

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

January 27, 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 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness Anton Wilhelm Leupold

VOTUM

SENTENCES (*responsively*)

Christ manifested in the flesh, Christ revealed in the Spirit.

**Praise the Lord, all you nations.**

Christ contemplated by the angels, Christ worshiped by the Magi.

**Praise the Lord, all you nations.**

Christ believed in the world, Christ exalted in glory.

**Praise the Lord, all you nations.**

—based on I Timothy 3:16

SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Songs & Spiritual Songs* 430

Come Sing, O Church in Joy!

Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH

\*PRAYER (*in unison*)

**O God, our Father, creator of the universe,  
whose Son, Jesus Christ, came to our world,  
pour your Holy Spirit upon your church,  
that all the people of our world,  
being led through the knowledge  
of your truth to worship you,  
may offer the gold of intellect,  
the frankincense of devotion,  
and the myrrh of discipline  
to him who with you and the Holy Spirit  
lives and reigns for ever, one God, world without end. 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.**

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  
Listen, **listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,**  
**offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

\*PSALTER READING: Psalm 27:1-5, 13, 14 p. 503

\*GLORIA PATRI *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 579 Gloria Patri

CHILDREN'S GATHERING AND DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

## THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 9:1, 2 p. 638  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 4:12-25 p. 3  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 392  
Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord Tune: HALL  
SERMON "Easy to Follow"

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(in unison)*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

*—A Brief Statement of Faith*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

INTRODUCTION OF MISSIONARY

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Gammal fäbodpsalm från Dalarna* Oskar Lindberg

ANTHEM (8:30) Alexander Dimitrievitch Kastalsky  
Hail, holy Light! Offspring of heaven first born,  
Before the sun thou wert;  
And at the voice of God as with a mantle did'st invest the world.  
Disperse the mists of sin, celestial Light,  
And unto us reveal the things of God invisible to mortal sight.

—John Milton

(11:00) Peter Hallock  
The Lord is my light, the refuge of my life and my salvation;  
Of whom then shall I be afraid?  
If I take the wings of the morning, or go up into heaven,  
Your right hand will hold me.  
In the shadow of your wings  
I will rejoice and bless your holy Name;  
And I will sing of your Glory, O Lord my strength, as long as I live.  
—Psalm 27:1, Psalm 139:8, Psalm 63:4, 7

\*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 *Sing! A New Creation* 267

Will You Come and Follow Me Tune: KELVINGROVE

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE On This Day Earth Shall Ring arr. by David N. Johnson

+L a t e c o m e r s w i l l b e s e a t e d .

\*Those who are able may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Dr. Richard Bates, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, David Ryder, liturgists; Samantha Miller, 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, Wendell and Renske Karsen 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) Mark, Tracy, Zane, and Zoe Tanis, Chris and Sarah Clark, Mark and Cindy Hiskes; Ushers – Jane Hunter, Diane De Vries; Deacons – (8:30) Jon Rietberg, Rick Frens; (11:00) Linda Jacobs, Steve Bulthuis, John Ruiter, Kim McDonough; Refreshment Servers – Wayne and Ruth Westenbroek.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Jeff and Vicki Voskuil.

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., "Celebrating Third Reformed Church's 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Review of its History" led by Elton Bruins 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.

ETHNIC POTLUCK/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Please come for all or part of the Event planned for this evening. 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.

### 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

5:00 p.m. Ethnic Potluck and Congregational Meeting

#### TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. Staff 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

7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

#### 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.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Joe Otting. Out of Town – Jo Rediger, 2304 Versailles Ct., Rockwall, TX 75032; Elisabeth Ten Zythoff, 1750 W. Bennett St. #3A, Springfield, MO 65807; Home – Jan Bosch, Gerald Tillema. In the Military – Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget, Mark South, Joel Zuidema.

### **GENERAL ITEMS**

Be sure to pick up your copy of this week's "Taking Faith Home" bulletin. They can be found at the West entrance to the sanctuary and on the literature table in the Gathering Place.

The bulletin for February 3 will be done on Wednesday this week. If you have any announcements for this bulletin please turn them in to Kristen by Wednesday morning.

SIGN UP for L.I.F.T. groups will take place in the Gathering Place today. Small groups of 10 to 12 persons will be meeting each Sunday evening during Lent from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. These sessions will replace evening Vespers from February 3 to March 9. Most groups will meet in classrooms at the church. This is an opportunity for members and friends of Third Reformed Church to more intentionally relate to other believers as we share insight into the "Parables and Passion of Jesus – Stories for the Days of Lent." Copies of John Indermark's book will be available at the sign up table and in the church office this week.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT: March 7-9, at Timberwolf Lake Resort. Sign ups begin next Sunday. Timberwolf Lake is located in Lake City, just north of Cadillac. The camp is very comfortable with lots of activities for people of all ages – sledding hill, gym, game room, climbing wall, outdoor fireplace, music, camp speakers and plenty of space to relax and fellowship. Cost is \$75/adult, \$37.50/child (4-12), 3 and under free, with a maximum family cost of \$200. The adult guest lodge (an extra special place for seniors) is \$150 per person. This year we will be chartering a bus for anyone who doesn't want to drive (or fight the snowy weather we've had in the past). Please join us for a great weekend with family and friends. Any questions talk to Hollemans, Schippers, Halseys, Moreaus, Mosterds, and Beirds.

SIGN UP for the Blood Drive on February 4, 12:00-6:00 p.m., begins today. If you would be willing to make cookies or bars for the blood drive pick up a container at the table in the Gathering Place.

ASH WEDNESDAY: There will be an Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 6 at St. Francis at 12:10 p.m. Rev. Kama Jongerius will give the message.

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.

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

Minister of Congregational Life

Calling Pastor

Coordinator of Congregational Care

Richard Bates

Kama Jongerius

William Unzicker\*

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  
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