

Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light
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“Loving thy neighbor is not just good for the neighbor, it is essential to our souls.”

Dorothy Day

**The Worship of God
Christ the King Sunday**

November 26, 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: 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 scripture readings for the day.

Child Care is available all morning in the Education Building for infants and toddlers.

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 (271-6537, ext. 106 or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org). The next Exploring Membership luncheon will take place on December 10 at 12:00pm.

Newsletter: The Messenger is published monthly. Copies are available in the Chapel and Sanctuary, in the literature racks outside Johnston Hall and the Arnold Park entrance, and on the church website. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter, contact Cindy Mark in the Church Office (ext. 100 or cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org).

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

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

**Please stand as you are able, in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE *"Choral-Improvisation on **Nun danket alle Gott**"* Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(Now Thank We All Our God)

***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** from Psalm 100

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

PEOPLE: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**

LEADER: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks and bless God's name.

PEOPLE: **God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

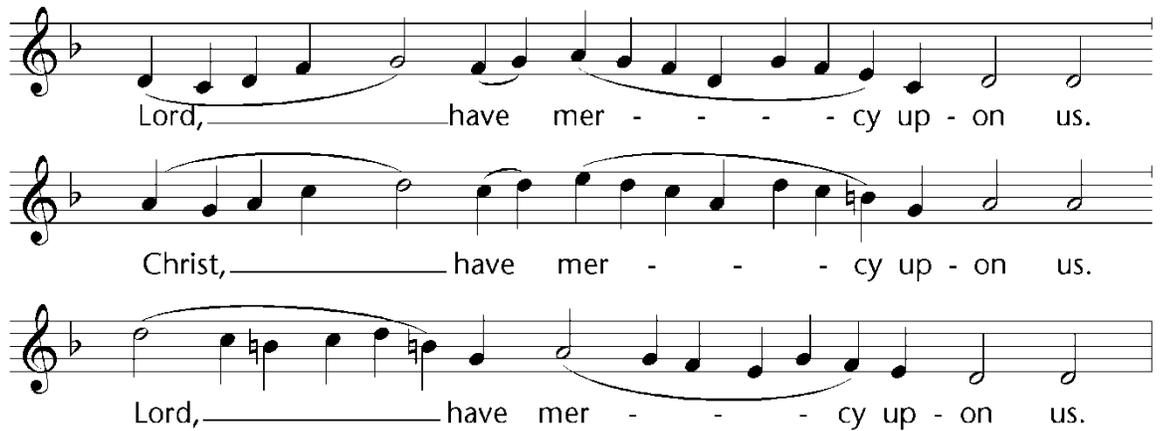
***HYMN 367** *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

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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.

The nursery on the middle level of the education building is available for preschool age children and younger.

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

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM and RECEPTION of NEW MEMBER

PRESENTATION *Mark Jabaut*

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

WELCOME

God calls us to be a servant people and gathers us into the body of Christ. We rejoice that God has added you to our number this day and we recognize you as a brother in faith. We renew our covenant to live and work together in the spirit of Christ and so to love and support one another that we may give honor and glory to God. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to the care and ministry of this congregation.

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.

FOCUS on MISSION

Lauren Rye, Young Adult Volunteer

EPISTLE LESSON — Ephesians 1:15-23

Pew Bible, NT page 192

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound" George Frederick Handel
(from Samson)

Awake the trumpet's lofty sound; Let joyful songs of praise to Heaven
resound, For Christ, the Lord of Heaven and earth is crowned.

