



Third Presbyterian Church
Stewardship 2019

"Stories create community, enable us to see through the eyes
of other people, and open us to the claims of others."

Peter Forbes

The Worship of God
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 18, 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. **Grade 6 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 “Cantabile” César Franck

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 HUNDRETH

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

LEADER: Sing to God —worship God’s name!

PEOPLE: **For God is great, and worth a thousand hallelujahs.**

LEADER: Bring gifts and celebrate,

PEOPLE: **bow before the beauty of God as we worship the God of abundance and grace.**

*HYMN

"Praise the God of Our Salvation"

MEIGS ST.



1.Praise the God of our sal - va - tion, all life long your
2.Turn to God, whose help en - treat - ing; on - ly in God's
3.Thank - ful hearts God's praise have sound - ed down the a - ges
4.Faith - ful Lord of all things liv - ing, by whose boun - ty



voi - ces raise, stir your hearts to a - dor - a - tion,
mer - cy trust: hu - man pomp and pow'r are fleet - ing;
long gone by: hap - py they whose hopes are found - ed
all are blest; bread to hun - gry bod - ies giv - ing,



set your souls to sing God's-praise. For the strength of our sal - va-tion,
mor - tal flesh is born for dust.
in the God of earth and sky!
just - ice to the long op - pressed.



light and life and length of days, praise the God of



all cre - a - tion, set your souls to sing God's praise!

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PRAYER of CONFESSION

We confess before you, O God, that we envy others. We do not live like Christ who calls us to be content with what we have. Forgive us, Lord.

We covet what belongs to our neighbor. Our lives are driven by our wants. Forgive us, Lord.

We begrudge the invitation to give generously and joyfully. We turn away from the needs of others and do not see the difference our caring can make. Forgive us, Lord.

Forgive us and free us for grateful and generous living. In Christ's name we pray. 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

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Calvin Hampton
Junior Choir

Anna Colaluca and Adrienne Quimby, *soloists*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, you are of God and earth the Son;
 You will I cherish, You will I honor, You, my soul's glory, joy, and crown;
 You, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming
 garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart
 to sing; who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling, starry
 host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels hea'n
 can boast; Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

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. **Grade 6 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)

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.

ANTHEM

"The Last Words of David"

Randall Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia.

- II Samuel 23:3,4

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — I Samuel 1:4-20; 2:1-10

Pew Bible, OT page 244

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

FOCUS on STEWARDSHIP

Katie Orem, Chair, *Stewardship Committee*

SERMON

"Telling Our Stories, Sharing Our Gifts"

John Wilkinson

BELL ANTHEM

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

arr. Ron Mallory

Junior High Bells *and* Covenant Ringers

Jeanne Fisher, *director*

During the bell anthem and hymn, you are invited to bring your pledge cards forward and place them in the basket. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks.

*HYMN 462 "I Love to Tell the Story"

HANKEY

*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.

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

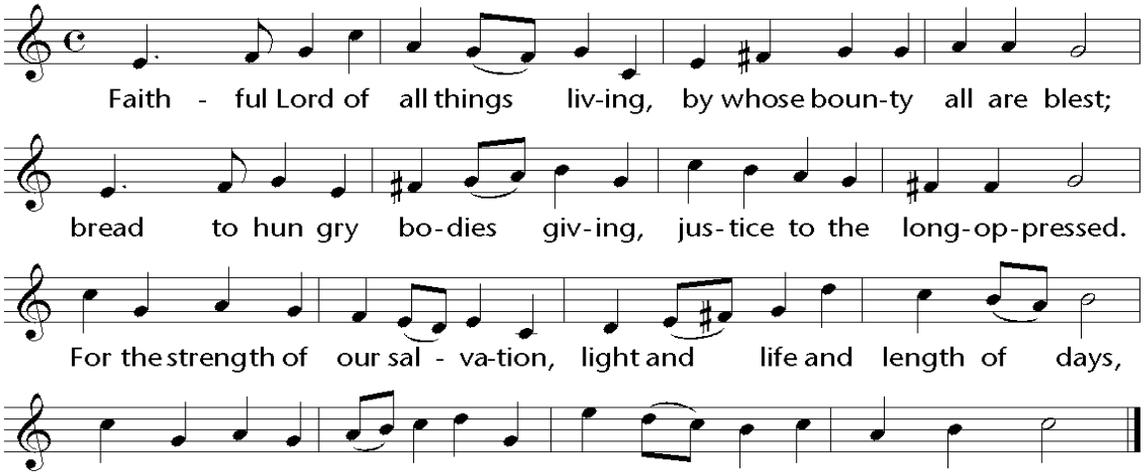
ANTHEM

“Psalm 150”

Philip W. J. Stopford

O praise God in His holiness: praise Him in the firmament of His power.
Praise Him in His noble acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.
Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet: praise Him upon the lute and harp.
Praise Him in the cymbals and dances: praise Him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise Him upon the loud cymbals.
Let ev'rything that hath breath: praise the Lord.

*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!

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*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: **Creator God, you have entrusted us with gifts— time, talent, energy, money— and asked us to use them to share the good news of your story. With thanks and praise we respond to your call. We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We seek your blessing, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul. Amen.**

*HYMN 712

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

FOREST GREEN

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God"
(from *Cantata 79*)

J. S. Bach
arr. Virgil Fox

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Harry and Peachy Grace.

