



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

“The love of God, the desire of God to make every single one of us God's child, is intentionally, and thankfully, beyond the scope of what we have in mind for the extent of God's love.”

Karoline Lewis

**The Worship of God
Baptism of the Lord**

January 13, 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 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 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 **“Mass for the Convents”** François Couperin
Plein Jeu – Recit du Cromorne – Elevation - Dialogue

INTROIT **“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”** HOUSTON
Junior Choir

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
*In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

***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: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

PEOPLE: **The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**

LEADER: The Son of God is named, “Beloved.”

PEOPLE: **And all who worship shout out, “Glory!”**

LEADER: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

PEOPLE: **Let us worship God in holy splendor.**

***HYMN 484** **“Out of Deep, Unordered Water”** RUSTINGTON

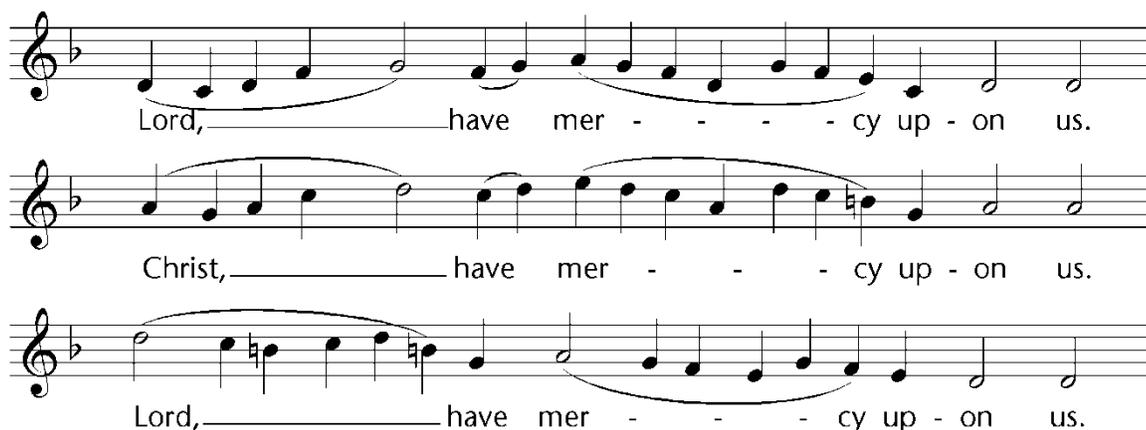
PRAYER of CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive.

In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism, so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. We pray in Jesus' name. 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. **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

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Isaiah 43:1-7

Pew Bible, OT page 672

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"I Love You, O My God Most High"

David Hogan

I love you, O my God most high, For first your love has captur'd me; I seek no other liberty: Bound by your love, I shall be free. All mine is yours: say but the word, Say what you will it shall be done; I know your love, most holy one, I know you seek my good alone. May memory no thought suggest But shall to your pure glory tend, May understanding find no rest, Except in you, its only end. Apart from you, nothing can be, So grant me this, my only wish, To love you, Christ, eternally. You give me all in giving this.

- St. Ignatius Loyola

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Dividing Lines”

Lynette Sparks

*HYMN 485 “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

ENGELBERG

*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 Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

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

"O Thou the Central Orb"

Charles Wood

O Thou the central orb of righteous love, Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine, Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, As stars about Thy throne, set in the height Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, Our nature all shall feel eternal day, In fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

- text by H. R. Bramley

*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: God of heaven and earth, you call us to come in humility before you, bringing the offering of our very selves. As you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son in his baptism, so through him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May the gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful children, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***HYMN 149 "All Hail to God's Anointed"**

ROCKPORT

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***GREETING**

POSTLUDE "Toccatà in B minor"

Eugène Gigout

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Ruth H. Meinhold and Dr. Charles Meinhold, from the Meinhold family.