- text adapted by John Cramer

GOSPEL LESSON — Matthew 25:31-46 Pew Bible, NT page 29

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "When Was It That We Saw You?" Lynette Sparks

*HYMN 265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" DUKE STREET

*AFFIRMATION of FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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

ANTHEM

"King of Glory, King of Peace"

Harold Friedell

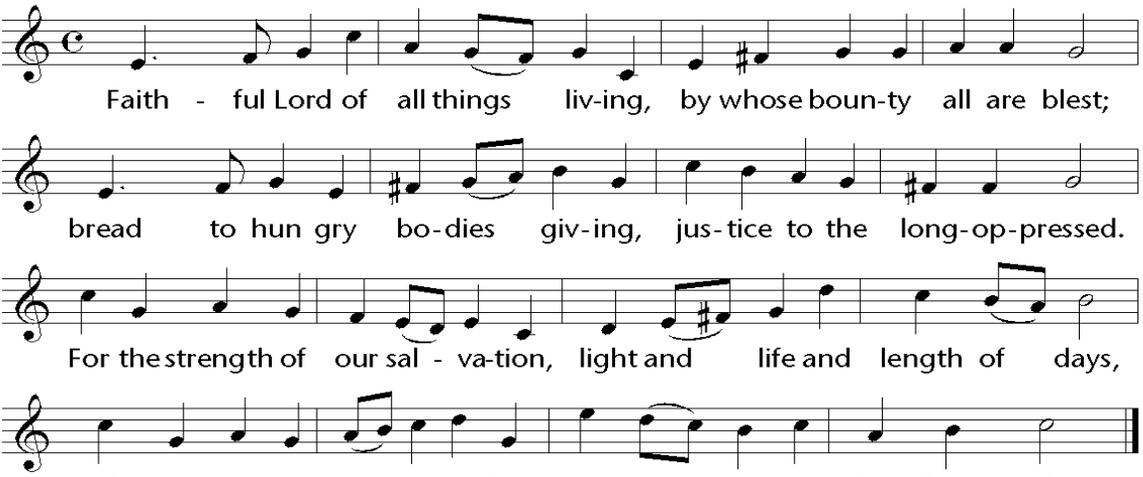
King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee; And, that love may never cease, I will move Thee. Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me; Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee, And the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee. Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me. And alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise Thee; In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise Thee. Small it is, in this poor sort To enroll Thee; Eternity's too short To extol Thee.

- text by George Herbert

*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: **Holy God, use us, and these gifts, to feed those who are hungry, clothe those who are naked, and honor your presence in all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 756 "O God of Every Nation"

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*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE *"Allegro Giocoso from Sonata in E-flat"* Edward Bairstow

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Chris Mould, "Greet everyone you meet as a friend."

The memorial prayer candle is lit with gratitude for all who share their time with our RAIHN, Food Cupboard, Dining Room Ministry and other outreach programs that meet the needs of our hungry and homeless neighbors.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

- Lynette K. Sparks Preacher
- Ernest F. Krug Liturgist
- Caroline J. Robinson Assistant Organist
- Katie Orem Elder Assisting at Baptism
- Carol Roth, Miss Rickey Snowden, Tim Stout,
- Ruth Sylvestre Rossi, Dot Wallace Greeters
- Deacons Parish J Coffee Hour Host

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

German composer Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933) produced many organ pieces based upon sacred melodies during his life. The largest collection is his *66 Chorale-improvisations*, written and published in six volumes towards the beginning of his career as a composer. The pieces within this collection are grouped according to the holidays and festivals in the church year, and No. 59 is perhaps the most famous: the *Marche Triomphale on Nun danket alle Gott*. The choral tune (typically associated with Thanksgiving) can sometimes be hard to hear amidst the scalar flourishes, large chords, and sequences employing German Romantic harmonies, but these musical devices help express the joyousness of the choral text, all coming together to form an apt prelude for this Sunday morning.

As we mark the Feast of Christ the King in today's service, the first anthem speaks directly to the heavenly reign of Christ. It is adapted from the oratorio *Samson*, by George Frederick Handel (1685-1759). Handel was highly successful as a composer and conductor of his own operas in London. He essentially invented the genre of oratorio, however, as the custom of the time forbade the production of opera during the penitential season of Lent. This greatly affected his income stream, and so the production of large-scale pieces based on biblical stories took their place, and created a whole new genre of music – theatrical in scope, but firmly based in acceptable sacred story.

