



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

“If you’re going to have a story, have a big story,
or none at all.”

Joseph Campbell

**The Worship of God
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 16, 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 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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THIRD CHURCH STAFF

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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 “Pièce d’Orgue,” BWV 572 J. S. Bach

INTROIT “Give Thanks to the Lord” Susan Naylor Callaway
Junior Choir

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love will never end.
Serve the lord with gladness, come before Him with songs of joy!
Serve the Lord with gladness, come before Him with praise!
Give thanks to the Lord...

*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 19*

LEADER: The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;

PEOPLE: **the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;**

LEADER: the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;

PEOPLE: **the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**

LEADER: More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

PEOPLE: **sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

LEADER: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart —

PEOPLE: **be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. 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

COMMISSIONING of SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS and ADVISORS

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

East Avenue Grocery Run

EPISTLE LESSON — James 3:1-12

Pew Bible, NT page 230

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Zion’s Walls”

Aaron Copland

Come fathers and mothers, Come sisters and brothers, Come join us in singing the praises of Zion. O fathers don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion, We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

- John G. McCurry in the Social Harp (1855)

GOSPEL LESSON — Mark 8:27-38

Pew Bible, NT page 43

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Words Matter”

John Wilkinson

*HYMN

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

SLANE

1.Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, whose
 2.Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, whose
 3.Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, your
 4.Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, whose

trust, ev-er child-like, no cares could de-stroy: be
 strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be
 hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace: be
 voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm: be

there at our wak-ing and give us, we pray, your bliss in our
 there at our la-bors and give us, we pray, your strength in our
 there at our hom-ing and give us, we pray, your love in our
 there at our sleep-ing and give us, we pray, your peace in our

hearts Lord, at the break of the day.
 hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1931
Tune: SLANE, Traditional Irish

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

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. 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 "The Heavens are Telling"

**Franz Josef Haydn
Heather Holmquest, *soprano*
Anders Namestnik, *tenor*
David Fournie, *baritone***

The heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of his work displays the firmament; Today that is coming speaks it the day, The night that is gone to following night. In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.

- from Psalm 19

*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: **Eternal God, Author of our life and End of our pilgrimage:
Guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and
temptations, that we may not wander from your way, nor
stumble in the darkness; but may finish our course in safety,
and come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace and
merit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 686 "God of Our Life"

SANDON

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Festal Flourish"

Gordon Jacob

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Roberta and Frank Bennett, parents of Kate Bennett and grandparents of Julia Hermanson.

The memorial prayer candle is lit with gratitude for all who teach and support the young people of this congregation.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

John Wilkinson..... Preacher
Lynette K. Sparks, Ernest F. Krug, Dianna Daunton..... Liturgists
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
Mary Ann Rutkowski..... Associate Director of Music
Alden Wright..... Assistant Organist
Maddie and Sophie Veitch..... Acolytes
Camille Clayton, Kirstin Elting, Peg Rachfal,
Fred Smith, Bernie Todd Smith Greeters
Bill Boller, Bob Merz, Otto Muller-Girard, Jr.,
Jeff Sprague, Beth Tschorke, Phil Tschorke Ushers

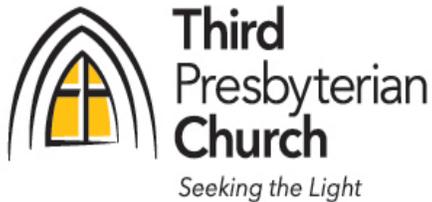
Thank you to our Sunday School Teachers and Youth Advisors who were commissioned today!

Sunday School Teachers:

Shannon Monrad and Susan Parmelee, *Preschool and Kindergarten*
Jan and Ron Roach, Darcy Ormaechea, *Grades 1-3*
Tim Allyn, Jennifer Schafrath, Sean and Patty Singh, *Grades 4 and 5*
Melanie Jones and Sean Ossont, *Grade 6*

Youth Advisors:

Jenny Bay
Andrew Elder
Meaghan Held
Elisabeth McClure
Bruce Peachey
Pati Primerano
Gretchen Young-Zeh



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Seminar

Sunday September 16, 9:30am in Johnston Hall

"A Year of Stories," led by John Wilkinson

Next Sunday, September 23: "The Art of the Carillon," led by Cecil Buchinger.

Living in the Word

Sunday September 16, 9:30am in the Parlor

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

Next Sunday, September 23: "Reversals: When Last and Least Become First" James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37, led by Dianna Daunton

Monday Night Yoga

Monday, September 17, 6:45pm Johnston Hall

Join us for this free class! All levels welcome.

Thursday Voices

Thursday Voices resumes September 13!

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

September 20: Kathleen Norris, led by Lynette Sparks

Name Tags

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

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

If you would like to order a name tag, please contact the church office.

