



"We need to look hard at the stories we create, and wrestle with them. Retell and retell them, and work with them like clay. It is in the retelling and returning that they give us their wisdom."

Marni Gillard

**The Worship of God
First Sunday of Advent**

December 2, 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 **next 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 “Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland,” BWV 659 J. S. Bach
(Savior of the Nations, Come – Hymn 102)

INTROIT “Light of Hope, Light of Peace” Mark Patterson
Junior Choir
Light of hope, light of peace, you are just the light we need.
Shine for all the world to see: Christ is coming soon.

LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH The Austin Family

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

LEADER: We light the first candle of Advent. We kindle it with hope.
We long for God to come to our world, to break through and
reign with compassion, justice and peace.
Shine on us, O God of justice;
Guide our path through gloom of night;

PEOPLE: **Bear within us, wisdom’s glory; come to us,
O Christ the light.**

RESPONSE “Wait for the Lord”

(sing three times)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The musical notation consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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PRAYER of CONFESSION

We are captive, exiled, O God, because we have, each in our own way, chosen our own path, away from you. We are hungry for wisdom and knowledge, because we have too often substituted our judgment for yours. We are lost, in need of guidance.

Come, Lord Jesus; forgive us and restore us.

Come, Lord Jesus; guide us and deliver us.

Come, Lord Jesus; teach us and renew us.

Come, Lord Jesus. 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.

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.

EPISTLE LESSON — I Thessalonians 3:9-13

Pew Bible, NT page 204

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “How Lovely Are the Messengers”

Felix Mendelssohn

(from St. Paul)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

- Romans 10:15

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Jeremiah 33:14-16

Pew Bible, OT page 738

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “A Family Story”

John Wilkinson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Our Song of Hope,” Reformed Church in America

**We sing to our Lord a new song;
We sing in our world a sure Hope:
Our God loves this world,
God called it into being,
God renews it through Jesus Christ,
God governs it by the Spirit.
God is the world's true Hope.
Come, Lord Jesus:
We are open to your Spirit.
We await your full presence.
Our world finds rest in you alone. Amen.**

PRESENTATION of OFFERINGS

In addition to the regular offering, today we receive our monthly special offering to support the People's Emergency Fund, which is used to help those who come to us in financial distress, especially those who face eviction or utility shut-offs. Each month we turn some people away because funds have been depleted; your donations enable more assistance to people in need. Envelopes are in the pew racks. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM

“Lost in the Night”

arr. F. Melius Christiansen

Heather Holmquest, *soprano*

Lost in the night doth the heathen yet languish, Longing for morning the
darkness to vanquish, Plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish: Will not
day come soon? Will not day come soon?


Sorrowing brother, in darkness yet dwelling, Dawned hath the day of a
radiance excelling, Death's dreaded darkness forever dispelling: Christ is
coming soon! Christ is coming soon!

Light o'er the land of the heathen is beaming, Rivers of life through its
deserts are streaming, Millions yet sigh for the Savior redeeming.

Must he be vainly awaiting the morrow? Shall we who have it no light let
him borrow? Giving no heed to his burden of sorrow: Will not day come
soon? He is coming soon!

- Finnish song, trans. Olav Lee, 1929

*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

THE SACRAMENT of THE LORD'S SUPPER

This morning, communion will be served in the pews. All bread is gluten free. As you pass the elements to the person next to you, please say the person's name (if you know it) and as you pass the bread, please say, "Christ's body for you" or "the bread of life for you." As the grape juice is served, please say "Christ's blood for you" or "the cup of salvation for you," as the tray is passed.

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*GREAT 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.**

*SANCTUS

(organ intro)

Ho - - - ly, ho - - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow-er and might, Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est! (organ)
Blest is the One who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est!

setting by William Mathias

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"A Rose Touched by the Sun's Warm Rays"

Jean Berger

A rose touched by the sun's warm rays All its petals gently does unfold;
So you, when touched by God's great mercy, Let joy and gladness win
your soul.

- text by Maria Brubacher, 1825, from *Pennsylvania Book Plates*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious and abundant God, even as we wait for the fulfillment of your creation, you meet us in Christ at this table, in this meal. We thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst with the cup of salvation. Now send us out into the world by the power of your Holy Spirit to share your life and salvation with all whom we meet. Amen.

*HYMN 82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Prelude on 'HYFRYDOL'"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Hugh H. Whitney from his wife Jean, and their children Grant and Julia.

