



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

“All that matters is that God’s Word be given free course to encourage and enliven hearts so that they do not become burdened.”

Martin Luther

**The Worship of God
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

October 28, 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. **Grades 1 and 2 will be at the worship table today.**

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 December 9 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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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 “Praeludium in G” Nicolaus Bruhns

INTROIT “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” I’M GONNA LIVE
Junior Choir

I’m gonna live so, God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime
I’m gonna live so, God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna pray so, God can use me...
I’m gonna pray so, God can use me...
I’m gonna sing so, God can use me...
I’m gonna sing so, God can use me...

*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 the Church of Scotland Book of Common Order*

LEADER: We come from scattered lives to this sanctuary:

PEOPLE: **To seek our unity in the Spirit. To seek the grace of
our Lord Jesus Christ. To seek the peace of God.**

LEADER: God's people have gathered.

PEOPLE: **Let us worship God together.**

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

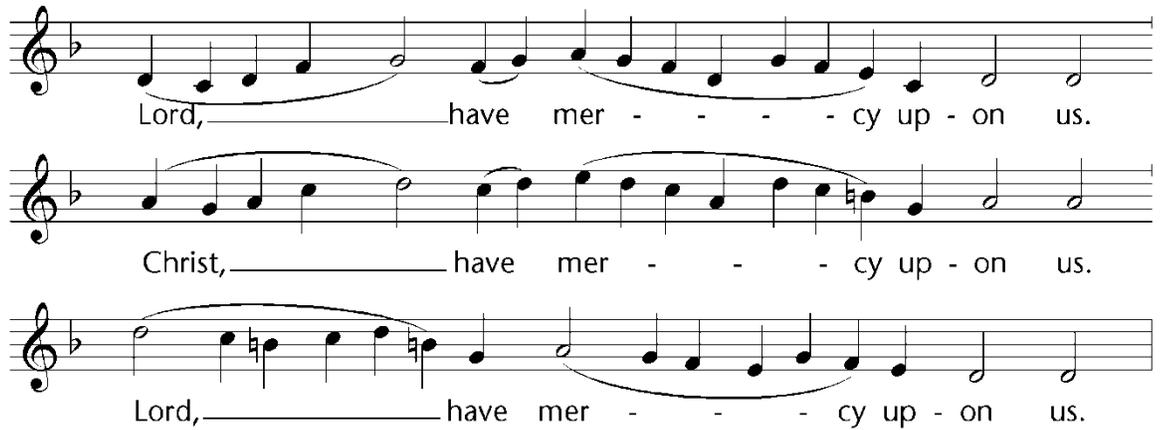
PRAYER of CONFESSION *from the United Church of Canada (1969)*

**Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises: Where
we have been weak, grant us your strength. Where we have
been confused, grant us your guidance. Where we have
been distraught, grant us your comfort.**

Where we have been dead, grant us your life. Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing. And with you, we can do all things. 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

ANTHEM

“God Has Work for Us to Do”

Mark A. Miller

Covenant Singers

Scott Stratton-Smith, *piano*

‘Til all the jails are empty and all the bellies filled; till no one hurts or steals or lies, and no more blood is spilled: God has work for us to do, ‘til God’s will is done and all things are made new, God has work for us to do!

'Til age and race and gender no longer separate; 'til pulpit, press, and politics are free of greed and hate: *God has work for us to do...*

In tenement and mansion, in fact'ry, farm, and mill, in board room and in billiard hall, in wards where time stands still, in classroom, church, and office, in shops, or on the street, in ev'ry place where people thrive, or starve, or hide, or meet. God has work for us.

By sitting at a bedside to hold pale, trembling hands, by speaking for the powerless against unjust demands. By praying through our doing, and singing though we fear, by trusting that the seed we sow will bring God's harvest near: *God has work for us to do...*

Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1996)

PRESENTATION of BIBLES to the THIRD GRADERS

Following the presentation, 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 and 2 will be at the Worship Table this morning. Third graders will meet in their classroom for bible activities.

DISMISSAL of CHILDREN

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

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Isaiah 55:1-4

Pew Bible, OT page 685

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Sing, My Soul, God's Wondrous Love" Ned Rorem

Sing, my soul, God's wondrous love, Who, from yon bright throne above,
Ever watchful o'er our race, Still to us extends His grace.

Heav'n and earth by God were made, All is by God's scepter sway'd; What
are we that God should show So much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good, Bought us with the Savior's blood, And, to
make our safety sure, Guides us by His spirit pure.

Sing, my soul, adore God's name; Let God's glory be thy theme: Praise
God till He calls thee home, Trust God's love for all to come.