Harold W. Friedell (1905-1958), composer of the offertory anthem, was a native of Queens, New York, and served a number of Episcopal parishes in the metropolitan area before becoming Organist and Choirmaster at St. Bartholomew's Church on Park Avenue in 1946. He served there until his death in 1958. He also taught at Juilliard and at Union Seminary. A number of his anthems remain in frequent uses in churches across the country – *King of Glory*, *King of Peace* being among them, and setting a beautiful text by the metaphysical poet George Herbert (1593-1633). Perhaps Friedell's most popular composition was his hymn *Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether*.

Sir Edward Bairstow (1874-1946) mostly composed sacred choral music while in his post as Choir Director and Organist at York Minster. However, his Sonata in E-flat has established a place in the canon of organ repertoire, particularly in England. In other printings, the second movement of the Sonata, *Allegro Giocoso*, bears the title "Scherzo." Playful trumpet calls, surprising harmonic shifts, and stilted syncopations embody the humorous character of a scherzo within this short piece. A contrasting middle section with sparkly flutes and strings gives lighthearted contrast to the bombastic, regal outer sections.



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Stewardship Sunday is December 3



Did you receive a mailing from the Stewardship Committee? Included in that mailing was a pledge card, plus lots of information about our

financial picture. Please consider all of this information prayerfully.

Our goal – to increase our response by 50 pledges and \$100,000 — is ambitious. That’s because our ministry is growing and thriving as we increase our capacity to nurture all ages within our congregation, to offer outstanding music and worship, to serve more and more through our outreach programs, all the while tending our facilities and fairly compensating our staff.

In this Year of Stewardship, as we celebrate our 190 years of ministry, we stand in a long line of faithful forbears. Now it’s our turn to respond in faith from all that God has given us as we support our ministry now and launch it into the future.

Bring your pledge card to worship next Sunday as we celebrate God’s grace and “our hope for years to come.”

Gratefully,

The Stewardship Committee

Lauren Rye, Young Adult Volunteer

This morning we will hear from Lauren Rye, Third Church member and a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Young Adult Volunteer in Asheville, North Carolina.

You can follow Lauren on her blog: laurenyav.wordpress.com.

Sunday Seminar

Sunday, November 26 9:30am, Johnston Hall
Joint session with Growing in the Word, “The Lord’s Prayer,” led by Ernest Krug.

Next Sunday, December 3:
“Spirituality of a Generation,” led by Nadia Mullen, Protestant Chaplain and Interfaith Program Specialist at Nazareth College.

Welcome To Our New Member!



We celebrate the baptism this morning of Mark Jabaut, and welcome him as a new member.

Growing in the Word

Sunday, November 26 9:30am, Johnston Hall
Joint session with Sunday Seminar, “The Lord’s Prayer,” led by Ernest Krug.

Next Sunday, December 3:
“Introduction to Mark’s Gospel,” led by Martha Langford.

Monday Night Yoga

Monday, November 27, 6:30pm, Johnston Hall

Join us for this free class!

Thursday Voices

Thursday, November 30, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

“In the Holiday Spirit: Giving, Gratitude and Grace,” written by Deepak Chopra, led by Ernest Krug.

Nativity Service Sign-Up

Attention all youth, grades 7-12 - the sign-up for participation in this year’s Nativity service is here!

Check the YOUth Weebly website for a link in the November YOUth newsletter.

The deadline for sign ups is Sunday, December 3. Contact Mary Ann Rutkowski (mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org).

Immediate Food Cupboard Staffing Needs

We are in immediate need of several volunteers to manage the Food Cupboard stockroom.

-Stockroom manager: 3 hours every Tuesday afternoon plus 1 hour on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday

-Foodlink Shopper: a few hours every Tuesday

-Shopper for last minute perishables: a few hours every Wednesday for Thursday needs, and every Friday or Saturday morning for Monday needs.

