

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: Transfiguration**

February 3, 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 O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair Stephen Gabrielsen

VOTUM

SENTENCES (*responsively*)

Great is the Lord—

**exalted among the nations.**

Mighty is the Lord—

**King of heaven and earth.**

Holy is the Lord—

**beyond our understanding.**

Let us worship our God and King!

SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Songs & Spiritual Songs 75*

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Tune: DEO GRACIAS

\*PRAYER (*responsively*)

God of power and wonder,

we are awestruck by the glory of your presence.

**We rejoice at what we can see;**

**we marvel at what we cannot see.**

**You dazzle us with your brightness;**

**you overshadow us as with a great cloud.**

Loving, protecting, challenging, nurturing,

you strengthen and transform us.

**May we love and serve you in all that we are and do.**

**Glory be to you. Amen.**

\*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(congregation may exchange the Peace)*

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**Almighty God, we enter your presence humbly,**

**aware that we approach you from a world**

**that chooses to walk in darkness, apart from you.**

**Each one of us has ignored and even denied**

**the enlightening power of Jesus Christ.**

**We confess now our sins to you, God of power and might.**

**Penetrate our darkness by the power of Christ's light,**

**that we may live in the joy of knowing**

**and loving you and each other.**

*silent prayer of confession*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*responsively*)

Now the Lord is the Spirit,

and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

**And all of us, with unveiled faces,**

**seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror,**

**are being transformed into the same image  
from one degree of glory to another,  
for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed!  
Praise be to God!**

—based on II Corinthians 3:17-18, NRSV

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 65 Listen God Is Calling  
Listen, **listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM (11:00) words and music by Marie-Jo Thum  
Loving God, I offer you today all that I think, I do, and I say.  
I offer it all with all that was done by Jesus, my brother, Jesus your Son.

CHILDREN'S GATHERING AND DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

### THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 24:12-18

p. 70

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 17:1-9

p. 18

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION (*see insert*)

Transform Us As you, Transfigured

Tune: PICARDY

SERMON "The Transfiguration"

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

### THE RESPONSE TO GOD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 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.**

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY He Comes to Us as One Unknown Robert J. Powell

ANTHEM

setting by Carl Schalk

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,  
We are dazzled by Your glory, light as blinding as the sun.  
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.  
What do you want us to see there, that Your close companions saw?  
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self-same awe.  
Clothed in flesh like ours  
You go matched to meet our deadliest Foe.

What do You want us to hear there, that Your dear disciples heard?  
Once again the Voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word:  
“Listen, listen every one, This is my beloved Son!”

Take us to that other mountain where we see You glorified,  
Where You shouted “It is finished!”  
where for all the world you died.  
Hear the stunned centurion: “Truly this was God’s own Son!”

We who have beheld Your glory, risen and ascended Lord,  
Cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard;  
Say with Peter, James, and John: “You are God’s beloved Son!”  
—Jaroslav J. Vajda

\*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* 488

The God of Abraham Praise

Tune: LEONI

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise J. Bert Carlson

+ Late comers will be seated.

\*Those who are able may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Jonathan Brownson, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, Linda Jacobs, liturgists; Gene Vander Well, prayer for illumination; Jeff and Anna Beird, minute for mission; Children's Choir; Mary Van Voorst, director; Mike Van Doornik, piano; 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 loving memory and celebration by the family of Harold John Ritsema, husband, father, papa, and elder.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Dee Bechtel 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) Dennis and Kathy Nienhuis; (11:00) Ev and Barb Albers, Bill and Barb Tenpas, Scott, Heather, Anna, Ethan, and Jane Wolterink; Ushers – John and Linda Dykstra; Deacons – (8:30) John Ruiter, Jeff Beird; (11:00) Laura Halsey, Linda Jacobs, Lynne Bonnette, Jeff Voskuil; Refreshment Servers – Bruce and Jane Reynolds.

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

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.

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. NEXT WEEK: "Jeremiah and Christians Today" led by Mark Walvoord.

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.

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

## **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 Jerry and Betty Van Wyngarden in the death of Jerry's sister, Cornelia Bandstra, on January 24 in Pella, Iowa.

SYMPATHY is extended to Dan and Vicki Miller in the death of Vicki's mother, Hilda Sparks, on January 27 in Florida.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Joe Otting, Dick Walvoord. 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**

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.

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.

SIGN UP for the Blood Drive on February 4, 12:00-6:00 p.m., continues today.

Consistory has issued a call to the Reverend Kent Fry to be our Senior Pastor and he has accepted. It would be encouraging to Kent and Joyce if you would send them a note and let them know we are looking forward to their coming to share our life together. Kent and Joyce Fry, 2000 Michigan Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, [kfry@thirdreformedchurchgr.org](mailto:kfry@thirdreformedchurchgr.org).

L.I.F.T.: The final opportunity to sign up for a L.I.F.T. group is offered in the Gathering Place this morning. These sessions will replace evening Vespers from January 3 to March 9. Most groups will meet in classrooms at the church. Information about the groups and copies of John Indermark's book are available at the sign up table and in the church office. Persons planning to attend the first session this evening are asked to read the first chapter prior to the meeting.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT: March 7-9, at Timberwolf Lake Resort. Sign up begins today. 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 Berds.

COOKING FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Twice a month our college students meet together for food and fellowship following the 11:00 a.m. service. If you are interested in providing a meal or providing part of a meal for this gathering please contact Mark Reynoso, 396-4114.

Please join teachers and interested parents/grandparents/friends as we hear Barbara Newman present "Including Children with Disabilities in the Church" February 17 at 9:40 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Because of last week's cancellation, the Sunrise Saints will repeat Chapter 4 for the February 6 meeting.

MENTORS NEEDED: We are looking for a team of mentors for our newest neighbor across the street. Kristina is a single mom with a young son, and expecting a baby girl in February. She is participating in Good Samaritan's housing program, and is a tenant in our church rental. Mentoring is building a relationship and friendship and can be done in many ways. If you're interested in finding out more information, please call or e-mail Jay/Tammy Mosterd at 616-566-7189, [tmosterd@yahoo.com](mailto:tmosterd@yahoo.com).

Today is the last day to sign up/pick up a DVD of the Children's Christmas program. There is 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. Upon receiving the DVD you may offer a donation which will help fund a future children's special event.

There will be a box sent to Pam Van Tol soon, and we would like to include notes from the congregation. There are note cards in the Gathering Place for you and a box to put them in when complete. Any words of encouragement from home go a long way.

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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

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\*indicates part time staff

#### **MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT**

Jaime Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico  
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 Wayne and Miho Jansen, Japan  
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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  
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)  
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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

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