

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: Youth Sunday**  
*November 11, 2007* *8:30 and 11:00 a.m.*

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE Of the Father's Love Begotten arr. by James Pethel

VOTUM Jaclyn Maatman

SENTENCES *(responsively)*

I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy;  
**I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.**  
Hope in God;  
**for I shall again praise God, my help and my God.**  
Let us worship God.

SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 466  
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Tune: AZMON

\*PRAYER *(responsively)* Lauren Gras  
Eternal Light, **shine into our hearts;**  
eternal Goodness, **deliver us from evil;**  
eternal Power, **be our support;**  
eternal Wisdom, **scatter the darkness of our ignorance;**  
eternal Love, **have mercy upon us,**  
that with all our heart and mind and strength  
we may seek your face  
and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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

INVITATION TO CONFESSION Simon Cook

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**Dear God we confess that we often chase money, objects, or fantasies in our attempt to find fulfillment. We spend our time with electronic gadgets, sports, jobs, or friends and then believe that we are too busy to spend time with you.**  
**Forgive us when we fail to put you first. Help us to keep our minds and hearts focused on you, and then to enjoy all the gifts you have given us. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

KYRIE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 572

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*RESPONSE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**  
**world without end. Amen, Amen.**

This is God's will for our lives:

We must sincerely acknowledge the only true God,  
trust him alone, look to him for every good thing  
humbly and patiently,  
love him, fear him, and honor him with all our hearts.

**We should in no way make any image of God  
nor worship him in any other way  
than he has commanded in his Word.**

We may neither blaspheme nor misuse the name of God  
by cursing, perjury, or unnecessary oaths,  
nor share in such horrible sins  
by being silent bystanders.

Rather, we must use the holy name of God  
only with reverence and awe.

**On the festive day of rest,  
we should regularly attend the assembly of God's people  
to learn what God's Word teaches,  
to participate in the sacraments,  
to pray to God publicly,  
and to bring Christian offerings for the poor.**

**Every day of our lives  
the Lord works in us through his Spirit,  
and begins already the eternal Sabbath.**

We are to honor, love, and be loyal to  
our fathers and mothers  
and all those in authority over us;  
obey and submit to them, as is proper,  
when they correct and punish us;  
and also be patient with their failings—  
for through them God chooses to rule us.

**By condemning envy, hatred, and anger  
God tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves,  
to be patient, peace-loving, gentle,  
merciful and friendly to them,  
to protect them from harm as much as we can,  
and to do good even to our enemies.**

We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul,  
and God wants both to be kept clean and holy.  
We should therefore thoroughly detest all unchastity  
and, married or single, live decent and chaste lives.

**God forbids outright theft and robbery,  
cheating and swindling our neighbors,  
and all greed and pointless squandering of his gifts.**

God's will is that we  
never give false testimony against anyone,  
twist no one's words,  
not gossip or slander,  
nor join in condemning anyone  
without a hearing or without a just cause.

We should love the truth,  
speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it.

And we should do what we can  
to guard and advance our neighbors good name.

**When we live the way of love for God and neighbor,  
not even the slightest thought or desire  
contrary to any one of God's commandments  
should ever arise in our heart.**

**Rather, with all our heart we should hate sin  
and take pleasure in whatever is right.**

—based on Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A's 94, 96, 99, 103-104, 107-110, 112-113

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Anna Wolterink

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 42:5-9  
Lord. p. 670

Jordan Kamphuis

This is the Word of the

**Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 8:4-6

Justis Cook

This is the Word of the Lord.

p. 171

**Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 12:28-34

Alex Knowles

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

p. 49

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 227

Not Unto Us, O Lord of Heaven

Tune: MEADVILLE

STORY

Ellen Reynolds

STORY

Benjamin Kamphuis

STORY

Valerie Burke

STORY

Henry DuMez

STORY

Nate Schipper

ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

**THE RESPONSE TO GOD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 96 & 95

(*responsively*)

Raechel Kamphuis

What is God's will for us in the second commandment?

**That we in no way make any image of God**

**nor worship him in any other way**

**than he has commanded in his Word.**

What is idolatry?

