



**Third
Presbyterian
Church**

Seeking the Light

“Don’t be afraid to defend the Church where necessary. Certainly the Church is not perfect. It has often stood in the way of social and scientific progress...but in spite of its errors I would hate to see what the world would be like without it.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

January 27, 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 4 and 5 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 **next 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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THIRD CHURCH STAFF

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Rachel Norton, Director of Stewardship, Development and Communications.....	ext 113
Alden Wright, Assistant Organist	
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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 “Andante cantabile” Charles-Marie Widor
(from *Symphonie IV*)

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 19*

LEADER: The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul—

PEOPLE: **the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;**

LEADER: More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.

PEOPLE: **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

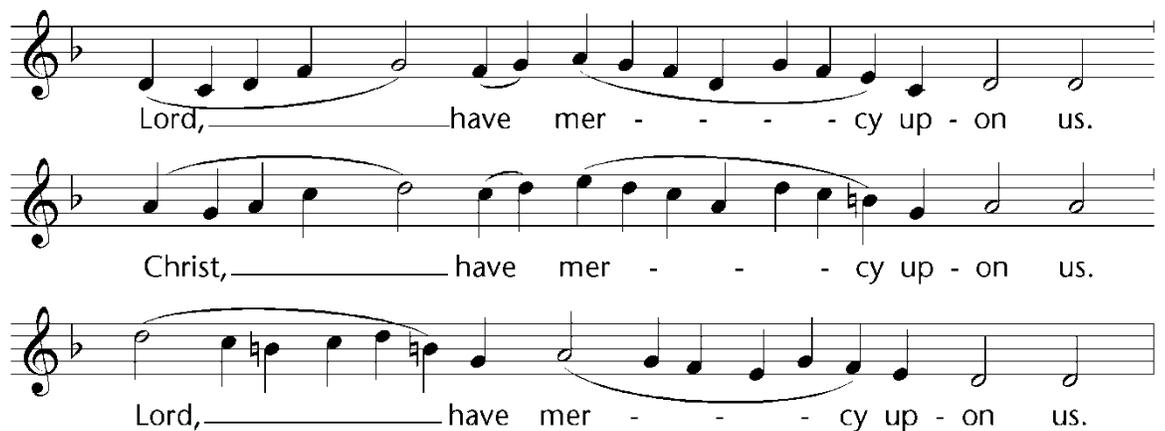
*HYMN 393 “O Day of Rest and Gladness” ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Unity, Diversity and the Body"

John Wilkinson

*HYMN 308 "O God in Whom All Life Begins"

NOEL

*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

"The Call of Wisdom"

Will Todd

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy; walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory. Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction, entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger. *I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me? I am here, I am with you.* Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value. Jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting. I am here, I am with you... Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom. Those who know me know my love; those who seek me find their answer. *I am here, I am with you...* God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit co-eternal. Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages. *I am here, I am with you...*

-Michael Hampel (based on Proverbs 8)

*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: **Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*HYMN 321 "The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GREETING

POSTLUDE "Finale Jubilante"

Healey Willan

The chancel flowers this morning are given in gratitude for the Bereavement Support Committee.

The Memorial Prayer Candle is lit in gratitude for our sextons, especially during this snowy season.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

John Wilkinson..... Preacher
Lynette K. Sparks, Ernest F. Krug, Laurie Mahoney..... Liturgists
Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist
Mary Ann Rutkowski..... Associate Director of Music
Alden Wright..... Assistant Organist
Griffin Monrad, Michael Singh..... Acolytes
Tracy Beeler, Carol Roth, Miss Rickey Snowden,
Tim Stout, Ruth Sylvestre Rossi..... Greeters
Sue Danielson, Dianna Daunton, Miriam Gale, Tom Gillett,
Ann McMican, Gayle Phillips, Janet Stewart, David Tennant..... Ushers
Tutors/Arts and Enrichment..... Coffee Hour Hosts



MINISTRY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Seminar

Today at 9:30am, Johnston Hall
"Caring Congregations," led by Gene Fowler.

Sunday February 3, 10 and 17: "The Power of Storytelling: From the Gospels to the Philosophy of Richard Rorty," Anne Meredith, University of Rochester.

Living in the Word

Today at 9:30am, Parlor

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 February 3: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, Luke 4:21-30, I Corinthians 13:1-13, "Singing in God's choir, stories of praising God," led by Paul Gongloff.

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.**

If Music Be the Food... Concert Series

Today at 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.

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 Exploring Membership Luncheon 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.

Stewardship Update

Don't Miss Your Chance to Double Your Impact!

From now until February 5, all special gifts to Third Church's operating budget will be doubled, up to \$10,000, thanks to the generosity and vision of an anonymous donor. Please don't miss this one-time chance to take advantage of the matching challenge!

The challenge comes at a perfect time, as we are wrapping up the Stewardship season and beginning to finalize the 2019 budget. At present we are still \$89,000 away from meeting our pledge goal, and meeting (or exceeding!) this matching challenge will significantly improve our outlook.

You can give online to the "Match Challenge" fund right now at bit.ly/givetothirdchurch, or send a check with "Match Challenge" in the memo line. Please note that payments on a pledge are ineligible for the match.

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.

Sunday Lecture at ROC SALT

**TODAY, 3:00pm, (rescheduled from last weekend)
ROC SALT Center, Corner of Averill and Ashland**

"Erie Canal History, Folklore, and Local Sites," 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.

The lecture is free; donations are appreciated.

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

Monday Night Yoga

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

Join us for this free class! All experience levels welcome.

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.

Thursday Voices

Thursday January 31 at 12:00pm, Johnston Hall

"What does Dying and Mourning Look Like in a Secular Age?" by Tara Isabella Burton (*Vox*), led by John Wilkinson.

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 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.

Sunday, February 3 is the Souper Bowl of Caring

Souper Bowl of Caring is right around the corner! Youth will be collecting canned food items at both services to be donated to our Third Church Food Cupboard. The Food Cupboard's current needs are peanut butter and cereal. We will also be receiving a special offering at both services to support Cameron Community Ministries and our own youth driven HOM4Lunch program, where bagged lunches are made and donated to House of Mercy guests. We appreciate your generosity!

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. A \$5 donation for lunch would be appreciated. RSVP to 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.**

Host dinners and 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, and converting "bedrooms" back to Sunday School rooms.

To sign up, visit: 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 or 781-0888 right away. Thank you!

Thank You for Your Donations

Thank you so much for your generous donations of cold-weather items for schools 3 and 35 and RAIHN. Due to your generosity, we were able to provide them with 81 pairs of socks, 99 pairs of mittens (46 of which were hand-knitted), 21 hats, 7 hat and mitten sets, 6 scarves, 116 pairs of underwear, and 23 undershirts. We really appreciate your endeavor to make this ministry a success.

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. 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 or jonestina71@gmail.com. Feel free to include some basic description/information about the person you suggest, either yourself or someone else.

Many 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, or call/text at (347) 668-6181.

Also, the Tutor Program at Nathaniel Rochester Community School #3 has a few openings in Kindergarten and 4th Grade. Interested in volunteering with high school students? East High School has several volunteer opportunities. Contact Deb Bishop at dbishop@thirdpresbyterian.org to learn how you can help.

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.

Third Church Has Mobile and Online Giving

Donating has never been easier! Visit bit.ly/givetothirdchurch to give online.

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 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.