Welcome New Nursery Coordinator

Elena Pochodylo

We are thrilled to welcome long time Third Church member Elena Pochodylo to the position of Nursery Coordinator. Elena takes over the position from Cassidy Barnum who we wish well as she leaves the position after over a year of service. Elena graduated this past May from SUNY College at Fredonia with a degree in Early Childhood Education. Elena has been active in the life of Third Church in nearly every aspect of congregational life from youth fellowship to music to outreach to being a Sunday School and teen helper! We think Elena is a perfect fit, and are so excited to welcome her to this role. The Third Church nursery is located on the middle floor of the education building (room 107) and is open Sundays from 8:15am-12:15pm. Do stop in to say hello!

Food Cupboard Needs Your Help Once Again!

Thank you to everyone who faithfully brought jars of peanut butter for our Food Cupboard. Our shelves are well stocked again. We would appreciate your continuing help with **BOXES OF CEREAL**.

Commissioning Class Parent/Youth Information Meeting TODAY

Sunday, September 16, 12:00pm Youth Lounge

Attention parents and interested 9-12 graders! 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!

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.

Historic Service on September 30

On Sunday, September 30 at the 10:45am worship service, Barbara G. Wheeler will be our guest preacher. Barbara, in collaboration with Peter DuBois and John Wilkinson, has crafted a worship service that will echo typical Presbyterian worship in the 1800's. Our liturgy and hymns will reflect that era, and Barbara's sermon will touch on those themes.

Barbara will also be present that day in the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar and will make remarks at the Heritage Lunch.

Barbara G. Wheeler is the former director of the Auburn Theological Seminary's Center for the Study of Theological Education, which she

founded in 1991 while serving as Auburn's president—a post that she held for thirty years. She is currently serving as a consultant at Lilly Endowment Inc. and is conducting research on theological school leaders.

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.

Fall Open House at ROC SALT Mission Center

**October 18, 2018, 6:00pm-8:30pm
68 Ashland (at Averill)**

All ages welcome for dinner, tours and presentations!

Join us to learn first-hand about this new presbytery mission initiative supported extensively by Third Church. At ROC SALT, gathering in community lies at the heart of everything we do.

Whether serving with our partner organizations to address issues of hunger, homelessness and poverty; enjoying a concert or lecture in our beautiful sanctuary; providing food to our neighbors through our South Wedge Food Program; or participating in a retreat or immersive learning experience, we seek to know one another, celebrating what is best about our community and working together to re-imagine the places where we have left some neighbors behind.

Come. See what it's all about! Also visit rocsaltmission.org.

For more information, contact Lynette Sparks, lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537 ext 106.

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).

Get Fit, Fight Hunger!



Join your Third Church friends for a fun and rewarding day at the East Avenue Grocery Run on November 3. You can register at Coffee Hour today after the 10:45 service. Church member registration is \$22, with a family maximum of \$88. You can also register online at www.groceryrun.org -- use discount code 4MEIGS for church member discount.

New this year: Runner's Tech Shirts, in men's and women's sizes, for a \$10.00 fee. If you register in Coffee Hour and request the cotton t-shirt, you'll receive your shirt on the spot! If you buy a Tech Shirt, or if you register online, you'll receive your t-shirt at packet pickup at Fleet Feet Sports on November 1 and 2, or at church on the morning of the race.

You can boost your positive impact by creating an online fundraising page at <https://runsingup.com/Race/Donate/NY/Rochester/EastAvenueGroceryRun>

It is quick and easy to create a page. Then ask your friends and family to support your quest to fight hunger by sharing your page by email, Facebook, Twitter etc!! Last year, we raised more than \$11,900 online - which is a HUGE help to local food pantries and emergency meal programs!

Christmas Basket Coordinator Needed

We are in immediate need of an individual with good organizational skills to take the lead in coordinating our annual Christmas Basket Ministry, which has given food baskets to 75-80 needy families each year. There is already a team of experienced individuals who are ready and willing to help implement the program. Now we just need the leadership. In order for the ministry to continue, planning must begin by October 1. If you can fulfill this role, or would like more information, please contact Lynette Sparks (lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537 ext. 106).

Help Us Build Community on Social Media

Calling all Facebook friends! If you haven't yet, please like and follow the Third Presbyterian Church Facebook page and *also* join the Third Church Community Facebook group. Because Facebook is such a powerful tool for ministry in the digital age, we are launching a more intentional presence on the platform to reach more people.

Now you have more opportunities to engage, reflect, and share than ever before. Updates to Third Church's Twitter and Instagram feeds will be next. Join us online!

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.

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.

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.

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!

Sunday Morning Parking

Third Church aspires to be inclusive in many ways, including for those with mobility challenges. In order for worshipers to be able to use the ramp at the Arnold Park door, we have designated the ENTIRE Arnold Park parking lot for handicap access on Sunday mornings.

We know, however, that there are more with handicap access needs than there are spaces in the Arnold Park lot. Therefore, if you do not have a blue handicap parking card or a handicap license plate, we kindly ask you not to park in the Arnold Park lot. If you are dropping someone off at the Arnold Park entrance, please continue through the driveway to our Meigs Street lot.