



“Just as the shepherds represent my instinctual self, the magi represent my reason. I'm much stronger in reason than instinct. I understand the Magi occupying themselves with maps and charts and esoteric scrolls and interpreting books and cyphers and symbols.

Unlike the shepherds who saw the sky dissolve right over them, the magi prepared themselves like athletes for the moment of grace. It's a wonder they ever looked up from their desks to catch the Star blazing from the heavens.”

Suzanne Guthrie

The Worship of God Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

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: is available for children, preschool through sixth grade, during the 10:45am worship service. **Children should report to their classrooms in the Education Building before the service at 10:40am this morning.**

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 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 “Prelude and Fugue in G Major” Felix Mendelssohn

*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: Arise, shine; for your light has come!

PEOPLE: **The glory of God has risen upon us.**

LEADER: Tell the good news throughout the earth:

PEOPLE: **the saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.**

LEADER: Come and adore the Savior of the nations.

PEOPLE: **We offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.**

*HYMN 151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are” KINGS OF ORIENT

*PRAYER of ADORATION

Almighty God, you have brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising. As we gather in worship and praise, fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations, through the one who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Angels from the Realms of Glory,” stanza 4

REGENT SQUARE

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the
newborn king.**

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 MISSION

Jeanne Fisher
Christmas in January

EPISTLE LESSON — Ephesians 3:1-12

Pew Bible, NT page 193

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come”

Martin How

REFRAIN - ALL



A - rise, shine, _____ for your light has come, and the
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned _____ up - on you.

Choir: For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you.

ALL REPEAT THE REFRAIN

Choir: Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning. Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut.

ALL REPEAT THE REFRAIN

Choir: They will call you, The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

ALL REPEAT THE REFRAIN

Choir: Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders. You will call your walls, Salvation, and all your portals, Praise. The sun will no more be your light by day; by night you will not need the brightness of the moon. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

ALL REPEAT THE REFRAIN

Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

ALL REPEAT THE REFRAIN

text: Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “21st Century Epiphanies”

Lynette Sparks

*HYMN 150 “As with Gladness Men of Old”

DIX

During this hymn, children in first grade and older will return to worship to be present for the Sacrament of Communion.

The gathering of the servers.

*LITANY for the EPIPHANY of the LORD

LEADER: Arise, shine; for your light has come!
The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

PEOPLE: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

LEADER: Nations will come to his light,
and rulers will seek his radiance.

PEOPLE: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

LEADER: He will judge the people with righteousness
and defend the cause of the poor.

PEOPLE: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

LEADER: The mystery of the ages is revealed;
the eternal plan of God is known to all.

PEOPLE: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

LEADER: Let us kneel down before him
to give him honor, glory, and praise.

PEOPLE: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

LEADER: Let us offer him all the treasures
of our hearts and our lives.

PEOPLE: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world. 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.

Behold a star from Jacob shining, and a scepter from Israel rising, to reign in glory over the nations: Like some bright morning star is he, The promise of the coming day, Beyond the night of sorrow. Break forth, O Light! We, our joyful hearts uplifting with thanksgiving, Hail the brightness of Thy rising.

- adapted from Numbers 24:17

*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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THE SACRAMENT of THE LORD'S SUPPER

*At the time of communion, ushers will invite you to come forward via the center and side aisles. Take a piece of **gluten free** bread from the server, dip it in the cup which contains **grape juice**, and partake as you are served. Return to your seat via the side aisle. If moving forward is difficult for you, a team of servers will come to you to serve the communion elements.*

*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

Richard Proulx

(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. Ho -
san-na in the high-est. Blest is the One who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

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

Please join the choir in singing the following hymns:

Hymn 152, "What Star Is This, with Beams so Bright"

Hymn 508, "Come to the Table"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

*HYMN 156 "Sing of God Made Manifest"

SALZBURG

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Share God's Love"

Mark Patterson
Junior Choir

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Prelude and Fugue in G Major," BWV 541

J. S. Bach

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Glenn and Winona Phillips, parents and grandparents of Gayle Phillips and Barbara Rich.

