

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 20, 2008

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*Let the first note of the prelude be a call for
personal meditation in preparation for worship*

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

Präludium in G

Felix Mendelssohn

VOTUM

SENTENCES *(responsively)*

In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

We gather, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant,
ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

We listen, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom,
sometimes startling and unexpected,
sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

We watch and wait for the Word of God.

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Songs & Spiritual Songs* 474

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*PRAYER *(in unison)*

**God of Advent, of waiting and hoping,
keep our hearts expectant, ready for your coming among us.
God of Christmas, of celebration and rejoicing,
make our hearts glad with the joy nothing can take from us.
God of Epiphany, of hiding and making known,
fill our hearts with wonder at the revelation of your glory
that we have seen in Christ, our Lord. 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)*

**God of light,
we have been so blind when truth has been so clear.
When we could have looked ahead, we fell behind.
When we could have viewed the wider picture,
we saw only a part.
When we could have sensed the Spirit' leading,
we missed the way.
Forgive our dim apprehension of love's clear leading.
Give us faith that trusts when it cannot see,
through the light that lingers when all else fails,
even the bright Morning Star of our faith,
Jesus Christ, the Savior. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE *(responsively)*

The true light that gives light to everyone
was coming into the world.

To all who have received him, to those who believe in his name,

he gave the right to become children of God.

—from John 1:9, 12, NIV

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 65

Listen God Is Calling

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

CHILDREN'S GATHERING AND DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 1:1-9 p. 165
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:29-34 p. 92
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sing! A New Creation* 123
Bring Forth the Kingdom

SERMON "Who Are You?"

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*RESPONSE TO THE WORD: *(responsively)*

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

**Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,**

to those who go astray after false gods.

You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.**

Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of book it is written of me.

**I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."**

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

**I have not concealed your steadfast love
and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

—Psalm 40:1-10

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

Gloria Patri

REPORT FROM CONSISTORY

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Choral

Felix Mendelssohn

ANTHEM

Felix Mendelssohn

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me,
he heard my complaint.
O blest are they that hope and trust in him.

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

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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* 439

In Christ There Is No East or West

Tune: ST. PETER

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Nachspiel

Felix Mendelssohn

+ Latecomers

will

be

seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Dr. Richard Bates, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Tom Bos, prayer for illumination; Sarah Unzicker, prayer of the people; Linda Dykstra, Sarah Ashcroft, soloists; 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.

Today is Fellowship Sunday. Please wear a nametag throughout the morning, so we are able to get to know one another better. Nametags can be found in the pew near the Friendship Folder.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for **Third Sunday Pizza Lunch** following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Tony and Elly Muiderman 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) Harold and Nancy Gazan; (11:00) Anne Bakker, Diann Koeman, Gene and Elaine Jekel, Mark and Cindy Hiskes; Ushers – Don and Lois Van Lare; Deacons – (8:30) Kim McDonough, Jon Rietberg; (11:00) Bekah Schipper, Karin Ashcroft, Jeff Beird, Linda Jacobs; Refreshment Servers – Lee and Milly Ten Brink.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Ryan and Leslie Baker.

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.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40 a.m., "Wandering at the Foot of the Cross led by Mark Hiskes in the chapel. NEXT WEEK: "Celebrating Third Reformed Church's 140th Anniversary with a Review of its History" led by Elton Bruins.

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

"A Short Play"

Shawn Gerbers, 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
12:15 p.m.	Third Sunday Pizza Lunch
4:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir
6:00 p.m.	Vesper Service

MONDAY

Church Office Closed
7:30 p.m. Martha Circle at Esther Vande Bunte's
(295 Douglas Ave.)

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m.	Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Children's Ministry Dream Team at Van Duinen's (82 W. 12 th St.)

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		
	7:00 p.m.	Special Education Ministry
FRIDAY		
	9:00 a.m.	Newsletter Assembly

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: Gene Vander Well has returned home from the hospital. The Inn – 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

THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER: Non-perishable food and other necessities will be collected today for our monthly food drive. Donated items can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering place.

L.I.F.T. Groups will be meeting each Sunday evening during Lent from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. These sessions will take the place of Evening Vespers from February 3 to March 9. Most groups will meet in classrooms at the church. Sign up for these opportunities to share insight into the “Parables and Passion” of Jesus will take place in the Gathering Place next week, January 27. For additional information visit the Third Reformed Church website.

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 21 in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

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

ETHNIC POTLUCK/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Please come for all or part of the Event planned for Sunday, January 27. The schedule is as follows: 5:00 p.m. – **Ethnic Potluck** – bring a family favorite from your heritage. Table service, serving utensils, dinner rolls, and drinks will be provided; 6:15 p.m. – **Congregational Meeting** to meet the Senior Pastor candidate. There will be an introduction and a time of questions and answers from members of Third. The meeting will close with the candidate leading a short devotional time. A nursery will be provided during the time of the meeting. The church bus will be available for transportation to the Congregational Meeting – Warm Friend at 5:50 p.m. and Freedom Village at 6:00 p.m. If you wish to attend the potluck, please call the church office, 392-1459, by Thursday, January 23 to arrange transportation.

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.

Copies of the December financial report are available on the literature table in the Gathering Place.

MISSING: Blood pressure cuff and stethoscope from the cabinet in the library. Please call Lynne Bonnette at 392-3190.

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Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, & Chapel
wired with an Induction Hearing Loop.
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, David Ryder*
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
Laura Halsey
Linda Jacobs

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