-From the 1841 Protestant Episcopal Hymnal (USA)

GOSPEL LESSON — Matthew 9:35-10:4 Pew Bible, NT page 9

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Cultivating Hope" Alonzo Johnson

*HYMN 772 "Live into Hope" TRURO

*LITANY for the CHURCH *based on the Presbyterian Book of Confessions*

LEADER: We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone
we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom alone we
must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. (*Scots
Confession, 1560*)

PEOPLE: **Our only comfort in life and in death is that we belong –
body and soul – not to ourselves, but to our faithful savior
Jesus Christ.** (*The Heidelberg Catechism, 1562*)

LEADER: The church is the assembly of the faithful, a communion of all
saints, citizens of the one commonwealth, the one city, in the
fellowship of all good things. (*Second Helvetic Confession, 1561*)

PEOPLE: **As the saints of God, we are united to one another in love
and have communion in each other's gifts and graces.**
(*Westminster Confession of Faith, 1647*)

LEADER: Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as
the community of believers who have been reconciled with
God and with one another. (*Confession of Belhar, 1986*)

- PEOPLE:** The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work. (*Theological Declaration of Barmen, 1934*)
- LEADER:** In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing. (*Brief Statement of Faith, 1988*)
- PEOPLE:** With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. Amen. (*The Confession of 1967*)

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

"Cantate Domino"

Heinrich Schütz

(translation) O sing ye, O sing unto the Lord a new song: let the congregation of the saints praise God. Let Israel rejoice in God, in the one that hath made him, and let all the children of Sion be joyful in their King. Let them praise God's name with tabret and harp and with the dance. Let them praise God's name, let them sing praises unto God.

- from Psalm 98

*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: **O God, inexhaustible source of all good things, we bless you for the gifts of your love. Grant that as we have heard your word we have done so with a real desire to do what it promises and to practice what it commands. Engrave it not only on our minds but in our hearts, and transform us by your Spirit into the image of your Son, making us contemplate your glory in the clear mirror of your gospel. Amen. (from the Reformed Church of France (1963))**

*HYMN 275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Jan Bender

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Betty Pearson Taggart and Lynne Taggart Young.

The memorial prayer candle is lit with gratitude for our Third Graders as they receive their Bibles this morning.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Alonzo Johnson Preacher
Lynette K. Sparks, John Wilkinson, Christie Lutzer Liturgists
Peter A. DuBois Director of Music/Organist
Mary Ann Rutkowski Associate Director of Music
Alden Wright Assistant Organist
Tracy Beeler, Ruth Sylvestre Rossi,
Carol Roth, Miss Rickey Snowden, Tim Stout Greeters
Sue Danielson, Dianna Daunton, Miriam Gale,
Tom Gillett, Gayle Phillips, Janet Stewart, David Tennant Ushers
Children's Ministries Committee Coffee Hour Hosts



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Seminar

Sunday 28, 9:30am in Johnston Hall

"Becoming a Matthew 25 Church," led by Alonzo Johnson, coordinator for the Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Sunday November 4: "The Big Picture of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley," led by Amy Williams Fowler, Presbytery Leader

Living in the Word

Sunday 28: led by Paul Gongloff.

Sunday November 4: led by Ernest Krug.

Guest Preacher Today

Our guest preacher at the 10:45am service is Alonzo Johnson, Coordinator of the Self-Development of People Program for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Sunday Lecture at ROC SALT Center - TODAY

Sunday October 28, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

ROC SALT Center

Corner of Averill Ave. and Ashland St.

"A Presentation on Public Art" by Jill Gussow, Mosaic/Mixed Media Artist, and Richard Margolis, Art/Architectural Photographer. Sponsored by Friends of Historic Calvary St. Andrews. Parking at Postler and Jaekle lot at South/Averill or on street parking.

This event is free - donations are appreciated. Every donation helps preserve this historic building. For more information see <https://rocsaltmission.org/>

Stewardship Update

Stewardship Sunday is November 18. Please read the "In Touch" section of the November *Messenger* for information on this year's campaign. Watch your mail for your 2019 pledge card.

Living Waters Worship Tomorrow Night

Monday, October 29, 7:00pm, Chapel

Join us for this service of worship focusing on All Saints, where we will remember Third Church members who have died in the past year and any and all loved ones who have gone before us. All are welcome for this meaningful service.

Monday Night Yoga

Monday, October 29, 6:30pm

Johnston Hall

Join us for this free class! All levels welcome.

Thursday Voices

Thursdays in Johnston Hall at 12:00pm

In November, we will explore well-known Thanksgiving hymns and their meanings. Printed copies are available in the literature rack near the church's main office.

