

Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light
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Eternal God,
lead me now
out of the familiar setting
of my doubts and fears,
beyond my pride
and my need to be secure
into a strange and graceful ease
with my true proportions
and with yours;
that in boundless silence
I may grow
strong enough to endure
and flexible enough to share
your grace.

Ted Loder
Guerrillas of Grace

**The Worship of God
Second Sunday after Epiphany**

January 14, 2018

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.

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 Sunday, February 4 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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Roderic P. Frohman, Pastor Emeritus	

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 “Plein Jeu – Récit de Cromhorne – Elévation – Dialogue”
from *Mass for the Convents* François Couperin

INTROIT “Light of Light” Nancy Gifford
Junior Choir

Light of light, ever bright, bringing day to darkest night,
Ev’ry-where, hear our prayer, give us eyes to see.
Laudamus te.

Evermore we adore God of majesty and awe,
Ev’ry-where hear our prayer, give us voice to praise.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te.

*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 adapted from Psalm 139

LEADER: We gather to worship the God who formed us.

PEOPLE: **We praise you, O God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works that we know very well.**

LEADER: We gather to worship the God who has searched us and known us completely.

PEOPLE: **Know our hearts, O God; transform us by your word and lead us in the way everlasting.**

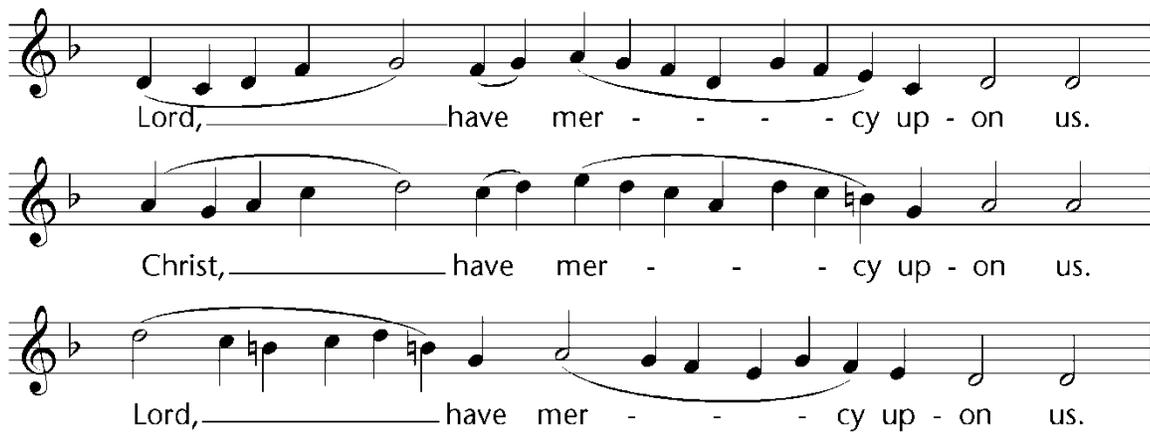
*HYMN 686 “God of Our Life” SANDON

PRAYER of CONFESSION

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You speak to us with tender mercy, yet we fail to recognize your voice. You know everything about us, yet we pretend we do not know you. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to heed your voice of truth, to follow your way of faithfulness, and to glorify you with our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. 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

"I Love You, O My God Most High"

David Hogan

I love you, O my God most high, For first your love has captur'd me; I seek no other liberty: Bound by your love, I shall be free. All mine is yours: say but the word, Say what you will it shall be done; I know your love, most holy one, I know you seek my good alone. May memory no thought suggest But shall to your pure glory tend, May understanding find no rest, Except in you, its only end. Apart from you, nothing can be, So grant me this, my only wish, To love you, Christ, eternally. You give me all in giving this.

- St. Ignatius Loyola

*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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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.**

LEADER: **We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your gospel to all who will hear. Amen.**

*HYMN 410 "God Is Calling through the Whisper"

W ZŁOBIE LEZY

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"

Fela Sowande

The Chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Ruth H. Meinhold and Dr. Charles Meinhold, from the Meinhold family.

The memorial prayer candle is lit in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. This weekend we commemorate the anniversary of his birth, and in April we will mark the 50th anniversary of his assassination. We recommit ourselves to racial justice and reconciliation.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Martha C. Langford Preacher
Ernest F. Krug, Lynette K. Sparks, Susan Fox..... Liturgists
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
Mary Ann Rutkowski Associate Director of Music
Caroline J. Robinson Assistant Organist
Steve Apt, Bonnie DeHollander,
Clive Daunton, Bob Eames, Alison Gray,
Maryjane Link, Betsey Wheeler..... Greeters
Elmer Dustman, Hope Herting, Jeremy Peters, Gloria Pleger,
Jim Pochodylo, Don Schichler, Rebecca Schichler, Anne Sievers..... Ushers
RAIHN/Habitat/Outreach Coffee Hour Hosts



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Memorial Service for Virginia Norton

A memorial service for Virginia Norton will be held on Tuesday, January 16 at 1:00pm at Valley Manor, 1510 East Ave.

Stewardship Update



Thanks to all of you who have pledged thus far to support our 2018 effort. At the time of publication, we have received 334 pledges totaling \$820, 467.

Included in that number are 21 new pledges. 113 of you who pledged for 2017 have yet to pledge for the coming year.

