this concerto was among several others by both Vivaldi and Ernst that Bach transcribed to be played on the organ.

Richard Shephard, composer of the first anthem, has long been active in both music and education in England. He served for a number of years on the staff of the Salisbury Cathedral School, while also being a professional member of the cathedral choir. In 1985, he took up the post of Headmaster at the York Minster School, and now serves as Director of Development for its Foundation. His choral music is widely sung in churches and cathedrals in both England and America.

The Call of Wisdom, today's offertory anthem, was commissioned for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in 2012, and first performed at a service at St. Paul's Cathedral in June of that year. The text is by Michael Hampel, and is based on verses of the eighth chapter of Proverbs. Will Todd, the composer, is known as a jazz pianist in addition to his activity as composer, and this anthem demonstrates his gift for melody with a harmonic language infused with jazz colors.

Gordon Jacob (1895 – 1984), was a prolific English composer during the 20th century, primarily known for his works for wind ensemble. But he also composed for both choir and organ. His best-known choral work is most likely his setting of *Brother James's Air*. Today's organ postlude, *Festal Flourish*, creates a dialogue between the brilliant solo reeds (trumpets) of the organ, and the full ensemble, making for a brief but compelling fanfare.



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Be the Church: Stewardship Update

Thanks to the 376 of you who have already pledged \$834,295 for 2017. We are grateful for your response. Thus far, 74 of you who pledged for 2016 have yet to respond for next year. We seek to raise approximately another \$115,000. 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 two Thursdays in January from 6:00-7:30pm:
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.

Calvin Guild

January 18 at noon – Johnston Hall

Join us for lunch and a discussion with John Wilkinson focused on themes around our Year of Reconciliation. A simple soup and sandwich lunch will be served for a cost of \$7 per person. RSVP to Dot Wallace at dpiercewallace@gmail.com or 223-8502 by **today**.

Men's Group Breakfast

January 21, 8:30am – Johnston Hall

If you are planning on attending, please e-mail Paul Bishop at pabishop@live.com or Andrew Elder at Andrew_elder@pobox.com so we can assure enough space and provisions.

Spiritual Formation

January 22

Sunday Seminar (9:30am, Johnston Hall)

Composing a Legacy: an opportunity at any age

Led by Ellie Johns-Kelley, Presbyterian Foundation

Consider what it means to continue telling our story and demonstrate what we are passionate about through planned giving. We are all invited into this conversation with the able leadership of Ellie Johns-Kelley who serves as the Presbyterian Foundation's Ministry Relations Officer for the Northeast Region where she works with congregations to create a culture of faithful generosity.

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

"Is Christ Divided?"

Focus on 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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.

The FISK JUBILEE SINGERS in concert at Third Church

The world-renowned FISK JUBILEE SINGERS will be heard in a FREE concert in the Third Church Sanctuary on **Thursday, January 26** at 7:00pm. This outstanding group will be performing as part of the Rochester Institute of Technology's 35th Anniversary celebration of "Expressions of King's Legacy." The Third Church Chancel Choir will also be featured in this concert, along with soprano Kearstin Piper Brown. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Fisk Jubilee Singers are vocal artists and students at Fisk University in Nashville, TN., who sing and travel worldwide. The original Jubilee Singers introduced 'slave songs' to the world in 1871 and were instrumental in preserving this unique American musical tradition known today as Negro spirituals. In 2008, the Fisk Jubilee Singers were selected as a recipient of the 2008 National Medal of Arts, the nation's highest honor for artists and patrons of the arts. The award was presented by President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush during a ceremony at the White House.

Help us pack the sanctuary for this spectacular concert by this unique ensemble – please join us, and invite your friends! More information about the Fisk Jubilee Singers can be found at www.fiskjubileesingers.org

Lunch and Learn: Composing a Legacy

Sunday, January 22 at 12:15pm

Ellie Johns-Kelley of the Presbyterian Foundation will keynote this Lunch and Learn opportunity. We will deepen the conversation begun during the Sunday Seminar about what it means to continue telling our story and supporting our passion for service through planned giving. Joining Ellie will be members of the congregation who can share their own stories of creating a legacy at Third Church. Make your plans to attend, even if you are not able to attend the earlier seminar.

A light lunch will be served with a suggested donation of \$5. Please RSVP to the Church Office (585-271-6513) by Wednesday, January 18, so that we can have a place at the table for you.

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.

