

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 25, 2007

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE Overture from "Firework Music" G.F. Handel

VOTUM

SENTENCES *(responsively)*

O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**
For the LORD is a great God, and great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
**O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**
**For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**
—Psalm 95:1-7, NRSV

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 142
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! Tune: CORONATION

*PRAYER *(responsively)*

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
you gave us your Son,
the beloved one who was rejected,
the Savior who appeared defeated.
Yet the mystery of his kinship illumines our lives.
**Show us in his death the victory that crowns the ages,
and in his broken body the love that unites heaven and earth.**
**We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

*PEACE

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

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsively)*

Come, let us ask the mercy of God.
**Almighty God, we have sinned against you and one another,
in thought, word, and deed,
in what we have done and in what we have left undone.
Therefore, we pray in silence before you.**

KYRIE *(sung)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

(spoken)

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE *(responsively)*

See the Lion of the tribe of Judah,
the Root of David, has triumphed.
With his blood he has purchased people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation.
He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.

Thanks be to God!

—based on Revelation 5:5, 9-10, NIV

*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.**

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR WORSHIP CENTER

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON: II Corinthians 8:1-9

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:14-30

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 148

At the Name of Jesus

Tune: KING'S WESTON

SERMON

“Risk Management”

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(in unison)*

**As followers of Jesus Christ,
living in this world—
which some seek to control,
but which others view with despair—
we declare with joy and trust:
Our world belongs to God!
From the beginning,**

**through all the crises of our times,
until his kingdom fully comes,
God keeps covenant forever.
Our world belongs to him!
God is King! Let the earth be glad!
Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!
The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation.
Praise the Lord!
Jesus ascended in triumph to his heavenly throne.**

**There he hears our prayers,
pleads our cause before the Father,
and rules our world.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.
Our hope for a new earth is not tied
to what humans can do,
for we believe that one day
every challenge to God's rule
and every resistance to his will shall be crushed.
Then his kingdom shall come fully,
and our Lord shall rule forever.**

—*Our World Belongs to God*, st. 1-2, 29, 56

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY The Peace from "Firework Music" G.F. Handel
(Commitment cards brought to front)

ANTHEM arr. by Alfred V. Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave.
You the everlasting instant;
You, whom we both scorn and crave.
Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.
You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.
You the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.
Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worth your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life.
Alleluia.

—Sylvia Dunstan

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

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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* 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Tune: BEACH SPRING

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE The Rejoicing from “Firework Music” G.F. Handel

+ Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Dr. Richard Bates, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, Kim McDonough, Jon Rietberg, liturgists; Gene Vander Well, 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 service.

The flowers at the chancel today are given in honor of their grandchildren, Bradley, Brandon, Charlotte, Isabelle, and Kyle, by Sherrill and Norman Ball.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Jane Dykstra and John Heyns will be available to pray with you following today’s worship services. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters (8:30) – Roger and Donna Prins; (11:00) Bob and Elle Kuiper, Gayle and Paula Wilson, Bob and Jan Benningfield; Ushers – Carl, Charlotte, Jack, Hope, and Christopher Heideman; Deacons – (8:30) Rick Frens, Karin Ashcroft; (11:00) Jeff Voskuil, Bekah Schipper, Lynne Bonnette, Jay Mosterd; Refreshment Servers – Joel and Kathy Schoon Tanis.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, John and Kara Green, Scott and Stacey Van Dyke.

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

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES – “Bucking the Trend – Exploration of Regional Collaborative Strategies to Strengthen our Community” led by Steve Bulthuis in the chapel. NEXT WEEK: “Meeting of Cultures, Meeting of Minds” led by Jeanette Beagley-Koolhaas.

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 Centers on the lower level.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir

4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Board Meeting

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. Staff

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

12:00 p.m. Personnel Committee

5:00 p.m. Wreath Pick-up

6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly

SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Advent Eve Workshop

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: Erv Ter Haar has returned home from the hospital. The Inn – Henrietta Bonnette, Jantina Holleman, Barbara Lampen, Marjorie Rottschafer, Dorothy Sheets, Crystal Teague, Joyce Vander Well. In the Military – Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget, Mark South, Joel Zuidema.

GENERAL ITEMS

There will not be a Vesper Service tonight.

Register for AssessMe at www.assessme.org/1398.aspx

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

NEEDED: The Women's Ministries has 40 cake orders for the first two weeks of December. If you are willing to bake a cake please see Sandy Stielstra or sign up in the Gathering Place today.

WREATH pick-up is Wednesday, November 28 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

If you did not pick up your information packet last Sunday, please do so today. The packets with your name on it are on a table by the North windows in the Gathering Place.

SNOWBIRDS: Please call the church office, 392-1459, and let us know what your winter address is so we can keep in touch with you while you're gone.

GIFT OF GOD'S LOVE: This year we are offering two opportunities to thank or honor a loved one, friend, teacher, or leader through "A Gift of God's Love." There will be a table in the Gathering Place today to get more information.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS: Please pick up an Advent devotional today for your family to use during

Advent.

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

THE CHURCH STAFF

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Minister of Music	Linda K. Strouf*
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Youth Director	Nate Schipper
Young Disciples Director	Michelle Millen*
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*indicates part time staff

MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

Jaime Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico
Martha Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico
Roger De Young, Mission Stewardship and Coordinator
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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
Habeb Awad
Jeff Beird
Lynne Bonnette

Kim McDonough
Jay Mosterd
Jon Rietberg
John Ruiter

Steve Bulthuis
Rick Frens
Laura Halsey
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