If you've yet to respond, you can:

- Place your pledge card in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Additional pledge cards are available in the pew racks in the Sanctuary and the pew pads in the Chapel.
- Mail a completed pledge card to the church office
- Send a confidential pledge to cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org

Pledge envelopes are available on the table across from Johnston Hall, for those who requested them.

Sunday Seminar

Sunday, January 14, 9:30am in Johnston Hall

"Sacred Conversations on Race," led by Wilma Campbell, Rochester ACTS Sacred Conversations on Race Team.

Next Sunday, January 21: "Violence in Scripture," led by Mark Brummitt, Associate Professor of Old Testament Studies at CRCDS.

Growing in the Word

Sunday, January 14, 9:30am in the Parlor

"The Mystery Calms, Mark 4:35-5:43," led by David Evans.

Next Sunday, January 21: "The Mystery Scandalizes, Mark 8:22-9:1," led by Ernest Krug.

Nominating Committee Seeks Suggestions

In this Year of Stewardship, please consider whether you, or someone you know, has gifts to serve and might be called to the offices of Elder, Deacon or 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 and return it by **Sunday, January 28.**

Stained Glass Returns

We are pleased to report that the stained glass window in the northeast corner of the sanctuary, "A Tree Planted by the Rivers of Water" (Willet Studios, 1961), is now back in place after a successful restoration! A combination of special gifts and funds from the Property Committee operating budget made this possible. Thank you!

Monday Night Yoga

There will be no yoga on Monday, January 15, as Third Church will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Yoga will resume Monday, January 22.

Thursday Voices

**Thursday, January 18, 12:00pm,
Johnston Hall**

"Jesus' Third Way," led by Lynette Sparks.

Church Ladies Knitting Night

Friday, January 19, 6:30pm, Johnston Hall

Please see the next page for further details.
Hope to see you there!

Christmas in January!

Come and Sing Carols for the Christmas Lessons and Carols recording for 2018
Saturday, January 20, from 1:00 – 2:30pm in the 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 2018, and around the nation during the Christmas season! We hope to gather a "congregation" – as many people as possible. We'll sing traditional Christmas carols, and hear the readings we typically do on Christmas Eve. Join us for this event to help share the Good News of Christ's birth in 2018! Invite a friend!

Adult Fellowship Euchre Night

**Saturday, January 20, 7:00pm
At the home of Len and Becky Picone**

This gathering has been a tradition for many years, and we hope you will join us! Whether you are a seasoned euchre player or a newbie who can't even pronounce it, please join us for a fun night of cards and fellowship. There are many great "tutors" who will have everyone playing by the end of the night. Please bring a snack or beverage to share. RSVP to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch (271-6537, ext. 118 or rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org) by January 18.

If Music Be the Food... Concert Series

Sunday, January 28, 7:30pm, Sanctuary

Join us for Bach, Shostakovich and more!

The "If Music Be the Food..." concert series features professional and student musicians who donate their time and talent to raise awareness about food insecurity in the Rochester area. Please bring a food item to

donate to Rochester's Foodlink food bank as your ticket to the concert.

For more information, please visit www.ifmusicbethethefood.com, or email Artistic Director, Mimi Hwang, mhwang@esm.rochester.edu.

This concert series is supported by Peter DuBois and Robert Poovey, (Director of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church), who serve as administrative liaisons.

Toddler Music Class This Winter

Our toddler/caretaker music class is back for the winter session! This 6 week class is for children 14 months – 3 years, with their caretakers.

Songs, movement, stories from scripture and rhythm instruments will all be a part of the experience each week!

Classes are free of charge and will take place in the Moot Room on Mondays, January 22 – March 5 (No class on Monday, February 19) from 10:30am – 11:00am.

Please RSVP to Mary Ann Rutkowski by January 15, 271-6537, ext. 101 or mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Save Your Advent Wreaths

In the coming weeks, as you "un-deck" your halls, please save your Advent wreath straw forms, green candle cups and any un-rusted floral pins to be re-used next year. You can save them at home to bring with you next December, or drop them off at church and we will store them until Advent 2018. Re-using them is good for the environment and good stewardship of our Congregational Fellowship funds! Thank you in advance.

New Ways to Donate Online

Donating to Third Church just got easier!

If you'd like to donate online, visit www.thirdpresbyterian.org, click on the "Give" tab on right under the banner at the top of the page, and select "Give Online."

From there you will find several ways to make a quick and convenient donation, whether it's recurring or one-time only.

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.

Support Third Church When You Shop at Amazon

Amazon Associates is a program which pays referral fees to Third Church when an Amazon customer accesses amazon.com through the Third Church website.

Go to www.thirdpresbyterian.org and click on the Amazon logo on the homepage. Shop as you usually do, and Amazon will send a percentage of your purchase to Third Church. It's a great way to generate income for Third Church at no additional cost to you!

Find Us on Twitter and Instagram!

In addition to Facebook, Third Church is also on Twitter and Instagram at handle @ThirdChurchROC. Join the conversation!



A little knitting for little people.

If you have always wanted to learn to knit or you can do it in your sleep please join us to knit (or crochet) hats for *Little Hats, Big Hearts* a campaign launched by the American Heart Association to raise awareness about congenital heart defects and heart disease. Experienced knitters will teach the newbies. We will also hear about knitting ministries at Third. As always, good conversation and snacks will be involved.

Friday, Jan 19, 6:30 pm, Johnston Hall

Bring a sweet or savory snack to share!

Please RSVP to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537 ext. 118

A **Church Ladies** Event