

“The world is not made of atoms.
It is made of stories.”

Muriel Ruykeser

**The Worship of God
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Rally Day**

September 9, 2018

10:00am

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 10:00am 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 Ernest Krug.

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 **Sunday, October 14 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 is a certified Hunger Action Congregation and participates in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Commitment to Peacemaking.

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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Alden Wright, Assistant Organist	
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 “Fanfare” Percy Whitlock

*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 125*

LEADER: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

PEOPLE: **As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds the people,
from this time on and for evermore.**

LEADER: This is the day that the Lord has made.

PEOPLE: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

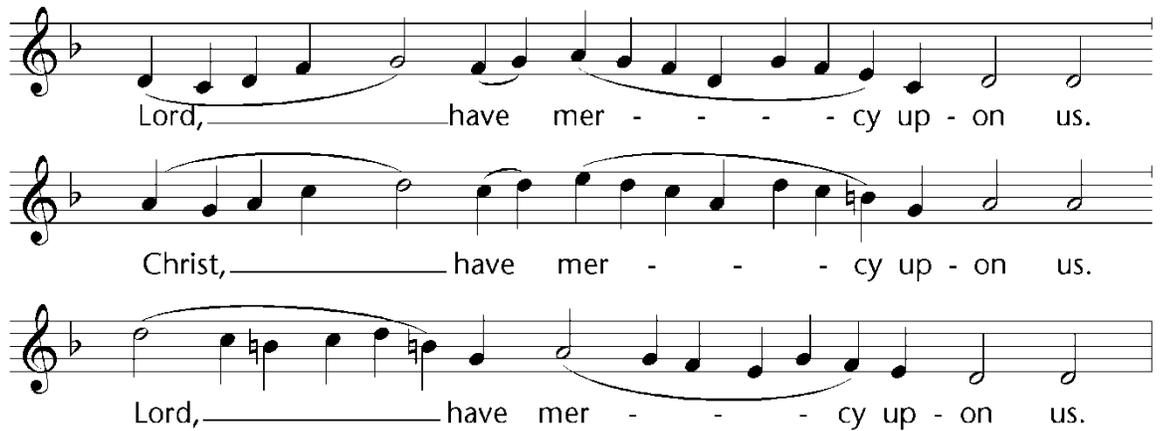
*HYMN 327 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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

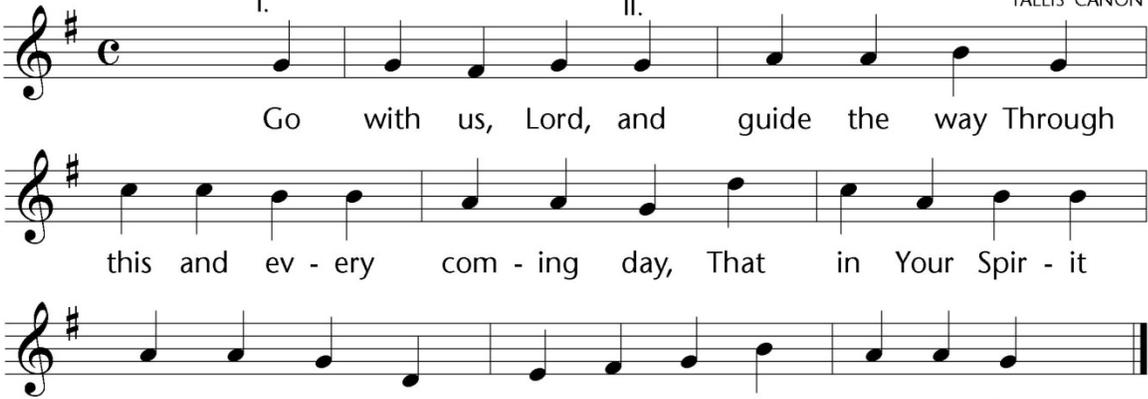
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the children's message, school age 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 infants and toddlers. Please note: today, due to Rally Day activities, all children should be picked up in their classrooms.

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.

FOCUS on MISSION

Choir Art Auction and Gala
Meals with a Meaning

EPISTLE LESSON — James 2:1-10,14-17

Pew Bible, NT page 229

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “O Clap Your Hands”

John Rutter

O clap your hands together all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the Lord is high and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet. He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob whom he loved. God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump. O sing praises unto our God: O sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth: Sing ye praises with understanding. O clap your hands together all ye people.

