



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

“When I say it's you I like, I'm talking about that part of you that knows that life is far more than anything you can ever see or hear or touch. That deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which humankind cannot survive. Love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war, and justice that proves more powerful than greed.”

Fred Rogers

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

September 23, 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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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 **“Three Preludes”** Hermann Schroeder
Maestoso – Andante sostenuto – Poco vivace

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 1*

LEADER: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

PEOPLE: **but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on God’s law they meditate day and night.**

LEADER: They are like trees planted by streams of water —

PEOPLE: **which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.**

***HYMN 624** **“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”** TOULON

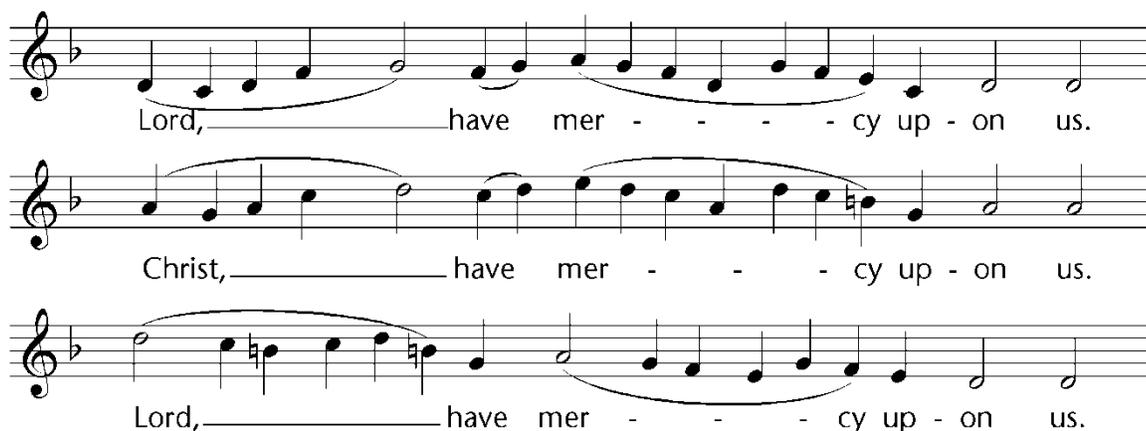
PRAYER of CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. 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

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. **Grades 1-3 will be at the Worship Table this morning.***

DISMISSAL of CHILDREN

(sung twice: once in unison, once as a canon, beginning with the pulpit side)

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 STEWARDSHIP

Paul Hutkowski

Chair of Property Committee, Board of Trustees

EPISTLE LESSON — James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Pew Bible, NT page 230

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Beati quorum via”

Charles Villiers Stanford

*Beati quorum via integra est:
Qui ambulant in lege Domini.*

Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

-Psalm 119:1

GOSPEL LESSON — Mark 9:30-37

Pew Bible, NT page 45

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Gospel According to Mister Rogers”

John Wilkinson

It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood,
A beautiful day for a neighbor,
Would you be mine?
Could you be mine?

It's a neighborly day in this beautywood,
A neighborly day for a beauty,
Would you be mine?
Could you be mine?

I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you,
I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you.

So let's make the most of this beautiful day,
Since we're together, we might as well say,
Would you be mine?
Could you be mine?
Won't you be my neighbor?

Won't you please,
Won't you please,
Please won't you be my neighbor?

*HYMN 754 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

BARONITA

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

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

"Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion"

Malcolm Boyle

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Thou that hearest the prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Blessed are the ones whom Thou chooseth and receivest unto Thee. They shall dwell in Thy courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of Thy house, e'en of Thy holy temple. Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on Thee. Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace because they trust in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Let the people praise Thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God shall give us His blessing.

- Psalm 65:1,2,4; Isaiah 26:3,4; Psalm 67:3,6,7

*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, receive these gifts as tokens of our gratitude. Then send us from this place in confidence that we are your own children, born of your Spirit, filled with your grace, sent to share your good news and offer your love to the world in Christ's name. Amen.**

*HYMN 442 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

WOODWORTH

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Fugue in G Major," BWV 577

J. S. Bach

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Helen F. Krier, mother of Carol MacDonald.