The memorial prayer candle is lit with gratitude for the many church members and wonderful Third Church staff who contributed to our meaningful and inspiring Advent and Christmas celebrations.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

- Lynette K. Sparks Preacher
- Ernest F. Krug, Ty Albee Liturgists
- Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
- Mary Ann Rutkowski Associate Director of Music
- Alden Wright Assistant Organist
- Cory and Meghan Elder Acolytes
- Pam Apt, Steve Apt, Bonnie DeHollander,
Ann Haag, Jack Salzer Greeters
- Jim and Roxanne Boyer, Jobin Philip, Mary Mathews,
Beth Sieber, Betsy and Griff Vinton, Stephen Zuegel Ushers
- Deacons Parish F (Lime)..... Coffee Hour Hosts



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Seminar

Today at 9:30am, 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

Today at 9:30am, Parlor
Matthew 2:1-12 and Ephesians 3:1-12, "Journeys into 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.

Christmas Decorations Takedown Today

Christmas garlands and decorations will be taken down today after the 10:45am service. Everyone is welcome to join us! Many hands make light work!

Advent Wreath Forms

As you "un-deck" your hall, please bring your Advent Wreath supplies back to church to be used again next year. There is a box in the area outside of Johnston Hall where wreaths can be dropped off during the month of January. We will be collecting:

- the straw wreath form (minus greens)
- plastic "candle cups"
- any un-rusted pins that can be re-used.

Re-using all of these elements year to year saves the church nearly \$5 per wreath, AND keeps them out of a landfill. Thanks in advance.

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.

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 table by Johnston Hall in alphabetical order. Thank you.

Monday Night Yoga

Monday January 7, 6:30pm
Johnston Hall

Join us for this free class! Beginners welcome.

Thursday Voices

Thursday January 10 at 12:00pm, Johnston Hall
"Bush Funeral Blended Symbols of Church and State, Seemed Non-Communal," by Michael Sean Winters. Led by John Wilkinson.

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.

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.

Reversing Global Warming: Introduction to Drawdown

Thursday January 17, 7:00pm-9:00pm
Johnston Hall

Join us for this experience that fosters hope for the reversal of climate change, presented by Rochester's Pachamama Alliance. Using videos, slides and group discussion, we will learn about the latest research on how we can reverse global warming. There is no cost for the event. To register, visit <https://connect.pachamama.org/node/1306>. For more information contact David Inglis at dri.inglis@gmail.com or 426-1385.

Congregational Learning Day

Saturday February 9, 2019, 8:30am-12:00pm
Perinton Presbyterian Church, Fairport

This workshop day provides a great opportunity for congregational members and leaders to expand their knowledge and skills in order to strengthen their ministries. For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://pbygenval.org/congregational-learning-day/>

Nominating Committee Receiving Suggestions

The Nominating Committee is hard at work gathering names for people to serve as Elders (on the Session), Deacons and Trustees. Do you know someone with the gifts and call to serve in such a way? Is God calling you to serve? We encourage you to share names— in confidence—to the Nominating Committee by emailing jwilkinson@thirdpresbyterian.org or jonestina71@gmail.com. Feel free to include some basic description/information about the person you suggest, either yourself or someone else.

Expanded Tutoring Opportunities

We are looking to pilot an after school tutoring opportunity at Wilson Commencement Park and Sojourner Home - living communities for families in transition. We are seeking tutors to help with reading, math, and writing during the hours of 5:00pm-7:00pm Mondays through Thursdays. You need not be available all days or all during the full 5:00pm-7:00pm time period. If you are interested, contact Melanie Jones at mjones@thirdpresbyterian.org, or call/text at 347-668-6181.

February Break Mission Trip

We are planning a mission trip for youth (ages 14 and older) and adults to the Texas Gulf Coast February 17-23, 2019. The purpose of this trip, which is sponsored by the Youth and Outreach Committees, is to assist with recovery efforts after Hurricane Harvey. **The deadline to indicate your interest is January 10.** Contact Lynette Sparks at lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 106 for more information.

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 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. 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.

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 Shopping Can Help Third Church

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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.