

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 6, 2008

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE From East to West, From Shore to Shore Richard Proulx

VOTUM

SENTENCES (*responsively*)

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.

**May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.**

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

**May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.**

—Psalm 72:1-5, NRSV

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Songs & Spiritual Songs* 66

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Tune: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

*PRAYER (*in unison*)

**Everlasting God,
you brought the nations to your light
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Fill the world with your glory,
and show yourself to all the nations,
through him who is the true light
and the bright morning star,
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*PEACE

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

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**O God, our guide,
who once used a star to lead people to Christ,
we confess our poor sense of direction.
We let ourselves become confused,
easily distracted, and lose our way.
We fail to follow the signs you provide.
Forgive our waywardness, O God.
Lead us to the Christ so that we may follow his way to you. Amen.**
silent prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*responsively*)

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you,
that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

**If we say that we have fellowship with him
while we are walking in darkness,
we lie and do not do what is true;
but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

—I John 1:5-7, NRSV

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 103
CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

Come, Lord Jesus

CHILDREN'S GATHERING AND DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6 p. 690
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12 p. 2
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 68
What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

SERMON "The Story of Two Kings"

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The 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**

*RESPONSE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 579 Gloria Patri

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY How Lovely Shines the Morning Star Victor Klauss

ANTHEM STAR IN THE EAST, from *The Sacred Harp*, 1835
arr. by David Ashley White

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Shall we then yield him, costly devotion,
Odors of Edom, and offering divine,
Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, and gold from mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure,
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
—Reginald Heber

*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* 63

As with Gladness Men of Old

Tune: DIX

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

Keith Chapman

+ Late comers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Dr. Richard Bates, preaching; David Ryder, Rev. Jeanette Beagley, liturgists; Jane Keeter, 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.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Bill and Carol Doezema 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) Gene, Mary, and Ruth Heideman; (11:00) Tony and Elly Muiderman, Morrie and Barb Peterson, Bill and Sarah Unzicker; Ushers – Gayle and Paula Wilson; Deacons – (8:30) Jon Rietberg, Rick Frens; (11:00) Tom Ten Hoeve, Bekah Schipper, Steve Bulthuis, Linda Jacobs; Refreshment Servers – Tom and Muriel Vander Kuy.

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

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

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

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

INQUIRER'S CLASS: 9:40-10:40 a.m. in the office conference room. This will be a series of informational sessions for persons interested in learning more about Third Reformed Church and possible membership. We will review the basic history and teachings of the Reformed church, the particular history, organization, and mission of Third Reformed Church, and the procedures for persons becoming members.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40 a.m., "The Geography of the Middle East as it Relates to the Three Major Religions Originating in this Area" led by Jerry Van Wyngarden in the chapel. NEXT WEEK: "Wandering at the Foot of the Cross led by Mark Hiskes. If you have not been able to find a copy of the book "The Blood of the Lamb" by Peter De Vries, Reader's World will have some copies.

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.

YOUNG DISCIPLES, for children 3rd-5th grades, will meet during the 11:00 a.m. service.

VESPER SERVICE

6:00 p.m. in the chapel

"Here I Am"

David Ryder, worship leader

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.	Matins Choir
9:15 a.m.	Youth Choir
9:40 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Children's Choir
6:00 p.m.	Vesper Service

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Ruth Circle at Phyllis Graham's
(12862 Colebrook St.)
9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting
9:30 a.m. Elizabeth and Hannah Circles
1:00 p.m. Gifts & Memorials Committee
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
4:45 p.m. Christian Education Committee
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

9:30 a.m. Moms of Young Children
7:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee

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.

SYMPATHY is extended to John and Sheryl Lunn in the death of Sheryl's mother, Ardyth Witthaus, on December 28.

CONGRATULATIONS to Don and Rosey Maatman whose 61st wedding anniversary is Wednesday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Bill Segrist has returned home from the hospital. Lakeside Vista – Bob Brinks, Tina Greve, Rosey Maatman; Heartland of Holland – Elizabeth Bennett, Bernice Lievense. In the Military – Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget, Mark South, Joel Zuidema.

GENERAL ITEMS

L.I.F.T. Groups will be offered during Lent. Meeting Sunday nights 6:00-7:30 p.m. February 3-March 9. Don't miss sign ups beginning January 27.

BLOOD PRESSURE: You will have the chance to have your blood pressure checked next Sunday, January 13 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

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

TASC: TASC will begin again on this Wednesday, January 9 with dinner at 5:50 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Classes for all ages begin at 6:45 p.m. Adult Education offerings are: Sanctuary Choir, Knitting Ministry, "Key Passages in Luke" led by Bob Van Voorst.

NOMINATIONS: Please don't forget to fill out your Consistory nomination ballots and turn them in to the church office, Mike Van Doornik's or Habeeb Awad's Consistory box by Monday, January 14.

Your used Christmas and greeting cards can be recycled into craft projects. Please bring any you would like to recycle to the church office.

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*indicates part time staff

MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

Jaime Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico
Martha Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico
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Betty Voskuil, Coordinator, Reformed Church World Service and
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THE CONSISTORY

PROGRAM ELDERS

Irwin Brink
Lorna Cook
Deb DuMez
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Mark Hiskes
Kristen Johnson
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PARISH ELDERS

Kathy Miedema (1)
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(20)
Phyllis Brown (21)
Barb Moreau (22)
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Kate Bolt (24)

DEACONS

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