Contact Lynette Sparks, lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 106.

Christmas Basket Ministry

Stop by the Christmas Basket ministry table following worship to sign up to prepare and deliver a Food Basket to a family in need from Schools #3 and #35 and graduates of the RAIHN Program.

Donations will also be accepted for the purchase of Tops Gift Cards that will be included with each food basket delivery.

As in years past, we will also be collecting winter hats, mittens, socks and underwear for the children at each of the schools as well as RAIHN.

Should you have questions feel free to contact Sheila Elliott at 750-0611.

Riverside Neighbors Book Discussion

Thursday, November 30, 7:00pm
Gates Presbyterian Church

Join members of our partner Presbyterian churches in the Riverside Neighbors for a discussion of Bryan Stevenson's *Just Mercy*. All are welcome to join us.

Rochester Celebrity Organ Recital Series

Friday, December 1, 8:00pm, Sanctuary

On Friday, December 1, internationally acclaimed organist Stephen Tharp will present a spectacular recital in the sanctuary of Third Church as part of the Rochester Celebrity Organ Recital Series. His program will feature music by Jean Langlais, Thierry Escaich, Charles-Marie Widor – and Mr. Tharp's own transcription of Igor Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring" – a true tour de force not to be missed!

Tickets will be available at the door for \$12 regular/ \$10 senior/ \$5 students.

Full information about the program may be found at www.rochesterago.org/rcors.

Advent Wreath Making and Soup Lunch

Join us after the 10:45am worship service on Sunday December 3 for a simple soup lunch and to make an Advent Wreath. If you have your wreath form and/or candle cups from last year, PLEASE bring them so that we can re-use them for this year's wreaths!! We will have all the supplies you need to create the wreath itself, as well as devotional materials for home use. No RSVP is necessary, so please join us!

Shop and Dine for RAIHN

Tuesday, December 5, 5:00-9:00pm
Pittsford Plaza

Dine at Benucci's Italian Ristorante and mention you are dining for RAIHN to have 20% of your check donated (reservations are suggested, 264-1300).

Shop at One World Goods that same evening and a portion of your purchase price will be donated to RAIHN.

Third Church Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 9, 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Hear the story of Advent unfold as we shape and share our stories and the seasonal stories of Third Church. Work with Jeanne Fisher, Vice President for Radio at WXXI, and Robin Flanigan, freelance journalist, as they lead us in the art of storytelling.

To reserve your place at this retreat, contact Martha Langford, mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537 ext. 108) by December 6.

Living Waters: Longest Night Service

Monday, December 18, 7:00pm, Chapel

All are invited to a "Longest Night" observance in this Advent Season. Also known as "Blue Christmas," this Living Waters service will take place on the Monday before the winter solstice—the longest night.

It acknowledges that, for many, the Christmas season is one where loneliness and sorrow mingle with joy and peace. Surrounded by the community of hope, we will lift our prayers and our mixed emotions in worship of God, whose Son is "risen with healing in his wings."

Junior Choir CDs Available!

The Junior Choir's latest CD, "So it is with the Spirit," is available!

Contact Mary Ann Rutkowski to order (mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org, 271-6537 ext. 101). Cost is \$12/CD. Thank you for your support!

Bell Tower and Chime Renovation Update

Thanks to the more than 140 individuals and families who have responded to our bell tower and chime renovation campaign. We are pleased to report that we have received nearly \$78,000 in gifts and pledges. That, coupled with nearly \$112,000 previously raised, means that we have reached our goal!

It's still not too late to give, as we are seeking to build a small contingency fund into the work. Send your gift or pledge to the church and indicate if it is in memory or honor of someone.

Worship Recordings and Sermon Availability

Did you know that Sunday sermons and anthems can be listened to again via the church website?

Visit www.thirdpresbyterian.org, click on "Worship," then select "Sermons and Order of Worship" from the drop down menu.

Sermons are also available for viewing on the website; printed versions are available at several locations in the church.

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