



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

“Christmas is not a time, not a season, but a state of mind.
To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is
to have the real spirit of Christmas. ”

Calvin Coolidge

**The Worship of God
First Sunday after Christmas**

December 30, 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 adjacent to the Sanctuary, at the Arnold Park exit.

Large Print Bulletins and Bibles are available from the ushers. Hymnals and Bibles are located in the pew racks.

Church School: We offer quiet activities for school aged children during worship in the sanctuary. There are table and chairs on a rug under the Arnold Park balcony where children will have the opportunity to read books and do activities that relate to our scripture readings for the day.

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 **Sunday, February 3, 2019 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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"Third Church Community"

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 “Noel X: Grand Jeu et Duo” Louis-Claude Daquin

*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

LEADER: We looked for royalty;

PEOPLE: **You were born to peasants.**

LEADER: We looked for power;

PEOPLE: **You showed us meekness.**

LEADER: We looked among rulers and politicians;

PEOPLE: **You were found among cattle and shepherds.**

LEADER: We looked for riches;

PEOPLE: **You gave us selflessness.**

LEADER: We looked for a king;

PEOPLE: **You gave us a servant.**

LEADER: May we become alive to the story —

PEOPLE: **seeking peace, humbling ourselves,
looking for glory in lowly places.**

LEADER: May we recognize our part in the story —

PEOPLE: **our place as Christ-followers, our calling to gentleness and
humility, our opportunities to give our most profound gifts.**

*HYMN 140 “Once in Royal David’s City”

IRBY

*PRAYER of ADORATION

Glory to you, almighty God, for you sent your only-begotten Son, that we might have new life. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for you became flesh and dwelt among us that we might become your people. Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you direct and rule our lives. Glory to you, almighty God, and to your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the children's message, school aged children are invited to gather at the table under the Arnold Park balcony for quiet activities during worship. The nursery on the middle level of the education building is available for preschool age children and younger.

DISMISSAL of CHILDREN

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

TALLIS' CANON

I. II.

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Pew Bible, OT page 692
READING	"Everything Happens for a Reason (and Other Lies I've Loved)"	Kate Bowler
CAROL 145	"What Child Is This" <i>stanza 1</i>	GREENSLEEVES

PSALTER READING	Psalm 147: 13-21 <i>(read responsively by verse)</i>	Pew Bible, OT page 582
READING	"Christmas Eve in a Barn"	Greg Moore
CAROL 145	"What Child Is This" <i>stanza 2</i>	GREENSLEEVES
EPISTLE LESSON	Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7	Pew Bible, NT page 189
READING	"Christmas Eve Vigil"	Kathleen Norris
SOLO	"Christmas Joy"	Carl Phillip Emanuel Bach Anders Namestnik, <i>tenor</i>
GOSPEL LESSON	John 1:1-18	Pew Bible, NT page 91
READING	"Christmas in a Cold Prison"	Dietrich Bonhoeffer
*CAROL 145	"What Child Is This" <i>stanza 3</i>	GREENSLEEVES

*LITANY for CHRISTMAS

- LEADER: In a little town, known for nothing much,
God's holy child was born.
- PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**
- LEADER: By the faint light of the moon,
Mary and Joseph found their way.
- PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**
- LEADER: Shown by a courtyard fire, the open stable door.
- PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**
- LEADER: Warm breath of resting beasts,
kindly sparkle in their eyes.
- PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**
- LEADER: In the shadowy stable stall,
Joseph kindled a lamp.
- PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**
- LEADER: There Mary gave birth to Jesus,
called God-With-Us.
- PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**
- LEADER: Angels opened the doors of heaven,
sang, "Glory to God in the heights!"
- PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**
- LEADER: Shepherds saw the sky ablaze,
left their sheep and came to see.
- PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**
- LEADER: In the darkest winter night,
God set a brilliant star.
- PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**

LEADER: Magi from the East
 divined God's shining sign.
 PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**
 LEADER: And on this Christmas with joy,
 we greet the Child.
 PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light! 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

In addition to our regular offering, we will receive gifts for the Christmas Joy Offering. This special offering provides assistance to church workers in their time of need and develops future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Envelopes are located in the pew racks.

OFFERTORY "I Wonder as I Wander" John Jacob Niles
Anders Namestnik, *tenor*

*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!

*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: **All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son, whom you sent to save us. With singing angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CAROL RESPONSE 134

"Joy to the World" *stanza 1*

ANTIOCH

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Fantasy on ANTIOCH"

Emma Lou Diemer

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Shirley Mitchell Moore, beloved wife of James Moore and mother of Jennifer Moore Stahlkrantz, and James, David and Eliza Moore.