The memorial prayer candle is lit in memory of those who have died in the California wild fires, with prayers for all who are providing relief.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

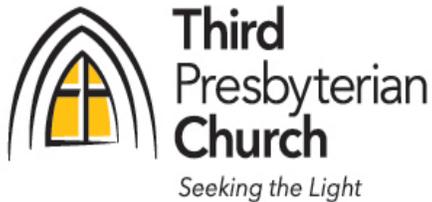
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- Lynette K. Sparks, Jeremy Peters..... Liturgists
- Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
- Mary Ann Rutkowski..... Associate Director of Music
- Alden Wright..... Assistant Organist
- Carolyn and Kelly Knickerbocker Acolytes
- Camille Clayton, Kirstin Elting, Peg Rachfal,
Vincent Randazesse, Karen Somers Greeters
- Bob Merz, Otto Muller-Girard, Jr.,
Jeff Sprague, Beth Tschorke, Phil Tschorke Ushers
- Dining Room Ministry..... Coffee Hour Hosts



I have been given the gift of _____

I share that gift by _____

Post your responses on the Third Church Community Facebook group or email to Rachel Norton at rnorton@thirdpresbyterian.org.



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Seminar

Today at 9:30am in Johnston Hall
"The Shape of American Religion Part II – Trends," led by John Wilkinson.

Sunday November 25: *Living in the Word and Sunday Seminar will meet together in Johnston Hall.*
"God's Government: John 18:33-37, II Samuel 23: 1-7, Psalm 132," led by Paul Gongloff.

Living in the Word

Today at 9:30am in the Parlor: led by Dianna Daunton.

Sunday November 25: *Living in the Word and Sunday Seminar will meeting together in Johnston Hall.*
"God's Government: John 18:33-37, II Samuel 23: 1-7, Psalm 132," led by Paul Gongloff.

A Celebration of Generosity

This morning we celebrate Stewardship Sunday. In gratitude to God and in joyous response to the abundance in our lives, we will offer our pledges in support of this church for the upcoming year. Your commitment to share your financial resources with Third Church is a promise that helps enable all aspects of our life together. You can review stories of your pledge dollars in action at bit.ly/stewardshipvideos. And if you need more time to discern what your pledge will be, you can make your commitment known even after today by:

- Mailing your completed card to the church office
- Pledging online at bit.ly/pledgetothirdchurch
- Sending a confidential email to Business Administrator Carol Foster at cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org

Every contribution matters, and no pledge is too small (or too great!). Thank you for sharing your gifts with us.

I Was Lost But Now Am Found!

Are you missing your coffee mugs and water bottles? Chances are you left them at church. They will be on display at Coffee Hour today along with the containers and platters you may have left in the kitchen area. Please come claim them before they are donated to a good cause.

Monday Night Yoga

Monday, November 19, 6:30pm
Johnston Hall

Please join us for this free class. All levels welcome.

Thursday Voices

Thursdays in Johnston Hall at 12:00pm
November 29: led by John Wilkinson.

Trans Day of Remembrance Service

Tuesday November 20, 7:00pm
Martin Luther King Park

The More Light Committee invites you to the annual Trans Day of Remembrance Service, remembering all those impacted by violence in the trans community, including those who have been killed in the past year.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Thursday November 22 (Thanksgiving Day), 11:00am

First Baptist Church in Brighton

Join us for one of the oldest continuous services in the nation. All are welcome.

Shop 'til You Drop for RAIHN

Tuesday November 27, 5:00pm-9:00pm
Pittsford Plaza

A percentage of what you spend at Benucci's Italian Ristorante (make sure to mention RAIHN, reservations are suggested: 264-1300) and One World Goods (starting at 6:00pm) will go to benefit RAIHN. Questions? Call RAIHN at: 506-9050.

Calvin Guild

Wednesday November 28, 12:00pm
Johnston Hall

Our guest will be Julie Clayton who is joining us from the Burroughs Audubon Nature Club – the oldest nature club in Rochester. Julie will answer questions about the club and lead the group in participatory visual and musical offering. **Please RSVP by Friday November 23** to Dot Wallace at dpiercwallace@gmail.com or 223-8502. Cost for lunch is \$8.

Save the Date – Intergenerational Mission Trip

February 17-23, 2019

This trip to south Texas will take place during February break, and the mission is to assist our neighbors whose lives were upended by Hurricane Harvey. It is being jointly sponsored by the Outreach and Youth Committees. Specific details will be coming soon. For more information, contact Lynette Sparks at lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537 ext. 106.

Volunteers Needed at the South Wedge Food Program

ROC SALT Center

Weekly opportunity: "Picker-Upper" This volunteer is available Tuesday or Thursday mornings to pick up bread and meat from the FoodLink warehouse at 1999 Mt Read Blvd. Must have a vehicle (the bigger the better) and be able to help another volunteer load bread and meat at the warehouse and drive it back to the Pantry. Time Commitment: Two hours once a week on a Tuesday or Thursday morning.

One-time opportunities:

- Christmas basket giveaway on Tuesday, December 11: Preparation 9:00am-12:00pm; Giveaway 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Sorting food contributions from Episcopal Home collection on Thursday, December 13, 9:30am-12:00pm

To volunteer, contact Katie Jo Suddaby at southwedgefoodrochester@gmail.com.

Tutors Needed

We are still looking for a few more tutors to fill substitution spots and to work with those approaching middle school in fifth and sixth grades at School #35. If you are interested, contact School #35 tutoring coordinator Melanie Jones at mjones@thirdpresbyterian.org.

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' underwear, 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.

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**.

Wifi Password

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

Please note that 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](https://www.instagram.com/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 bit.ly/givetothirdchurch to give online.

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 orders several times a year.

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.