

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

*March 4, 2007*

*8:30 and 11:00 a.m.*

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Gilbert M. Martin

INTROIT (*sung by all*)

Tune: ST. FLAVIAN

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

VOTUM

SENTENCES (*responsively*)

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**We rejoice in our God, who made a way  
through the desert of this world.**

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy  
to flow in the wasteland.

**We are the people God has formed through Christ;  
we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**We praise God for the grace that has saved us.**

—based on Isaiah 43:19-21

SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI

\*PRAYER (*in unison*)

**Holy and loving god,  
as we worship you today,  
we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us,  
to help us become more holy and more loving.  
In a world that does not understand repentance,  
we pray for new understanding,  
humility, patience, and discipline  
that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. amen.**

\*PEACE

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsively*)

*silent confession*

O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;

**teach us wisdom in our secret heart.**

Send out your light, send out your truth,  
**and let them lead us to our home.**

Take from us the weight of our sin,  
**that room might be made for the spirit of truth.**

If we prepare a dwelling place, that spirit will abide within us,  
**and the truth will set our spirits free.**

Then shall we love not only in word or in speech;  
then shall we love in deed and in truth,

**and by this know that our service is faithful.**

O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;

**teach us wisdom in our secret heart. 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)  
MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT  
INSTITUTION  
VOWS  
ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT  
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**  
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 4:4-9 p. 198  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:14-21 p. 61  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 411  
Arise, Your Light Is Come! Tune: FESTAL SONG

SERMON "The Virtuous Life"

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

**THE RESPONSE TO GOD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 37 (*responsively*)  
In speaking of our Lord,  
"What do you understand by the word 'suffered'?"  
**During his whole life on earth,  
but especially at the end,  
Christ sustained  
in body and soul  
the anger of God against the sin of the whole human race.  
This he did in order that,  
by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice,  
he might set us free, body and soul,  
from eternal condemnation,  
and gain for us God's grace,  
righteousness, and eternal life.**

ANTHEM John Huston  
O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks; and listening to his voice new life the dead receive,  
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.  
Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come; and leap, ye lame, for joy!  
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim  
And spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name. Amen.  
—Charles Wesley

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY O God Be Merciful to Me J.S. Bach

\*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* 332

Live into Hope Tune: TRURO

\* 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. William Unzicker, liturgist; Lorna Cook, 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.

Receiving the sacrament of baptism this morning is Caleb Vincent Klein, son of Mark and Jody Klein. We welcome him with joy into our covenant community.

NOTE: The Lent paraments were made by the Young Disciples.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Mike and Beverley Rannow 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) Brad and Eleanor Warren; (11:00) , Elton and Elaine Bruins, Eleanor Van Dyke, Meridith Ridl; Ushers – Cal and Marilyn Rynbrandt; Deacons – (8:30) John Ruiter, Kim McDonough; (11:00) Habeeb Awad, Karin Ashcroft, Jennifer Boersen, Jon Van Duinen; Refreshment Servers – Ron and Barbara Hartgerink.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Jane Eppard, Lucille Schroeder.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:40-10:40 a.m. Nursery care available.  
There will be a Multi-age Sunday School class in room 7.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS, 9:40-10:40 a.m. "Fasting and Study" led by Charles Hunt in the chapel.

INQUIRER'S CLASS: A four week Inquirer's Class will begin this morning 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.

LITTLE LAMBS will not meet today. Children are welcome to go to the nursery.

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

YOUNG DISCIPLES will not meet this week.

#### 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	Libby Boven's, 821 Brook Village Dr.	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
4:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir

6:00 p.m. L.I.F.T. Small Groups

MONDAY

12:00-6:00 p.m. Blood Drive

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

4:45 p.m. Christian Education Committee

6:00 p.m. TASC Dinner

6:45 p.m. TASC Classes

6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

FRIDAY

7:00 a.m. S & A Ministry 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.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: George Claver is at The Inn. Mary Lynne Mount has moved to Hospice House. Out of Town – Elizabeth Ten Zythoff, 1750 W. Bennett St., #3A, Springfield, MO 65807; Home – Jan Bosch, Rosey Maatman, Gerry Tillema. In the Military – Tom Piaget, German Moran, Patrick Muir, David Mummert.

### 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins next Sunday, March 11. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour.

BLOOD DRIVE: Sign up continues 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](mailto:vrienduinen@gmail.com).

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES continue this Wednesday, March 7 at 12:10 p.m. at Pillar Church, 57 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Rev. Marv Hofman will give the meditation "Repentance: When What We Say Doesn't Matter." 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](mailto:janeg3@charter.net).

BUNCO: Sign up begins next Sunday, March 11 for Bunco on Friday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a finger food to share. Drinks and prizes provided. Last day to sign up will be Wednesday, March 21.

TASC: The last TASC will be Wednesday, March 14. Dinner that night will be a potluck. Please bring something to share with the group.

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#### **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  
Diaconal Ministries  
Japanese Ministry in West Michigan

#### **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 Segrist (1)	Steve Van Grouw (13)
Renske Karsen (2)	Milly Ten Brink (14)

Charles Hunt (3)  
Marilyn Norman (4)  
Sarah Unzicker (5)  
Gay Hunsberger (6)  
Anna Ritsema (7)  
Sherrill Ball (8)  
Jan Benningfield (9)  
Mike Van Doornik (10)  
Roger Rietberg (11)  
Wayne Westenbroek (12)

Bill Doezema (15)  
Scott Millen (16)  
Jeff Maatman (17)  
John Hoekstra (18)  
Elaine Tanis (19)  
Janet Rund (20)  
Phyllis Brown (21)  
Doug Kamphuis (22)  
Lucille Schroeder (23)  
Betty Balk (24)

DEACONS

John Amell  
Karin Ashcroft  
Habeeb Awad  
Jeff Beird  
Jennifer Boersen  
Lynne Bonnette  
Steve Bulthuis  
Brandon Graham

Laura Halsey  
Linda Jacobs  
Kim McDonough  
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