The memorial prayer candle is lit in solidarity with families who have lost children to gun violence.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Lynette K. Sparks Preacher
John Wilkinson, Ernest F. Krug, Janet Reed Liturgists
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
Mary Ann Rutkowski Associate Director of Music
Alden Wright Assistant Organist
Cori Averill, Ann McMican Acolytes
Clive Daunton, Bob Eames, Alison Gray,
Maryjane Link, Betsey Wheeler..... Greeters
Elmer Dustman, Hope Herting, Jeremy Peters, Gloria Pleger,
Jim Pochodylo, Don Schichler, Rebecca Schichler, Anne Sievers..... Ushers
Youth Committee Coffee Hour Hosts



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Special Gift for Cameron

Cameron Community Ministries, a longtime partner of Third Church, has until now only had the capacity to serve under-resourced children through sixth grade. Cameron is undergoing a capital campaign to create a new Teen Center, providing academic, career, social support, and more to youth in grades 7-12. **You can make a donation toward this effort by writing a check to Third Presbyterian Church with "Cameron" in the memo line, or place an offering in the special envelopes in the pews on January 13, 20, and 27.**

Sunday Seminar

Today at 9:30am, Johnston Hall

"Caring for the Stories that Come to Us," led by John Karl.

Sunday January 20: "It's Not Easy Being Green, or the Case for the School-Based Gay-Straight Alliance," led by Lea Theuer.

Living in the Word

Today at 9:30am, Parlor

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.

Sunday January 20: John 2:1-11 and I Corinthians 12:1-11, "Do you believe in miracles? Stories of miracles in our lives," led by Paul Gongloff.

Stewardship Update

As of January 7, we are \$120,000 short of our pledge goal. Similarly, we have 75 pledges to go to reach our participation goal. These sound like daunting gaps to close, but we can do it! And the closer we get to our goals, the better we'll be able to live out our mission and ministries in the year ahead. If you have not yet made a pledge, it's not too late! Go to bit.ly/pledgetothirdchurch, or contact Rachel Norton (271-6537, ext. 113 or rnorton@thirdpresbyterian.org). If you have already made your pledge, could you consider giving a bit

more? Even a few dollars per week makes a big difference.

Monday Night Yoga

**Monday January 14, 6:30pm
Johnston Hall**

Join us for this free class! Beginners welcome.

Bring a Friend to Qabats

Wednesday January 16, 6:00pm

Bring a friend to Qabats! This is also a great opportunity to check us out if you don't currently participate. Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org for more information.

Thursday Voices

Thursday January 17 at 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

"Where Charity and Love Prevail," by Margaret Renkl, from the *New York Times*. Led by Ernest Krug.

Reversing Global Warming: Introduction to Drawdown

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

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/1304>. For more information contact David Inglis at dri.inglis@gmail.com or 426-1385.

Adult Fellowship Euchre Night

**Saturday, January 19, 7:00pm
At the home of Len and Becky Picone**

From seasoned euchre players to those who aren't sure how to pronounce it, all are invited to join us for an evening of cards and fellowship. Please bring a snack or beverage to share. RSVP to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch, rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 118 by January 16.

If Music Be the Food... Concert Series

Sunday January 27, 7:30pm, Sanctuary

Admission to the concert is non-perishable food items or cash/check donations (payable to *Foodlink*).

The concert will open with organist Peter DuBois performing the *Passacaglia*, BWV 582 by J. S. Bach, followed by Schoenberg's *Ode to Napoleon* with Jan Opalach, bass-baritone.

The mission of "*If Music Be the Food...*" is to increase awareness and support for the hungry in the local community through the sharing of great music.

Volunteer to Help at Presbytery Meeting

Tuesday January 29, starting at 2:00pm

Third Church will be hosting the January 29 meeting of the Presbytery of the Genesee Valley, and we need your help! We need greeters, guides and registrars, plus help with serving dinner. If you are interested in helping, for an hour or two starting at 2:00pm, please email Emily Blecksmith, eblecksmith@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Toddler Music Class is Growing!

Starting Thursday January 31, 2:00pm-2:30pm

Our Monday Toddler Music class has been so successful that we are excited to add a new Thursday afternoon class to the schedule. Just like our Monday class, the Thursday class will be a six-week session, beginning on Thursday January 31.

Children ages 14 months to 3 years are welcome to attend with an adult caregiver. To sign up, contact Mary Ann, mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org.

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/>

Volunteer for RAIHN

We will welcome four or five homeless families starting **February 10 during our 56th rotation at Third Church.**

Check out the open spots at www.thirdpresbyterian.org/raihn where we need to:

- Host dinners & overnights, prepare hot breakfasts on the weekend, and serve "Pizza Lunch" on Sunday
- Work behind-the-scene setting up bedrooms, shopping for food and supplies, laundering linens and towels, & converting "bedrooms" back to Sunday School rooms.

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 jwtwilkinson@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.

Business Administrator Position

Third Church is seeking applicants for the position of Church Business Administrator. Please contact John Wilkinson for further information.

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.