Exploring Membership Luncheon

Are you new to Third Church, and want to learn more about us? Or have you participated for some time and are interested in exploring membership? We invite you to join us at our next Exploring Membership Luncheon on **Sunday, February 5** at noon in Johnston Hall. You can bring all your questions, get to know our pastoral staff, a few members of the church, and other folks new to this place. The emphasis of the conversation is on exploring ways to connect. Childcare is available; please let us know in advance if you need it. Our luncheon conversation will conclude by 1:30pm. For those that are ready to join in membership, the next step is a New Member Gathering offered at two different times (1) that same afternoon following the luncheon from 1:30-2:30pm, or (2) on the following Sunday, February 12, at 8:30am. To RSVP, contact Lynette Sparks (271-6537 ext. 106) or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Volunteers Needed

Do you have a few hours a week to devote to your church office? Could you answer the phones? Help with a mailing? Make copies? Greet people at the door? Share your computer skills? If so, we need you!! There are many opportunities available! Please contact Cindy Mark at 271-6537, ext. 100 or cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org.

If Music Be the Food...

Third Church will host another in the series of "If Music Be the Food..." concerts, which feature professional and student musicians from the RPO and Eastman presenting wonderful music as a benefit for FOODLINK. The program will be on **Sunday, January 29** at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. Admission is by donation of non-perishable food items and/or cash – all to benefit FOODLINK. Performers will include Eastman faculty Bonita Boyd (flute); Nicholas Goluses (guitar); and Anthony Dean Griffey (tenor), accompanied by student pianist Kurt Galvan. The featured work on the program will be Mozart's String Quintet in G minor, with special guest artist and Grammy award-winning violist Kim Kashkashian collaborating with violinists Robin Scott of the Ying Quartet and Thomas Rodgers of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, RPO principal cellist Ahrim Kim, and violist Carol Rodland. "If Music Be the Food..." is a grass roots community project whose mission is to increase awareness and support for the hungry through the sharing of great music.

RAIHN Needs

Below is a list of items which RAIHN provides to guests when new housing is secured. The need is ongoing: paper towels, hand soap, tall kitchen bags, sponges, cleaning cloths, baby wipes, dishracks, shower curtains, bathmats, cleaning buckets, mops, brooms, plungers, microwaves, crib mattresses, queen-sized sheets and blankets. Please contact Laurie Mahoney at lmahone1@rochester.rr.com or Lou Loggi at louis.loggi@gmail.com.

Calendar for January 15 – January 22

Sunday at Third Church

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|----------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 8:30am | Worship | Chapel |
| 8:30am | Childcare | Christian Education (CE) Building |
| 9:30am | Growing in the Word | Parlor |
| 9:30am | Sunday Seminar | Johnston Hall (JH) |
| 9:30am | Jr. Choir | Moot Rm |
| 10:00am | Intercessory Prayer | Chapel |
| 10:45am | Worship | Sanctuary |
| 11:00am | Church School | CE |
| 12:00pm | Coffee Hour | Celebration Center (CC) |
| 12:00pm | Nominating Committee | Parker |
| 4:00pm | Youth Musical Rehearsal (ending at 7:00pm) | Sanctuary |

Monday, January 16 **Office closed**

Tuesday, January 17

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| 9:15am | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| 9:45am | Staff Meeting | Parker |
| 5:00pm | GS4A Steering Committee | JH |
| 6:00pm | Property Committee | Whitney |
| 7:00pm | Trustee Meeting | JH |
| 7:00pm | Outreach Steering Committee | Whitney |

Friday, January 20

Saturday, January 21

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| 8:30am | Men's Breakfast | JH |
| 11:00am | Dining Room Ministry | CC |
| 1:00pm | Commissioning Class Field Trip | Off-site |

Wednesday, January 18

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| 8:00am | RACF Board | CC |
| 12:00pm | Calvin Guild | JH |
| 3:30pm | Calvary St. Andrews Administrative Commission | JH |
| 5:00pm | Children's Bell Choir | Sanctuary |
| 5:30pm | Qabats | CC |
| 7:15pm | Chancel Choir | Choir Rm |

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| 11:00am | Church School | CE |
| 12:00pm | Nominating Committee | Parker |
| 12:15pm | Lunch 'n Learn | JH |
| 3:00pm | Carol Rodland Concert | Sanctuary |
| 5:00pm | Youth Musical Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 6:00pm | Youth Dinner Fellowship | CC |

Thursday, January 19

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| 9:30am | Food Cupboard | CC |
| 10:45am | Celebration Ringers | Moot Rm |
| 12:00pm | Thursday Voices | JH |
| 5:30pm | Third Church Ringers | Moot Rm |
| 6:00pm | Collaborative Book Study | Laurelton Presbyterian Church |