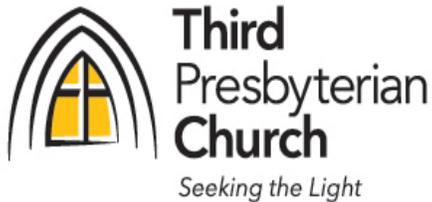
The memorial prayer candle is lit with prayers of gratitude for the year past and prayer of hope as we enter a new year.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Ernest F. Krug, Rachel Norton,

David Stimson, John Wilkinson..... Liturgists

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



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Seminar

Sunday January 6 at 9:30am in Johnston Hall
"RAIHN," led by Lou Loggi and Laurie Mahoney.

Sunday January 13: "Caring for the Stories that Come to Us," led by John Karl.

Living in the Word

Sunday January 6 at 9:30am in the Parlor

Matthew 2:1-12 and Ephesians 3:1-12, "Journeys in the unknown. Stories of following God's path," led by Paul Gongloff.

Sunday January 13: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 and Acts 8:14-17, "Who is the Holy Spirit? Stories of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives," led by Dianna Daunton.

2018 Christmas Joy Offering Today

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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 85% of our pledge goal and 78% 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.

The Season of Giving

It's time to wrap up this year and prepare for the next. Third Church is excited to build on all we've accomplished in 2018, and we would be grateful for your help. We are incredibly thankful for the number of individuals and families who have already pledged to support Third Church in 2019. An additional donation to Third Church made before December 31, 2018 could greatly enhance our financial outlook, and, in light of changing tax laws, may be beneficial to you as well. Some options for making a gift include:

- Giving from your IRA (if you are 70.5 or older); your donation helps to fulfill your Minimum Required Distribution and is not considered taxable income.
- Naming Third Church as a beneficiary of your retirement plan assets; these assets are tax-free when donated to a nonprofit. Consult your tax advisor if you are considering this method.
- Writing a check payable to Third Presbyterian Church and returning it to the church office, or giving online at bit.ly/givetothird

As you plan the final moments of your 2018, please consider making a year-end donation to Third Church.

Pledge Card Envelope Pick-Up

For those who requested envelopes with their 2019 Stewardship pledge cards, your envelopes are ready to be picked up. They are on the white table by Johnston Hall in alphabetical order. Thank you.

Thank You for Providing Christmas Baskets

Thank you to each of you who purchased, packed, and delivered a Christmas basket to a family in need from Schools #3 and #35 or from RAIHN. On December 15, we delivered 82 Christmas baskets filled with food and more. Thank you also for your contributions of money for Aldi gift cards, and for socks, undies, tights, hats and mittens for children. We appreciate your generosity!

Monday Night Yoga

Mondays, 6:30pm
Johnston Hall

Yoga resumes January 7.

Thursday Voices

Thursdays in Johnston Hall at 12:00pm

Thursday Voices resumes January 3.

In January we will read a range of contemporary articles that touch on matters of faith and life. Copies of the articles are available in the literature rack adjacent to Johnston Hall.

Church Ladies Zumba and Potluck

Friday January 4, 5:30pm-8:00pm

Start 2019 right with an evening of Zumba!

We will gather in Johnston Hall, then move to the top floor of the education building to get moving with some Zumba led by our own Melanie Jones, followed by food and fellowship back in Johnston Hall. No prior experience is needed--all are welcome and no rhythm required! Party your way into the New Year with fellowship and fitness. Please wear flexible sneakers and bring water and a salad ingredient for our shared meal. So that we can get a sense of numbers, please RSVP to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537 ext. 118.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday January 5, 8:00am-10:00am
Johnston Hall

Contact Paul Bishop at pabishop@live.com to RSVP.

Intergenerational Qabats

Wednesday January 9, 6:00pm

The first Qabats intergenerational gathering of the year is on the second Wednesday of January and will focus on Epiphany. So that we can get a sense of numbers, it is helpful, though not required to RSVP

by Monday, January 7 to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Christmas in January!

Come and Sing Carols for the Christmas Lessons & Carols recording for 2019 **Saturday, January 12, from 1:00 – 2:30pm in the Sanctuary**. All members and friends of the congregation are invited to participate in a Christmas Lessons and Carols recording that the Chancel Choir, and liturgists will be making in collaboration with WXXI. This recording will be broadcast locally on Christmas Eve 2019, and around the nation during the Christmas season! We hope to gather a "congregation" – as many people as possible. We'll sing traditional Christmas carols, and hear the readings we typically do on Christmas Eve. Join us for this event to help share the Good News of Christ's birth in 2019! Invite a friend!

Calvin Guild

Wednesday, January 16, 12:00pm
Johnston Hall

RAIHN: 15 Years of Serving the Homeless in Rochester

Cost is \$8 for a simple soup and sandwich lunch. Please RSVP to Dot Wallace (dpiercewallace@gmail.com) no later than Friday, January 11.

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 Center. Time Commitment: Two hours once a week on a Tuesday or Thursday morning.

To volunteer, contact Katie Jo Suddaby at southwedgfoodrochester@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. Bins are located throughout the church.

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. Cost is \$10.50 each. 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](https://twitter.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.

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.