-Psalm 47:1-7

GOSPEL LESSON — Mark 7:24-37

Pew Bible, NT page 42

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Horses on Parade XVIII: A Year of Stories”

John Wilkinson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from "A Brief Statement of Faith," Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

ORDINATION and INSTALLATION of ELDERS and DEACONS

LEADER: There are different gifts.

PEOPLE: **But it is the same spirit who gives them.**

LEADER: There are different ways of serving God.

PEOPLE: **But it is the same Lord who is served.**

LEADER: God works through different people in different ways.

PEOPLE: **But God's purpose is achieved through them all.**

LEADER: Each one is given a gift by the spirit,

PEOPLE: **To use it for the common good.**

LEADER: Together we are the body of Christ,

PEOPLE: **And individually members of it.**

PRESENTATION of THOSE ELECTED

TO BE ORDAINED AND INSTALLED AS ELDERS

Leanne Averill, Ken Herting, Juliana Lutzer,
Lydia Stratton-Smith

TO BE INSTALLED AS ELDER

Paul Bishop

TO BE ORDAINED AND INSTALLED AS DEACONS

Carol Miller, Betsy Vinton, Natalie Vinton

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

ORDINATION BY PRAYER AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

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 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" Maurice Bevan

There's a wideness in God's mercy Like the wideness of the sea; There's a kindness in his justice Which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in heav'n; There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgement giv'n.

For the love of God is broader Than the measure of man's mind; and the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind. But we make his love too narrow By false limits of our own; And we magnify his strictness With a zeal he will not own.

There is plenteous redemption In the blood that has been shed; There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the Head. There is grace enough for thousands Of new worlds as great as this; There is room for fresh creations In that upper home of bliss. If our love were but more simple, We should take him at his word; And our lives would be all gladness In the joy of Christ our Lord.

-Frederick William Faber, 1854

*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 God, send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*HYMN 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

RESPONSE "God Be in My Head"

Andrew Carter

God be in my head and in my understanding, God be in mine eyes and in my looking, God be in my mouth and in my speaking, God be in my heart and in my thinking, God be at mine end and at my departing.

- Book of Hours, Sarum (1514)

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Paean"

Herbert Howells
Alden Wright, *organist*

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Howard A. and Ruth S. Schumacher and Robert D. and Adrienne S. Truesdell, parents of Jon and Kathy Schumacher.

The memorial prayer candle is lit in memory of all who died on September 11, 2001, with prayers and solidarity for all who yet mourn and prayers of gratitude for those who offered response and support.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

John Wilkinson..... Preacher
Lynette K. Sparks, Ernest F. Krug, Susan Fox..... Liturgists
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
Alden Wright..... Assistant Organist
Bob Eames, Alison Gray, Maryjane Link, Dot Wallace..... Greeters
Elmer Dustman, Hope Herting, Jeremy Peters, Gloria Pleger,
Jim Pochodylo, Don Schichler, Rebecca Schichler, Anne Sievers..... Ushers



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome Back!



Welcome to a Year of Stories. Over the course of this program year, we will explore the notion of story – yours, ours, God’s. We will hear stories, from the Bible, yes, and from many other sources. In

worship and other gatherings, we will unpack how story matters as a core faith conviction, and actually engage in story sharing.

An annual theme has proven to be a creative way to help us think about who we are and who we are led to be. I hope the same will be true this year. Previous themes have included:

- 2011-12 A Year of Connecting
- 2012-13 A Year of Feasting
- 2013-14 A Year of Growing
- 2014-15 A Year of Inviting
- 2015-16 A Year of Sowing
- 2016-17 A Year of Reconciliation
- 2017-18 A Year of Stewardship

Welcome to a Year of Stories. The world is hungry for the story we have to tell. Your story matters, and it is strengthened as it is connected to those of companions and fellow travelers.

Why “Horses on Parade?” When I came to Third Church in 2001, you already were preparing to host a horse, “Horse Chess-Nut,” as part of Rochester’s “Horses on Parade” project. I loved it. It captured creativity and whimsy, and announced to East Avenue and beyond that we were a church interested in and committed to the life of the city. That remains as true as it ever has, and it has seemed useful to use Rally Day each year to re-affirm that vision. Hence, “Horses on Parade!”

Happy Rally Day!

John Wilkinson

Rally Day

Following worship today, please do come out to the East Avenue lawn (in case of rain—the Celebration Center) for a simple hot dog lunch, hosted by the Congregational Fellowship Committee. When not enjoying the music offered by Jeremy Peters and Cecil Buchinger, you will have the opportunity to sign up for many upcoming events as well as learn more about what Third Church has to offer while sharing in fellowship with members of the Third Church community. We hope all will join us (parents—please pick your children up from Sunday School prior to heading to Rally Day festivities).