The memorial prayer candle is lit in solidarity with all who receive support from our Peoples' Emergency Fund.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

- John Wilkinson..... Preacher
- Lynette K. Sparks, Ernest F. Krug, Dianna Daunton..... Liturgists
- Peter A. DuBois..... Music Director/Organist
- Mary Ann Rutkowski..... Associate Music Director
- Alden Wright..... Assistant Organist
- Caroline Cox Acolyte
- Pam Apt, Steve Apt, Bonnie DeHollander,
Ann Haag, Maryjane Link..... Greeters
- Jim and Roxanne Boyer, Jobin Philip, Mary Philip,
Beth Sieber, Betsy and Griff Vinton, Stephen Zuegel Ushers
- Congregational Fellowship..... Coffee Hour Hosts



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Advent 2018 at Third Church

Please see *The Messenger* for further details.

Today – First Sunday of Advent

- Worship at 8:30am and 10:45am
- Sunday Seminar and Living in the Word, 9:30am
- Advent Wreath Making, during Coffee Hour
- Olive Oil Sale, during Coffee Hour

All items will be sold at cost to benefit the farmers of the Canaan Fair Trade Association in the West Bank.

Wednesday, December 5

- Intergenerational Qabats Advent Gathering, 6:00pm-7:15pm. Join us for a shared meal and stories, songs and devotions of the season. Led by John Wilkinson and Becky D'Angelo-Veitch. Suggested donation is \$10. RSVP to Becky, rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Thursday December 6

- Thursday Voices, 12:00pm

Saturday December 8

- Advent Retreat, 9:00am-12:00pm

Sunday December 9 – Second Sunday of Advent

- Worship at 8:30am and 10:45am
- Sunday Seminar and Living in the Word, 9:30am
- Holiday Handbell Concert, 4:00pm, ROC SALT

Monday December 10

- Advent Living Waters Service, 7:00pm, ROC SALT

Wednesday December 12

- Intergenerational Qabats Advent Gathering, 6:00pm-7:15pm

Thursday December 13

- Thursday Voices, 12:00pm

Sunday December 16 – Third Sunday of Advent

- Worship at 8:30am and 10:45am
- Sunday Seminar and Living in the Word, 9:30am
- Special Music – *Gloria in D* by Antonio Vivaldi, 10:45am
- Junior Choir Cookie Sale, Coffee Hour

Wednesday December 19

- Intergenerational Qabats Advent Gathering, 6:00pm-7:15pm

Thursday December 20

- Thursday Voices, 12:00pm

Sunday, December 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Worship at 8:30am and 10:45am
- Sunday Seminar and Living in the Word, 9:30am

Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

- Festival of the Nativity, 4:30pm, Sanctuary
- Communion Service, 8:00pm, Chapel
- Service of Lessons and Carols, 11:00pm, Sanctuary

A Rochester Festival of Lessons and Carols recorded at Third Church last January will be broadcast on WXXI 91.5 at 11:00pm on Christmas Eve or can be streamed at classical915.org.

Sunday Seminar

Today at 9:30am in Johnston Hall

"The Spirituality of the Enneagram," led by Susan Rupp.

Sunday December 9: "Prayer," led by Beth Struever.

Living in the Word

Today at 9:30am

Advent I: I Thessalonians 3:9-13 and Luke 21:25-36, "How do we remain hopeful in difficult times? Stories of faith," led by Ernest Krug.

Sunday December 9: Advent II: Philippians 1:3-11 and Luke 3:1-6, "What is repentance really all about? Stories of turning," led by Paul Gongloff.

Presbyterian Youth Triennium

Today at 10:00am, Youth Lounge

Parents and all current 9-12 grade teens interested in attending in Triennium 2019 (July 16-20) are encouraged to attend this information meeting. For more information, contact Jane Carden, jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Heartfelt Thanks

Thank you to all who have made a pledge to support Third Church in the year ahead. Your generosity and commitment are greatly appreciated.

As of this week, we have reached 67% of our pledge goal and 60% of our participation goal – a strong start!

If you have not yet made a pledge, don't worry, it's not too late! You can still participate by:

- Mailing your completed card to the church office
- Pledging online at bit.ly/pledgetothirdchurch
- Sending a confidential email to 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. You can still get an "I Pledged Today" sticker by contacting Rachel Norton.

