



**Third  
Presbyterian  
Church**

*Seeking the Light*

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

"The time is always right to do what is right."

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

**The Worship of God  
Second Sunday after Epiphany**

January 20, 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. **Grades 1-3 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 STAFF

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Rachel Norton, Director of Stewardship, Development and Communications.....	ext 113
Alden Wright, Assistant Organist	
Roderic P. Frohman, Pastor Emeritus	

## 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.*

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**PRELUDE**      **"Psalm Prelude, Set I No. 2"**      Herbert Howells  
But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the  
abundance of peace

*-Psalm 37, v. 11*

**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**      *from Psalm 36*

**LEADER:** Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**PEOPLE:** **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep.**

**LEADER:** How priceless is your love, O God!  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**PEOPLE:** **For with you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.**

**\*HYMN 756**      **"O God of Every Nation"**      LLANGLOFFAN

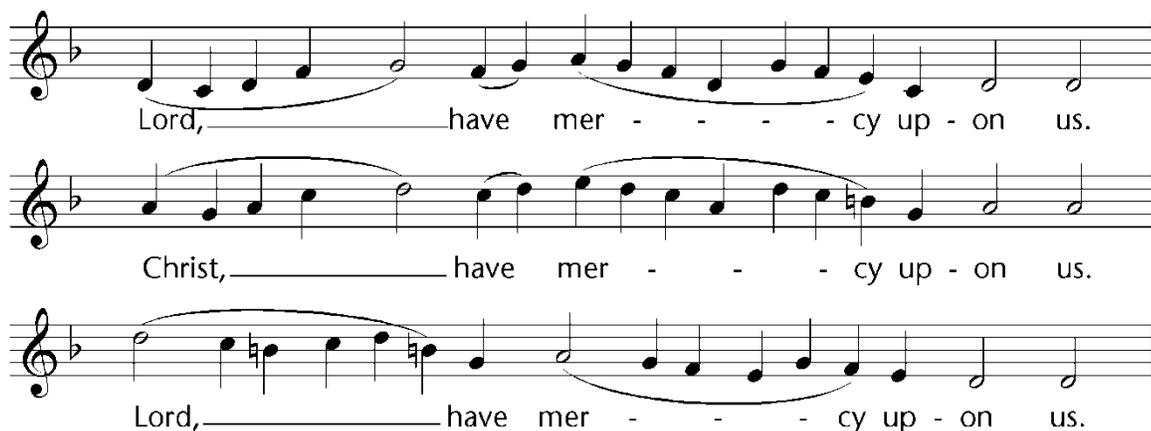
## PRAYER of CONFESSION

O Lord, our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your son, our Savior. 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



\*AFFIRMATION of FAITH

*from "The Confession of 1967," Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

**The new life of faith finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides men and women in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.**

**The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail. 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

## "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?"

arr. Moses Hogan

*Trio:* Heather Holmquest

Megan Graves

Caroline Nielson

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, and why not a-every man?

He delivered Daniel from the lion's den, Jonah from the belly of the whale,  
And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, and why not every man?

*Didn't my Lord...*

The wind blows east and the wind blows west, it blows like the judgment  
day. And every poor soul that never did pray will be glad to pray that day.

*Didn't my Lord...*

I set my foot on the Gospel ship, and the ship, it began to sail. It landed  
me over on Canaan's shore, and I'll never come back any more.

*Didn't my Lord...*

*- Traditional spiritual*

### \*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-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: Holy God, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in  
the darkness and the light. Blessed are you for your  
promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets'  
hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the  
Word made flesh. Amen.

\*HYMN 729 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Fugue in E minor," BWV 548

J. S. Bach

*The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of  
Michael Neary.*

*On this Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, the Memorial Prayer Candle is lit in  
solidarity with all who work for peace, justice and reconciliation.*

## PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

John Wilkinson..... Preacher  
Lynette K. Sparks, Ernest F. Krug, Dianna Daunton..... Liturgists  
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist  
Mary Ann Rutkowski..... Associate Director of Music  
Alden Wright..... Assistant Organist  
Lydia Stratton-Smith, Julia Wisbey..... 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  
Deacons Parish G (Green)..... Coffee Hour Hosts



# MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Sunday Seminar

**Today at 9:30am, Johnston Hall**

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

**Sunday January 27:** "Caring Congregations," led by Gene Fowler.

## Living in the Word

**Today at 9:30am, Parlor**

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.

**Sunday January 27:** Luke 4:14-21 and I Corinthians 12:12-31a, "How do we experience God's presence? Stories of recognizing God," led by Dianna Daunton.

## Sunday Lecture at ROC SALT Center

**TODAY, 2:00pm**

**ROC SALT Center**

**Corner of Averill Ave. and Ashland St.**

"Erie Canal History, Folklore, and Local Sites," presented by Bruce Schwendy, member of the Canal Society of New York State.

Parking at Postler and Jaeckle lot at South/Averill or on street parking.

This lecture is free, but donations are appreciated.

For more information see <https://rocsaltcenter.org/>

## Special Gift for Cameron

Cameron Community Ministries, a longtime partner of Third Church, 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 today and January 27.**

## Stewardship Update

The Joint Budget and Finance Committee will start finalizing a 2019 budget in early February, so if you have not yet made a pledge for this year, now is the time! **As of January 15, we still seek \$98,000 in pledges in order to meet our budget needs.**

Without this promised revenue, we will need to make some difficult decisions about what we can and cannot afford to do in the year ahead.

