

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2007

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE Be Thou my Guardian and my Guide Colin Mawby

INTROIT *(sung by all)*

Tune: ST. FLAVIAN

**Lord, who throughout these forty days for us dist fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, and close by Thee to stay.**

VOTUM

SENTENCES

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART

*PRAYER *(in unison)*

**Journey with us, O holy God,
as we begin our way to the cross.
Sharpen our focus, that our attention
may center more on you than ourselves.
Lead us through the shadows
of darkness and prepare our hearts,
that we might be a people of prayer,
ready to perceive and respond
to your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.
In his name we pray. Amen.**

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(congregation may exchange the Peace)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

silent confession

**Almighty God,
you despise nothing you have made,
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent.
Create in us new and contrite hearts,
that, truly repenting of our sins
and acknowledging our brokenness,
we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy,
full pardon and forgiveness,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 139 *(sung)*

Tune: AGIOS, O THEOS

**Holy, holy, holy God, holy almighty God,
holy, holy almighty God, have mercy upon us.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

PRESENTATION

VOWS

*CONFESSION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed (*in unison*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYER

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR WORSHIP CENTER (*responsively*)

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: In what church season are we right now?

People: We are in the season of Lent.

Leader: What is it that Christians do during Lent?

Children: We change the way we live to follow Jesus.

THE WORD OF GOD IN PROCLAMATION AND SACRAMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 91 (*read responsively*) p. 548

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:1-13 p. 61

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "The Contemplative Life"

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

ANTHEM

Jane M. Marshall

The prayers I make will then be sweet indeed,
If Thou the spirit by which I pray;
My unassisted heart is barren clay,
Which of its native self can nothing feed;
Of good and pious works Thou art the seed
Which quickens where Thou sayest it may;
Unless Thou show us then Thine own true way,
No man can find it! Father, Thou must lead!

Do Thou, then, breathe those thoughts into my mind
By which such virtue may in me be bred
That in Thy holy footsteps I may tread;

The fetters of my tongue do Thou unbind,
That I may have the power to sing of Thee
And sound Thy praises everlastingly.

—Michelangelo Buonarroti, translated by William Wordsworth

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Sing! A New Creation 250*

COMMUNION

(The congregation will sing the refrain of *Sing! A New Creation 254* during the communion.)

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*HYMN *Sing! A New Creation 256*

Psalm 103: Bless the Lord, My Soul

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Forty Days and Forty Nights June Nixon

*DOXOLOGY *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 592*

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

**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.**

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 81*

(verses 1,2,3)

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Tune: ST. FLAVIAN

* C L O S I N G

P R A Y E R

*BENEDICTION (sung by all) Tune: ST. FLAVIAN
Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast,

An Easter of unending joy we may obtain at last.

+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Dr. Richard Bates, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius Zuidema, liturgist; Mark Reynoso, prayer for illumination; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

TODAY

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another.

Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship services.

We joyfully welcome Douglas and Andrea Rasmussen into our Christian faith community this morning. There will be a receiving line after the worship service where you may greet these new members.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Bill and Sarah Unzicker will be available to pray with you following today's worship services. Please make your way to the east conference room following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters – (8:30) Carl, Charlotte, Jack, Hope, and Christopher Heideman; (11:00) Wayne and Ruth Westenbroek, Chris and Sarah Clark, Bill and Charlotte Garlough; Ushers – Harry and Mary Boersen; Deacons – (8:30) Jeff Beird, John Amell; (11:00) Jennifer Boersen, Linda Jacobs, Habeeb Awad, Laura Halsey; Refreshment Servers – Janet and Austin Rund.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Greg and Amanda Dykhouse, Cindy Hiskes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:40-10:40 a.m. Nursery care available.

3 years olds	nursery	4 and 5 year olds	room 15
Kindergarten	room 8	First Grade	room 6
Second Grade	room 9	Third Grade	room 10
4 th and 5 th Grades	room 7	6 th , 7 th , & 8 th Grade	room 11

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS, 9:40-10:40 a.m. "Meditation and Prayer" led by Sharon Arendshorst in the chapel.