Welcome to New Assistant Organist Alden Wright

Alden Wright is a Junior at Eastman, pursuing a Bachelor of Music degree in the studio of Nathan Laube. He is a native of Salisbury, North Carolina, where he studied organ with Phillip Burgess and piano with Diane Freeman.

Alden was awarded first place in the 2014 Columbia, SC AGO Young Organist Competition and the 2016 University of North Carolina School of the Arts Organ Competition, as well as second in the Washington, DC AGO Franciscan Monastery Scholarship Competition in 2015. Alden was also awarded the Robert and Ann Stigall Scholarship, sponsored by the Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists from 2013-2015, as well as the Pogorzelski-Yankee Memorial Scholarship for undergraduate studies.

Aside from music, Alden enjoys nature and outdoor activities such as hiking and running, as well as traveling and history. Alden is excited to further his skills in sacred music while serving as Assistant Organist at Third Church and he looks forward to becoming a part of our church community.

Adult Spiritual Formation

Adult Spiritual Formation will resume with **Living in the Word** and **Sunday Seminar** next Sunday, September 16.

- **Sunday Seminar:** Sundays at 9:30am, Johnston Hall

September 16: A Year of Stories

Led by John Wilkinson

- **Living in the Word:** Sundays at 9:30am, Parlor

A new name and approach for Growing in the Word.

Who are we as people of God?

Throughout our lives we are called and known by many names. In this Year of Stories, we will join together to hear ourselves called "beloved children of God" as we hear the stories of other people of faith (and doubt!) in scripture.

Mary offered herself as a "handmaid of the Lord" (Luke 1:38). Moses knew God as "a friend" (Exodus 33:11). David was called "a man after God's own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14). How do we hear our own stories in theirs and carry on lives of faith in our time and place?

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the parlor for a NEW year of Living in the Word!

September 16: Hold Your Tongue? (James 2:1-11-13) 14-17: Mark 8:27-38) , led by Ernest Krug

Fall Toddler Music Class Starts Tomorrow!

**Mondays, beginning September 10
10:30am-11:00am, Christian Education
Building**

Our toddler/caretaker music class is back!

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!

If you'd like to join us, please contact Mary Ann Rutkowski at 271-6537, ext. 101 or mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Monday Night Yoga Resumes

Monday, September 10, 6:30pm

Johnston Hall

Join us for this free class!

Name Tags – Pick Up Today!

If you ordered a Third Church name tag, it has arrived!

Please pick it up today at the Welcome Table.

You may also pick it up in the church office during the week.

Thursday Voices

Thursday Voices resumes September 13!

As we begin our Year of Stories, we will read interviews from www.homileticonline.com of well-known faith leaders/writers/thinkers. Booklets are available in the literature racks outside the main office.

September 13: Richard Winter, led by John Wilkinson

Commissioning Class Parent/Youth Information Meeting

**Sunday, September 16, 12:00pm
Youth Lounge**

Parents and youth, come and hear about this year's commissioning experience. The information portion should only last about 30 minutes. Kids interested in participating in the class should plan to stay until 2pm where we will be talking about Faith Partners, Field Trips etc. NO RSVP's needed. See you there!

Calvin Guild

Wednesday September 19, 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

Egyptian Odyssey: Cairo, the Nile and Lake Nasser

Third Church member Betty Iwan will share photos and stories from her 2017 Road Scholar trip through Egypt.

RSVP to Dot Wallace

(dpiercwallace@gmail.com) by September 14.

Cost is \$8 for a simple soup and sandwich lunch. All AARP eligible members are most welcome to attend.

Lunch Forum

**Sunday September 23, after the 10:45am
Worship Service**

**Amal Nassar, Presbyterian Palestinian
Peacemaker**

PC(USA) International Peacemaker Amal Nassar and her family have spent 20 years welcoming visitors from around the world to their 102 year old organic West Bank farm called the Tent of Nations. The Tent of Nations' ministry cultivates peace, reconciliation, and nonviolence through children's summer camps and education for women, proclaiming boldly: "We refuse to be enemies."