November 1: led by Ernest Krug

Visits for Sharing and Listening

During the fall, friends and members of the Stewardship Committee will be continuing a visitation project begun last year. The purpose of the meetings is to gather stories and feedback about Third Church and its place in our lives, and to talk about supporting the future of the church.

Some of you have received a letter explaining more about the program and asking for your participation. Everyone's input is valuable, but not everyone will be reached this fall—those who do not get a letter now will be reached at a later date. Thank you for supporting this effort!

Get Fit and Fight Hunger November 3



Excitement is building for the ninth annual East Avenue Grocery Run on November 3! Join us for a fun and personally rewarding day to benefit our Dining Room Ministry

and Food Cupboard and other food pantries around Rochester.

There's still time to register online at www.groceryrun.org and www.runsignup.com. You may also register in person at Fleet Feet Sports through Friday November 2 at 7:00 pm and race day morning here at church beginning at 7:00am. Bib and t-shirt pickup for registered participants will be November 1 and 2 at Fleet Feet Sports, 155 Culver Road from 11:00am - 7:00pm and Saturday morning at church.

If you've signed up to volunteer, please meet this morning after the 10:45am service in the cloister. You'll get information about your assignment and a t-shirt if you need one.

Please consider making a donation in support of your favorite runner, walker or food program at <https://runsignup.com/Race/Donate/NY/Rochester/EastAvenueGroceryRun>. 100% of your donation will feed hungry people here in Rochester.

Elvis to Elton

**Friday November 9, 6:00pm-8:30pm,
Celebration Center**

For those age 60 and over! You are invited to take part in the fun and fellowship, and to enjoy great food at this dinner. Enjoy the entertaining program, "Down Under," presented by Bob Crumrine. Just bring a dish to pass (based on your last name: A - G main dish, H - R dessert; S - Z salad). The event is free. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Woodard at 381-4427 or email ElizWoodard@Rochester.rr.com.

Veteran's Day Event

Sunday, November 11, following the 10:45am Service, Johnston Hall

"Serving in the Military: Sharing Our Stories"

To continue our Year of Stories and to mark the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, all who have served in any way in the military are invited to a gathering following 10:45 a.m. worship on November 11. **A light lunch will be served (please call the church office to reserve a space).**

Attendees will be invited to share their own personal stories. This will be a good opportunity to connect with others and to remember individual and collective experiences. James Moore will serve as convener for the gathering.

Please join us that day for what will be an important time of remembrance and recognition.

Our Next RAIHN Rotation Starts November 11

Can you help fill these spots? Please sign up for our upcoming RAIHN rotation:

www.thirdpresbyterian.org/raihn.

Dinner:

Friday, November 16 at 5:00pm (need 2)

Saturday, November 17 at 4:00pm (need 2)

Overnight:

Sunday, November 11 at 8:30pm (need 1)

Dinner Greeters:

Sunday, November 11 5:00pm (need 1)

Wednesday, November 14 5:00pm (need 2)

Friday, November 16 and Saturday November 17 at 5:00pm (need 1 each)

Kids Sitting:

Monday, November 12, during Life Skills class
6:45pm-8:15pm

And a few others:

1 more Pre-Setup Saturday, November 10

1 Emergency Shopper

12 more Take Down Sunday, November 18

If you have any questions please contact Laurie Mahoney at lmahone1@rochester.rr.com or Lou Loggi at louis.loggi@gmail.com.

Christmas Basket Sign Up

It's that time of year again – Christmas Basket sign-ups! Please come by the Christmas Basket table each Sunday in November to sign up to purchase, pack, and deliver a Christmas Basket for local families from schools #3 and 35 and RAIHN graduates. Monetary donations can also be made to purchase gift cards that accompany each basket. We also will be collecting girls' and boys' undies, socks, and tights, and all sizes mittens and hats for the children from both schools and RAIHN. For more information, please feel free to contact Meg Bishop at margo2587@aol.com or 864-423-7069.

Would You Like to be a Liturgist?

Would you like to be a reader at the 10:45am service? We are beginning to make the liturgist schedule for the new year and would love to welcome a few new readers.

Please email pastoral administrator Emily Blecksmith at eblecksmith@thirdpresbyterian.org if you have questions or would like to sign up.

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.

Wifi Password

If you would like to connect to the "TPC-Guest" network, the password is "WelcometoThird!"

Please note the password is case sensitive.

The upgrade in wireless signal strength is part of the overall technology upgrade taking place here at Third Church.

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 at @ThirdChurchROC.

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 has never been easier! 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.

Name Tags

If you would like to order a name tag, please contact the church office. We will place another order soon.

Food Cupboard Needs Your Support 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**.

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.