LITTLE LAMBS: 3 year olds are invited to meet in room 14 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please bring your children to room 14 before the service and pick them up following the service. Little Lambs will not meet next Sunday, March 4. Children are welcome to go to the nursery.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2nd grade will be ushered from the sanctuary during the worship service to continue worship in the Worship Center on the lower level.

YOUNG DISCIPLES, for children in grades 3-5, will meet each Sunday during Lent. The children will attend the first part of the service and will be ushered from the sanctuary at the same time as those going to worship center.

L.I.F. T. SMALL GROUPS

Leaders	Place	Time
George & Joyce Magee	Room 6	6:00 p.m.

Tom & Lois Dykstra	Room 7	6:00 p.m.
Sarah Unzicker	Room 8	6:00 p.m.
Carl & Lucille Schroeder	Room 9	6:00 p.m.
John & Marj Hoekstra	Room 10	6:00 p.m.
Elton Bruins	Freedom Village Captain's Cove	6:00 p.m.
Carol Segrist	3361 Clearview Ln., Saugatuck	6:00 p.m.
Alan & Jeanette Beagley	2768 E. Chester, Zeeland	6:30 p.m.
March 11, 18, 25 only	Young Disciples Youth Room	6:00 p.m.

Nursery provided for all five weeks.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir
 9:15 a.m. Youth Choir
 9:40 a.m. Sunday School
 9:40 a.m. L.I.F.T. Group for Parents – room 17
 10:30 a.m. Children's Choir
 12:30 p.m. Driver/Rider Lunch at Freedom Village
 4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
 6:00 p.m. L.I.F.T. Small Groups

TUESDAY

10:30 a.m. Staff

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
 8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
 6:00 p.m. TASC Dinner
 6:45 p.m. TASC Classes/Service Project
 6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m. Moms of Young Children
 7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

PERSONAL

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found in the Friendship Folders. Place the requests in the offering plate or prayer box at the back of the sanctuary. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

SYMPATHY is extended to David, Hunter, and Charity Ihrman, Don, Lynne, and Laurel Ihrman in the death of Huang Dong Ihrman on February 19.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dick and Jean Walvoord whose 66th wedding anniversary is Wednesday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – George Claver. Pray for Mary Lynne Mount. The Inn – Carol Gargano, Jantina Holleman, Barbara Lampen, Marjorie Rottschafer, Dorothy Sheets, Ruth Thompson. In the Military – Tom Piaget, German Moran, Patrick Muir, David Mummert.

MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

Jaime Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico
 Martha Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico
 Roger De Young, Mission Stewardship and Coordinator
 for Mexico and Venezuela
 Lance and Elizabeth Edwards, Mozambique
 James and Sharon Heneveld, Chiapas, Mexico

Wayne and Miho Jansen, Japan
Rowland, Jr. and Jane Van Es, Kenya
Betty Voskuil, Coordinator, Reformed Church World Service and
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

GENERAL ITEMS

BLIZZARD POLICY: In the event of a major storm in which travel is hazardous or impossible, the 8:30 a.m. service and Sunday School will be cancelled, but there **will be** a walk-in service at 11:00 a.m. The church will inform WHTC and WJQ as early in the morning as possible of such a change in our schedule.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT at Timberwolf Lake Camp – March 2-4. Today is your last chance to sign up for the retreat.

YOUTH L.I.F.T. GROUP: Attention 2nd through 7th graders there will be a special L.I.F.T. group just for you. We will be meeting during the last three Lent L.I.F.T. groups (March 11, 18, and 25 at 6:00 p.m.) in the youth room. Come and experience three spiritual disciplines together. There will be nursery provided for your younger brothers and sisters and adult L.I.F.T. groups for your parents. Sign up at the L.I.F.T. group table in the Gathering Place.

BLOOD DRIVE: Sign up begins today for the Blood Drive on Monday, March 5, 12:00-6:00 p.m.

