

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: The Baptism of the Lord**  
*January 13, 2008* *8:30 and 11:00 a.m.*

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn  
Hans Arnold Metzger

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

God anointed Christ to console the afflicted.  
**Come, let us worship the Lord our Comforter!**  
God anointed Christ to emancipate the enslaved.  
**Come, let us worship the Lord our liberator!**  
God anointed Christ to bind up the wounded.  
**Come, let us worship the Lord our healer!**  
God anointed Christ to deliver the troubled.  
**Come, let us worship the Lord our Savior!**

SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Songs & Spiritual Songs* 482  
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

\*PRAYER (*in unison*)

**Glory be to you, O God,  
whom we worship in awe and wonder.  
You are the author of all beginnings  
and all that is pronounced "good."  
In you both day and night have purpose,  
both calm and storm have meaning.  
Open the eyes of our imagination,  
that we may be ready to receive your gifts  
and discern your activity in our midst.  
In the name of Jesus,  
in whose baptism we too are baptized. 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*)

**Merciful God,  
In baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ, promising us forgiveness of sin and  
newness of life. But we fail to live as forgiven people. We keep destructive habits and hold  
grudges. We allow our past to hold us hostage and are reluctant to welcome newness. In  
your loving-kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises  
you have made to us in baptism so that we may live as your people, claimed in the waters  
of promise. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*responsively*)

Friends, hear the good news! Though we are unworthy, we are granted God's favor in Jesus  
Christ and are baptized into the church of his beloved Son.  
Friends, believe the good news!  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 65  
CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

Listen God Is Calling

CHILDREN'S GATHERING AND DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

**THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation* 79 (*sung twice*)

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soul                      Tune: GOOD SOIL

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:13-17    p. 3  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 10:34-43    p. 129  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON                      "Being Seen for Who You Really Are"

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

**THE RESPONSE TO GOD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 69 & 70

*(responsively)*

How does baptism remind you and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross is for you personally?

**In this way:**

**Christ instituted this outward washing  
and with it gave the promise that,  
as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body,  
so certainly his blood and his Spirit  
wash away my soul's impurity,  
in other words, all my sins.**

What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

**To be washed with Christ's blood means  
that God, by grace, has forgiven my sins  
because of Christ's blood  
poured out for me in his sacrifice on the cross.**

**To be washed with Christ's Spirit means  
that the Holy Spirit has renewed me  
and set me apart to be a member of Christ  
so that more and more I become dead to sin  
and increasingly live a holy and blameless life.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY                      Canonic Carol                      arr. by Richard Warner

ANTHEM

James Biery

The Father's voice calls us above the waters,  
The glory of the Son shines on us,  
The love of the Spirit fills us with life.  
—Ancient Christian Hymn

\*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 *(see insert)*

Sing Praise and Hallelujah!

Tune: WEBB

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE In Peace and Joy I Now Depart Dietrich Buxtehude

+ Late comers will be seated.

\*Those who are able may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kama Jongerius, preaching; Dr. Richard Bates, liturgist; Bryan Gras, 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 rose by the font is in celebration of the adoption of a son, Owen Brett Jian, by Brett and Karen Holleman. Owen was born on May 6, 2006 and arrived in Holland on January 10, 2008.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, George and Katherine Hunsberger 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) Kim McDonough, Karin Ashcroft; (11:00) Andy and Lois Mulder, Gordon and Barb Mummert, Mark and Lynne Bonnette; Ushers – Jennifer Boersen, Sarah Boersen; Deacons – (8:30) John Ruiter, Jeff Beird; (11:00) Jeff Voskuil, Lynne Bonnette, Jay Mosterd, Habeeb Awad; Refreshment Servers – Chris, Lorna, Simon, and Justis Cook.

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

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.

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

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40 a.m., "Wandering at the Foot of the Cross led by Mark Hiskes in the chapel.

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.

**VESPER SERVICE**  
6:00 p.m. in the chapel

"Grandma's Hope"

Matt Waterstone, worship leader

**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  
12:30 p.m. LIFT Leaders' Lunch at Schroeder's  
(299 Winter Oaks West)  
3:00 p.m. Japanese Worship – WTS  
4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir  
6:00 p.m. Vesper Service

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle at Barb Mummert's  
(753 Larkwood)

TUESDAY

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Consistory  
8:15 p.m. Elders' Meeting  
8:15 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints  
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers  
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. Special Education Ministry Orientation

FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. Women's Prayer 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 the family and friends of John De Kraker who died January 8.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lois Strom whose 91<sup>st</sup> birthday is Wednesday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Joe Otting has moved to Resthaven Care Center from the hospital. Bea Rozeboom has returned home from the hospital, and Arlene Frego has returned home from Heritage. Resthaven Care Center – Arnolda Otting, Helen Van Zanden, Ada Ver Hulst; Maple Woods – Vesta Speet. Oak Crest Manors – Alma Kuiper. In the Military – Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget, Mark South, 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.

THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER: Next Sunday, January 20, 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, January 20 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.

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.

REMINDER: When Holland Public Schools have been cancelled there will be no TASC dinner and classes.

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 **tomorrow**.

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

DVDs of the Children's Christmas program are available. There were 20 copies made, with an order list if you wish to obtain more. You may pick up the DVD (or order one) at the table in the Gathering Place today, or from Kristen in the church office during the week. Upon receiving the DVD you may offer a donation which will help fund a future children's special event.

DONATIONS NEEDED: We have a family moving in to the 303 Pine Ave. home. Kristina is a single mom with a toddler, and a baby due in February. She has a lot of needs for her new home. Please check out the sign up sheet in the Gathering Place to see if there are any items you would be willing to donate or purchase. Let's show Kristina the love of Christ, and the blessings of God's family across the street. If you have any questions, call or e-mail Jay and Tammy Mosterd at 616-566-7189, [tmosterd@yahoo.com](mailto:tmosterd@yahoo.com).

You are invited to attend the Installation Service of Mary Wisner, on Sunday, January 20 at 3:00 p.m. at First Reformed Church, 630 State St. Mary will be installed as the Associate Pastor at First Reformed Church.

Reformed Marriage Encounter – A Weekend of Discovery – A Lifetime of Love. The next weekend will be held in Holland, February 8-10. For more information, or to register on-line, go to [www.reformedme.org](http://www.reformedme.org) or contact Jim and Kathy Molenkamp at 616-538-2769 or [michigan\\_registration@reformedme.org](mailto:michigan_registration@reformedme.org).

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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**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*
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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  
Laura Halsey  
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