To make a pledge, or to increase the pledge you've already made, contact Rachel Norton (271-6537, ext. 113, [rnorton@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rnorton@thirdpresbyterian.org)), or visit [bit.ly/pledgetothirdchurch](http://bit.ly/pledgetothirdchurch). Every pledge at every size matters. Thank you for your commitment to Third Church.

## Monday Night Yoga

**Monday January 28, 6:30pm**

**Johnston Hall**

*\*\*No yoga on Monday January 21; the office is closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day\*\**

## Thursday Voices

**Thursday January 24 at 12:00pm, Johnston Hall**

"America's Epidemic of Empty Churches" by Jonathan Merritt (*The Atlantic*), led by Lynette Sparks.

## Join the Meigs Street Ramblers

The Meigs Street Ramblers are back for Third Church's upcoming Mardi Gras celebration in March. In particular, we'd love to add trumpet, trombone, tenor saxophone, bass guitar, and string bass players to our ensemble. Rehearsals begin Sunday January 27, from 12:15-1:15pm and will continue weekly until Mardi Gras on Tuesday, March 5. Middle/high school students and adults are welcome to join. Please contact Mary Ann Rutkowski ([mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org)) to sign up, or bring your instrument and your enthusiasm on Sunday!

## ***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.

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. In celebration of Mozart's birthday, the program will close with his *String Quartet in D, K. 575*, performed by the Amenda Quartet.

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. 100% of proceeds go directly to Foodlink.

## **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](mailto:eblecksmith@thirdpresbyterian.org).

## **Toddler Music Class is Growing!**

### **Starting Monday January 28, 10:30am-11:00am or 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. The Thursday class will be a six-week session, **beginning on Thursday, January 31**.

The Monday class begins on **Monday January 28, from 10:30am - 11:00am** and also has space available.

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

## **Writing Retreat: Uncovering Your Stories**

### **Saturday February 2, 2019, 9:00am-1:00pm Johnston Hall**

Continuing our Year of Stories, join author, journalist, and Third Church member Robin Flanigan for a morning of writing and reflection. Those of you who have attended her workshops can attest to how great they are, and those who haven't – you're in for a treat!

A light lunch will be served and a \$5 dollar donation is requested. Be sure to bring a notebook and pens. Please RSVP to Rachel Norton to reserve your space, at 271- 6537, ext. 113, or [rnorton@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rnorton@thirdpresbyterian.org).

## **Exploring Membership Luncheon**

### **Sunday February 3, 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, February 3. Our conversation is informal, and emphasizes the many ways to connect. Childcare is available; please let us know in advance if you need it.

For those that are ready to join, 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 time. To RSVP or learn more, contact Lynette Sparks at 271-6537, ext. 106 or [lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:lsparks@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/>

## **Bereavement Lunch and Learn**

### **Sunday February 10, 12:15pm, Johnston Hall**

If you have ever wondered how to respond to someone who is grieving the loss of a loved one, consider joining us after church on February 10 for a Lunch and Learn with Theo Munson, recently retired Bereavement Counselor at Lifetime Care. We will also learn about the caring companionship programs offered at Third. Donation for lunch appreciated. RSVP to [cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org) by February 7.

## Next RAIHN Rotation Starts February 10

Please sign up now to participate in our 56th hosting week, **which starts Sunday, February 10, 2019.**

Many spots are available:

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.

To sign up, visit: [www.thirdpresbyterian.org/raihn](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/raihn)

## Advent Wreath Forms

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" and any un-rusted pins that can be re-used. Thanks in advance!

## Wooster Band to Perform

Mark your calendar for **Monday, March 18 at 7:30pm.** That's when the Scot Symphonic Band from the College of Wooster will be performing a fantastic program in our sanctuary. They come complete with a kilt-clad pipe band and Highland dancers - a performance you won't want to miss!

More details coming soon, but for now WE NEED HOST HOMES to house the students overnight on March 18 and provide a light breakfast the next morning before they depart. If you can house 2, 3, 4 or more students, please contact Chris Stevens at [stevens35@gmail.com](mailto:stevens35@gmail.com) or 781-0888 right away. Thank you!

## Consider Becoming An Acolyte

You may have noticed we have expanded acolyte opportunities to include adults as well. If you're interested in becoming an acolyte or would like to know more about it please contact Mary Ann Rutkowski, [mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org). We would love to welcome you as part of this meaningful act of worship.

## 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](mailto:jwilkinson@thirdpresbyterian.org) or [jonestina71@gmail.com](mailto: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 any time during the hours of 5:00pm-7:00pm Mondays through Thursdays.

Additionally, we are still looking for a few more tutors to fill substitution spots and to work with students in fifth and sixth grades at School #35.

If you are interested in either of these opportunities, contact Melanie Jones at [mjones@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:mjones@thirdpresbyterian.org), or call/text at (347) 668-6181.

## Current Food Cupboard Needs

**PEANUT BUTTER** and **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](mailto:cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org).

### **Third Church Has Mobile and Online Giving**

Donating has never been easier! Visit [bit.ly/givetothirdchurch](http://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**

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](http://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. 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.