**Idolatry is**

**having or inventing something in which one trusts**

**in place of or alongside of the only true God,**

**who has revealed himself in his Word.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Little Prelude

Jonathan Hoffman

Ludwig Schytte SOLO

Lauren Gras

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

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Olivia Husbands



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

3 year olds	nursery	4 & 5 year olds	room 15
Kindergarten & 1 <sup>st</sup>	room 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	room 8
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	room 9	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	room 10
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	room 7	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	room 11

HIGH SCHOOL/ADULT CLASS, 9:40-10:40 a.m., Nooma Video Series, Youth Room

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40 a.m., "The Homeless in Holland: A Christian Solution" led by Vincent Morton. NEXT WEEK: "And Justice for All" led by Dave Kool.

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 Centers on the lower level.

RIETBERG CONCERT  
7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

Peter Kurdziel, organist

After a short intermission he will be joined by Linda Strouf and they will play pieces written for one organ, four hands, and two feet.

There will be a reception following  
the concert in the Gathering Place.

### 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
10:30 a.m.	Children's Choir
3:00 p.m.	Japanese Worship – WTS
4:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m.	Rietberg Concert

#### MONDAY

7:00 p.m.	Women's Ministry Program
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#### TUESDAY

8:00 a.m.	Ruth Circle at Betty Van Wyngarden's (282 Winter Oaks West)
9:15 a.m.	Staff
9:30 a.m.	Elizabeth and Hannah Circles
1:00 p.m.	Gifts & Memorials Committee
5:45 p.m.	Parish Elders
7:00 p.m.	Consistory
8:15 p.m.	Elders
8:15 p.m.	Deacons

#### WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers
5:00 p.m.	Youth Group Parents' Meeting
5:50 p.m.	TASC 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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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**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 and Betty Van Wyngarden in the death of Jerry's sister, Tena Bandstra, on November 5 in Pella, Iowa.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Betty Boven has returned home from the hospital. Lakeside Vista – Bob Brinks, Tina Greve, Rosey Maatman; Hospice House – Glenn Bruggers; Heartland of Holland – Elizabeth Bennett, Bernice Lievens. In the Military – Christine Loman, German Moran, David Mummert, Tom Piaget, Joel Zuidema.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

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

You are invited to attend the Women's Ministries' Veteran's Day program which will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. Our Middle School youth will be interviewing our own World War II veterans. Parents of these youth and the men of the congregation will be our guests.

Next Wednesday, November 14 is the last TASC for the semester. Dinner will be potluck. Please bring something to share.

It's time to get ready for Advent! Please sign up in the Gathering Place this Sunday and next, for our "Advent Eve" workshop on December 1. Come for food, fellowship, and to receive materials that help us get ready for Christmas.

PARENTS OF MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL youth are invited to come to the Youth Room this Wednesday, November 14 at 5:00 p.m. to share your ideas on how to renovate the Youth Room.

MINDINGS SUNDAY this year is November 18. This is an annual Third Reformed Church event when we remember those who have experienced a significant event in their lives during the past year (birth, death, baptism, marriage, confirmation, etc.). Members are asked to bring an unwrapped gift to either of the worship services. It could be a food item, a plant, a craft item, anything you think would be special.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE: There will be a Thanksgiving Day service at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 22. Dr. Robert Van Voorst will give the message.

### **THE CHURCH STAFF**

Interim Pastor	Richard Bates
Minister of Congregational Life	Kama Jongerius
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

### **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 CONSISTORY

### PROGRAM ELDERS

Irwin Brink  
Lorna Cook  
Deb DuMez  
Greg Dykhouse

Mark Hiskes  
Kristen Johnson  
John Nordstrom  
Ed Stielstra

### PARISH ELDERS

Kathy Miedema (1)  
Renske Karsen (2)  
Charles Hunt (3)  
Marilyn Norman (4)  
Sarah Unzicker (5)  
Katherine Hunsberger (6)  
Anna Ritsema (7)  
Sherrill Ball (8)  
Jan Benningfield (9)  
Mike Van Doornik (10)  
Roger Rietberg (11)  
Wayne Westenbroek (12)

Lynne Caskey (13)  
Milly Ten Brink (14)  
Bill Doezema (15)  
Scott Millen (16)  
Jeff Maatman (17)  
John Hoekstra (18)  
Elaine Tanis (19)  
(20)  
Phyllis Brown (21)  
Barb Moreau (22)  
Lucille Schroeder (23)  
Kate Bolt (24)

### DEACONS

Karin Ashcroft  
Habeeb Awad  
Jeff Beird  
Lynne Bonnette  
Steve Bulthuis  
Rick Frens

Kim McDonough  
Jay Mosterd  
Jon Rietberg  
John Ruiter  
Bekah Schipper  
Tom Ten Hoeve

Laura Halsey  
Linda Jacobs

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