CROP WALK: We are looking for someone to lead Third Reformed Church's efforts with the CROP Walk. It involves getting information to our congregation and getting people to sign up. This is a great cause and something many people in our church are involved in (so there is lots of support). If you are interested please contact Jon and Deb Van Duinen at 392-3578 or vrienduinen@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES begin this Wednesday, February 28 at 12:10 p.m. at Pillar Church, 57 E. 10th St. Rev. Linda Knieriemen will give the meditation "Repentance: When Your Mission Statement is Missing." A light lunch will be offered after the meditation.

A new Spiritual Gifts Team is forming at Third Reformed Church. The first meeting will be held on Monday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. If you are interested in participating or learning more, please contact Jane Graham at janeg3@charter.net.

TASC this Wednesday, February 28 will be a service project. We will be putting together health kits for Church World Service. If you are able please bring any of the needed items: hand towel, washcloth, comb, metal nail file/clippers, bar of soap, toothbrush, 4-7 ounce tube of toothpaste, six band-aids.

INQUIRER'S CLASS: A four week Inquirer's Class will begin March 4 at 9:40 a.m. in the office conference room. This class is for anyone who is interested in learning more about our church, especially those who may be contemplating church membership. The sessions are designed to be informative and responsive to both general and specific questions the inquirers may have. No assumptions will be made about your intentions regarding church membership. All you have to bring is your own curiosity.

CALLING ALL CAMPERS: The Burke, Hoekstra, Millen and Van Duinen families wish to extend an

invitation to spend the weekend of August 17, 18 and 19 camping at beautiful Hofmaster State Park. There's plenty to do and good friends to do it with. If you're interested, e-mail Scott and Michelle at scottmillen@sbcglobal.net. We're planning on making reservations by March 1, and are focusing on sites 51-61 (or more if more are interested). Each family should make their own reservations. Plan on \$30.00 or less per night per site. We'd love to see you there!

You are invited to the annual A.J. Muste Peace Lecture, an annual event at Hope College for 22 years. It is at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, at Vander Werf Hall, room 102. This year the speaker is our own Thomas Arendshorst, and his topic is "The Power of Peace, the Weakness of War." Everyone is invited and the admission is free.

THE CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor	Richard Bates
Minister of Congregational Life	Kama Jongerius Zuidema
Calling Pastor	William Unzicker*
Coordinator of Congregational Care	Delores Bechtel*
Minister of Music	Linda K. Strouf*
Director of Children's Ministries	Marcia Floding*
Youth Director	Nate Schipper
Young Disciples Director	Michelle Millen*
Seminary Intern	Mark Reynoso*
Children's Choir Director	Mary Van Voorst*
Secretaries	Kristen Beckner, Carol Ter Beek*
Custodian	Mark Faga
Kitchen Coordinator	Judy Bosch*
Treasurer/Interim Administrator	Harvey J. Buter*
Recording Treasurer	Delwyn Van Dyke*
Archivist/Historian	Elton J. Bruins*
Minister of Music Emeritus	Roger J. Rietberg

*indicates part time staff

THE CONSISTORY

PROGRAM ELDERS

Irwin Brink	John Nordstrom
Deb DuMez	Ed Stielstra
Marilyn Franken	Dale Van Lente
Mark Hiskes	Doug Walvoord

PARISH ELDERS

Carol Segrift (1)	Steve Van Grouw (13)
Renske Karsen (2)	Milly Ten Brink (14)
Charles Hunt (3)	Bill Doezema (15)
Marilyn Norman (4)	Scott Millen (16)
Sarah Unzicker (5)	Jeff Maatman (17)
Gay Hunsberger (6)	John Hoekstra (18)
Anna Ritsema (7)	Elaine Tanis (19)
Sherrill Ball (8)	Janet Rund (20)
Jan Benningfield (9)	Phyllis Brown (21)
Mike Van Doornik (10)	Doug Kamphuis (22)
Roger Rietberg (11)	Lucille Schroeder (23)
Wayne Westenbroek (12)	Betty Balk (24)

DEACONS

John Amell	Laura Halsey
Karin Ashcroft	Linda Jacobs
Habeeb Awad	Kim McDonough

Jeff Beird
Jennifer Boersen
Lynne Bonnette
Steve Bulhuis
Brandon Graham

Jay Mosterd
Nancy Nordstrom
John Ruiter
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