Christmas Decorations

If you would like to make a donation to help support the cost of our Christmas decorations, please send your check to the church office marked "Christmas Flowers" and note clearly the names that should be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

I would like this gift to be:

- In loving memory of:
- In honor of:
- In celebration of:
- A donation from:

The deadline is **Friday, December 14.**

Christmas Basket Sign Up

We still have about 5 families waiting to be adopted to receive a Christmas basket. Please come by the Christmas basket table today 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 are also 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 contact Meg Bishop at margo2587@aol.com or 864-423-7069.

Monday Night Yoga

Monday, December 3, 6:30pm
Johnston Hall

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

Thursday Voices

Thursdays in Johnston Hall at 12:00pm

We will explore the lectionary passages for the following Sunday. Come, engage the Word, and connect your story to the Advent and Christmas story.

December 6: led by John Wilkinson.

Exploring Membership Luncheon

Sunday December 9, 12:00pm in Johnston Hall

If you are new to Third Church and would like to know more about us, or are interested in exploring membership, we invite you to join us at our next Exploring Membership Luncheon on Sunday, December 9 at 12:00pm. You can bring all your questions, get to know our pastoral staff, and meet other folks new to this place. Our conversation is informal, and emphasizes the many ways to connect. Childcare is available; please let us know in advance if you need it.

Our luncheon conversation will conclude by 1:30pm. For those that are ready to join in membership, the next step is a New Member Gathering offered that same afternoon following the luncheon from 1:30-2:30pm, or can be arranged at another mutually convenient time. To RSVP or learn more, contact Lynette Sparks (271-6537, ext. 106 or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org).

Special Music

Sunday December 16, 10:45am Service

The Chancel Choir, Soloists and Orchestra will offer the sparkling and brilliant Baroque masterpiece *Gloria in D*, RV 589 by Italian master Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741). Featured soloists include Heather Holmquest, Megan Graves and Caroline Nielson. Additionally, as Prelude that morning, Assistant Organist Alden Wright will be joined by the orchestra in the *Organ Concerto in F*, Op. 4, No. 4 by George Frideric Handel. Two Baroque gems to inspire us as we continue our advent preparation for the birth of the Christ Child.

Support for Special Music presentations is provided in part by the Lois V. Parker Special Music Fund. A Special Music Offering will also be received that morning to fully fund this presentation.

Dining Room Ministry Christmas Team Forming

Saturday December 22, 10:00am – 1:00pm

Hunger doesn't take a holiday and neither should we. And so we are forming our annual Christmas Team for serving a hot meal to our hungry neighbors on the Saturday before Christmas. You do not need to have had experience with DRM in the past to volunteer for this meal. We welcome experienced and inexperienced alike. Please consider joining us as we prepare a hot ham dinner for our guests in the Celebration. Contact Nancy Adams at 585-314-3783 or nancycadams@hotmail.com.

Join Us – 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. An information session is scheduled for Sunday, December 16 at 4:00pm. For more specifics, contact Lynette Sparks at lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 106.

Business Administrator Position

Third Church is seeking applicants for the position of church business administrator. Please contact John Wilkinson for further information.

Volunteers Needed at the South Wedge Food Program

ROC SALT Center

Weekly opportunity: "Picker-Upper" This volunteer picks 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 up 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.

Current Food Cupboard Needs

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.

Name Tags

The most recent name tag order has arrived. Please pick yours up in the church office.

If you would like to order a name tag, please contact the church office. We will place orders several times a year.

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 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.

A Window Returns

When you're next in the Sanctuary, you'll see one of our stained glass windows has been repaired and reinstalled. *Nativity*, second in from the narthex on the Arnold Park side, is now structurally sound and newly polished. We are grateful to all who donated to the James P. Chisholm Stained Glass Fund, which enabled this restoration. Another window will be restored next year, and we will all have the opportunity to support that effort through the Chisholm Fund once again.

Your Holiday Shopping Can Help Third Church

Amazon Associates is a program which pays referral fees to Third Church when a customer accesses Amazon through our 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. This allows you to support Third Church at no additional cost to you. Note that, unlike Amazon Smile, this program only works if you click through the Third Church website first, but the extra effort is worth it because Associates creates more income than Smile does.

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. If you do not have a blue handicap parking card or a handicap license plate, please do not to park there. If you are dropping someone off at the Arnold Park entrance, please continue through the driveway to our Meigs Street lot.