

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 11, 2007

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

Petra

A.E. Floyd

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)*

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

**My flesh faints for you, as in a dry
and weary land where there is no water.**

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

**Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.**

So I will bless you as long as I live;

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

—Psalm 63:1-4

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 321*

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Tune: SONG 13

*PRAYER *(in unison)*

**All-knowing and all-caring God,
we gather this day drained by another week.**

**We are like a parched desert,
empty and in need of replenishment.**

**Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit,
and bathe us in your streams of living water,
that our lives might acknowledge and worship you
to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. Amen!**

—based on John 4:13-14; 7:37-38

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(congregation may exchange the Peace)

ANTHEM

Thomas Tallis

Purge me, O Lord, from all my sin, and save thou me by faith from ill,
that I may rest and dwell with thee upon thy holy blessed hill.

And that done,

grant that with true heart I may without hypocrisy affirm the truth,
detract no man, but do all things with equity.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsively)*

silent confession

**Holy and merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed,**

by what we have done

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart
and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness:
the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

we confess to you, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways
and our exploitation of other people,

we confess to you, O God.

Our anger at our own frustration
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

we confess to you, O God.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

we confess to you, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

we confess to you, O God.

Accept our repentance, O God,
for the wrongs we have done.

For our neglect of human need and suffering
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

accept our repentance, O God.

For all false judgments,
for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
and for our prejudice and contempt
toward those who differ from us,

accept our repentance, O God.

For our waste and pollution of your creation
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

accept our repentance, O God.

Restore us, O God,
and let your anger depart from us.

Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great. 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

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

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: I Corinthians 6:12-20 p. 169
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:15-27 p. 109
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 319
Spirit

SERMON "The Spirit-Empowered Life"

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 53 & 65
(*responsively*)

What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?
First, the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God.
Second, the Spirit has been given to me personally
and by true faith, makes me share in Christ
and all his blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.

Since, then, faith alone makes us share in Christ
and all his blessings, where does that faith come from?
The Holy Spirit creates it in our hearts by the preaching
of the holy gospel, and confirms it
by the use of the holy sacraments.

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY Canon on "Saffron Walden" Martin Setchell

*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 *Sing! A New Creation* 166

Gracious Spirit Tune: NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

* 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; Sandy Stielstra, 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.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Phyllis Brown and Ed Stielstra 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) Sarah and James Ashcroft; (11:00) Arlene Barton, Marilyn Lantay, Jeff, Vicki, Olivia, and Matthew Voskuil; Ushers – Mike and Beverley Rannow; Deacons – (8:30) Jeff Beird, Karin Ashcroft; (11:00) Linda Jacobs, Jennifer Boersen, Brandon Graham, Jay Mosterd; Refreshment Servers – John and Sheryl Lunn.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Carolyn Stegink.

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. "Submission and Service" led by Steve De Young in the chapel.

INQUIRER'S CLASS, 9:40-10:40 a.m., in the office conference room.

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.

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.

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.
Alan & Jeanette Beagley	2768 E. Chester, Zeeland	6:30 p.m.
March 11, 18, 25 only	Young Disciples Youth Room	6:00 p.m.
Carol Segrist	Meet at entrance of Freedom Village	12:45 p.m.
	for dinner and then meet at Van Grouw's apartment	

Nursery provided for all five weeks.

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.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir
 9:15 a.m. Youth Choir
 9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic
 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
 3:00 p.m. Japanese Worship – WTS
 4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
 5:00 p.m. Confirmands
 6:00 p.m. L.I.F.T. Small Groups

MONDAY

7:30 p.m. Miriam Circle at Chris Walvoord's
 (865 Clarewood Ct.)

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Ruth Circle at Kay Walvoord's
 (128 W. 39th St.)
 9:30 a.m. Elizabeth and Hannah Circles
 10:30 a.m. Staff
 7:00 p.m. Deacons

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
 8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
 1:30 p.m. Rachel Circle
 5:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Group
 6:00 p.m. TASC Potluck Dinner
 6:45 p.m. TASC Classes
 6:45 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

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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 Jerry Mount in the death of his wife, Mary Lynne, on March 5.

SYMPATHY is extended to Marie Van Eerden in the death of her sister, Lenore Garvelink, on March 6 in Grand Haven.

SYMPATHY is extended to Dean and Kathy Miedema in the death of Kathy's brother, Ken Stuit, on March 7 in Detroit.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ada Ver Hulst whose 95th birthday is Monday; and to Bob Brinks whose 90th birthday is Wednesday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Libby Boven, Barbara Lampen. Pray for George Claver. Carol Gargano is at Lakeside Vista. Lakeside Vista – Bob Brinks, Henry Tenpas; Heartland of Holland – Elizabeth Bennett, Bernice Lievens. 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.

BLOOD PRESSURE: You will have the chance to have your blood pressure checked this morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER: Next Sunday, March 18, non-perishable food and other necessities will be collected for our monthly food drive. Donated items can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering place.

THIRD SUNDAY PIZZA LUNCH will be next Sunday, March 18 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Remember that some members have severe allergic reactions to perfume. Please refrain from using perfume or other scented cosmetics when you know you will be sitting in a large group. Thank you.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES continue this Wednesday, March 14 at 12:10 p.m. at Pillar Church, 57 E. 10th St. Rev. Kathy Davelaar will give the meditation "Repentance: The Invitation to a Celebration." 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 JPs (instead of the church). Look for Jane Graham.

BUNCO: Sign up begins today 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 this Wednesday, March 14. Dinner that night will be a potluck. Please bring something to share with the group.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES invites all women to our annual Lenten Brunch with Hope Church Saturday, March 24 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be "Gifts of Kids Hope U.S.A." presented by Jinny De Jong. Reservations need to be made by Sunday, March 18 by calling the church office or signing up in the Gathering Place.

NEEDED: Egg casseroles, muffins, and fruit are needed for the next Breakfast with Baby on Saturday, April 14. We will also need servers and baby holders. Please call Marilyn Norman at 335-9298 if you are able to help with these needs.

CHURCH RETREATERS: Pictures from the Church Retreat, taken by Valerie Burke, are on display in the Gathering Place. If you would like to have reprints of these pictures made please sign up on the sheet next the display. Would you like to make the pictures you took available to everyone? If so, please drop them off in the church office and we'll add them to the display.

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
Recording Treasurer
Archivist/Historian
Minister of Music Emeritus
*indicates part time staff

Harvey J. Buter*
Delwyn Van Dyke*
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Roger J. Rietberg

THE CONSISTORY

PROGRAM ELDERS

Irwin Brink
Deb DuMez
Marilyn Franken
Mark Hiskes

John Nordstrom
Ed Stielstra
Dale Van Lente
Doug Walvoord

PARISH ELDERS

Carol Segrist (1)
Renske Karsen (2)
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)

Steve Van Grouw (13)
Milly Ten Brink (14)
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
Jay Mosterd
Nancy Nordstrom
John Ruiter
Jon Van Duinen