The memorial prayer candle is lit with prayers for peace and justice in the Middle East.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

John Wilkinson..... Preacher

Lynette K. Sparks, Ernest F. Krug, Rob White Liturgists

Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist

Mary Ann Rutkowski Associate Director of Music

Alden Wright Assistant Organist

Eilee and Dawn Ossont Acolytes

Pam Apt, Steve Apt, Bonnie DeHollander,

Ann Haag, Jack Salzer Greeters

Sue Danielson, Dianna Daunton, Miriam Gale, Tom Gillett,

Ann McMican, Gayle Phillips, Janet Stewart, David Tennant Ushers

Deacons Parish A (Red) Coffee Hour Hosts



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Seminar

Sunday September 23, 9:30am in Johnston Hall

"The Art of the Carillon," led by Cecil Buchinger.

Next Sunday, September 30: "Religion in Upstate New York and Why It Matters" led by John Wilkinson and Barbara Wheeler.

Living in the Word

Sunday September 23, 9:30am in the Parlor

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

Next Sunday, September 30, we will meet with Sunday Seminar.

Responding to Hurricane Florence

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by the storm on the Eastern Seaboard of the United States. The full scope of the damage will not be known for many months. PDA is deploying teams to affected presbyteries to meet with Presbyterian and community leadership to assist in coordinating relief efforts and mucking out homes and churches. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain, providing spiritual and emotional care and long-term recovery to address the unmet needs of those impacted.

The needs for the response are great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

We will receive a special offering for relief efforts TODAY. Envelopes are in the pews.

Lunch Forum - TODAY

Following 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."

Focus on Stewardship



In preparation for Stewardship Sunday (November 18), we will enjoy opportunities to hear stories from members relating to the value of our church home. This morning Paul Hutkowski shares a story about our historic building. You are invited to consider how this physical place provides a welcoming home for our worship and work together.

Sunday Lecture at ROC SALT Center TODAY

2:00pm - 4:00pm

ROC SALT Center

Corner of Averill Ave. and Ashland St.

"Discover the South Wedge/ Swillberg/ Highland Neighborhood: Historic Architecture & Community Revitalization," presented by Cynthia Howk, Landmark Society.

Parking at Postler and Jaeckle lot at South/Averill or on street parking.

Free — donations are appreciated. Every donation helps preserve this historic building.

For more information see <https://rocsaltmission.org/>

Youth Kick-Off Dinner - TODAY

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.

Monday Night Yoga

Monday, September 24, 6:45pm

Johnston Hall

Join us for this free class! All levels welcome.

Thursday Voices

September 27: Barbara Carnal, led by Ernest Krug

Chancel Choir Gala and Silent Auction

Saturday September 29, 6:30pm – 9:00pm

A reception with refreshments and raffle prizes, MC'd by our own Rod Frohman. Be entertained at a Musical Revue presented by Choir Members and Friends.

Silent Auction: See the pictures hanging in the Gallery outside Johnston Hall. Bid in the Bidding Books on the table under the Bulletin Board across from Johnston Hall. Bidding will end at the Reception on September 29.

Gala and Raffle Tickets are available in the Celebration Center at Coffee Hour.

Gala: \$10/ticket;

Raffle: \$1/ticket or \$9/10 tickets.

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 1800s. 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.

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.

Riverside Neighbors Gathering at ROC SALT 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 Beth Aten (bethfa@rochester.rr.com) or Hope Herting (mhherting@yahoo.com) to be part of this event!

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.

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

Tables and Chairs Available

We are looking to find new homes for a collection of surplus tables and chairs. They include small half-moon tables, student size chairs and a few 8 foot tables as well.

If you have an interest, please contact John Pilato, jpilato@thirdpresbyterian.org or Becky D'Angelo-Veitch rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org.

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.

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**.

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

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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.