A light lunch will be available for a \$5.00 contribution. Please make reservations by calling the church office or 271-6513 or emailing cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Youth Kick-Off Information and Dinner Gathering

**Sunday, September 23, Celebration Center
5:00pm Informational Discussion
6:15pm Dinner**

Please join us for our annual Youth Kick-off Information meeting followed by dinner (provided) at 6:15. Learn about exciting news and new opportunities this year. Please bring a dessert to share, your calendar and cell phone. Gluten free and vegetarian choices will be provided for dinner, as well as activities for younger siblings during the information portion.

RSVP by Wednesday, September 19 to Jane Carden (jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org). It helps to have a head count for dinner.

Heritage Lunch

Sunday, September 30, 12:15pm

All Third Church members seventy-five years and above and their guests are warmly welcome to attend this festive annual lunch, hosted by the Board of Deacons.

Our special guest this year will be Barbara Wheeler (our guest preacher of the morning) who will reflect on Third Church's history. Additionally, in this "Year of Stories," several members will reflect on their own lives of faith.

Please let us know that you plan to be present by calling the church office, 271-6513 or emailing cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org. Please let us know if you need assistance with transportation.

Meals With a Meaning – October 20 An Evening with Friends!

Don't forget to sign up for "Meals With a Meaning," on Saturday, October 20. Join other church members for an evening in the home of another church member for a meal and fellowship. Read all about this "Meaningful" event in your Third Church Messenger, and contact committee co-chairs to sign up as a host or a guest. We are currently recruiting hosts to invite other church members for this event. Hosts needed for adult only evening gatherings, child/family-friendly gatherings, as well as luncheons or tea. Contact Beth Aten (bethfa@rochester.rr.com) or Hope Herting (mhherting@yahoo.com).

Grocery Run Needs You on November 3!



The East Avenue Grocery Run has raised nearly \$230,000 for the Third Church Dining Room Ministry and Food Cupboard as well as Foodlink and other local food pantries!

We need YOU to make this year's event the best yet! Here's how you can help:

Pitch in on race day as a greeter, server, marshal, or other fun assignment!

Visit us at Rally Day today or stop in at coffee hour and register to run or walk the 5K or 1 mile course. Church members will enjoy a discount rate of \$22, with a family maximum of \$88.

Create an online fundraiser at <https://runsignup.com/Race/Donate/11070/BecomeFundraiser> and invite friends and family to fight hunger in our community!

If you register in Coffee Hour, you will get your cotton t-shirt immediately and save the \$2.50 online registration fee.

New this year! Tech shirts available for \$10 (only available through online registration).

Register online at www.groceryrun.org. Use the code 4MEIGS for the church discount. If you register online, you'll get your t-shirt at packet pickup on November 1 and 2.

Either way, you must register by October 15 to receive your East Avenue Grocery Run t-shirt!

Building Community on Social Media

Are you on Facebook? If you haven't yet, please join the Third Presbyterian Church Facebook group and also follow the Third Presbyterian Church Facebook page! To best take advantage of Facebook's recent algorithm shifts, we will begin to use these two digital spaces in different ways. The group (under new name Third Church Community) will become a private space, only open to members and regular attenders of this congregation. In the group you'll find conversation, prayer support, and fellowship. The page (@ThirdChurchROC) will become the public face of the church on Facebook, open to all. On the page you'll find stories and announcements. Plus, when you follow the page you increase its visibility online, allowing more people from outside our walls to discover us and consider visiting. Both the group and the page will be welcoming spaces for ministry. A new posting schedule begins this week, too, so you will have more opportunities to engage, reflect, and share than ever before.

Where are the Windows?

You may notice two stained glass windows are missing from the sanctuary. Fear not! They have been removed temporarily for repair and restoration and will be returning soon. Contributions to the James P. Chisholm Stained Glass Fund are supporting this endeavor. We take seriously our responsibility to preserve the beauty of our historic building, and look forward to enjoying the windows again when they are reinstalled in the fall.

Find Us on Twitter and Instagram, and Stay in Touch via Email!

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

Additionally, if you are not on our email distribution list to receive weekly updates, please contact Cindy Mark at cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Third Church Has Mobile and Online Giving

Donating to Third Church is easy and convenient on our website or your mobile device.

Visit www.thirdpresbyterian.org, click on the "Give" tab on the right under the banner at the top of the page, and select "Give Online." From there you will find several ways to make a gift, whether it's recurring or one-time only.

On your mobile device, download the **Give+** app, search for Third Presbyterian Church, and follow the instructions to make one-time or recurring gifts toward your pledge or special funds.

Worship Recordings and Sermon Availability

Did you know that Sunday sermons and anthems can be listened to 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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