

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 17, 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 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Robert A. Hobby, USA

INTROIT John L. Bell, Scotland

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

—John 1:29

VOTUM

SENTENCES

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Songs & Spiritual Songs* 468

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Tune: AUGUSTINE

*PRAYER (*in unison*)

**O God, in creation you fashion us in your image,
in Christ you reveal to us your love,
through the Holy Spirit
you welcome us into the fellowship of believers;
we bow in gratitude before you.
We constantly distort your image, but still you restore it.
We daily betray your love, but still you extend it.
We often disrupt fellowship, but still you bless it.
Come unto us at this time and in this place, O Lord,
that your image in us might be revealed,
your love for us returned,
and our fellowship in Christ renewed. Amen.**

*PEACE

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

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsively*)

**Holy and merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.
Have mercy on us, O God.
We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.
Have mercy on us, O God.
We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness:
the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,
we confess to you, O God.

The Lord will preserve you from all evil; he will keep you safe.
The Lord will guide your ways both now and evermore.

SERMON "From Grace to Faith"

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(in unison)*

**I believe that God,
because of Christ's atonement,
will never hold against me any of my sins
nor my sinful nature,
which I need to struggle against all my life.
Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ
to free me forever from judgment.**

—Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 56

*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 Jesus, Priceless Treasure Michael Burkhardt, USA

ANTHEM

Sir John Stainer, England

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth, believeth in Him
Should not perish but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
But that the world through Him might be saved.
—John 3:16-17

*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 371*

Lift High the Cross Tune: CRUCIFER

*SUNG BENEDICTION

Chilean folksong, arr. by John L. Bell, Scotland
(sung twice by choir and congregation)

**Sent by the Lord am I; my hands are ready now
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.**

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to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.**

**The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.**

The task is mine to do, to set it really free.

Oh, help me to obey; help me to do your will.

—Jorge Maldonado, Ecuador
+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Dr. Richard Bates, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Bill Garlough, prayer for illumination; Peg Van Grouw, Minute for Mission; 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, Jane Dykstra and Carl Folkert 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) Esther Vande Bunte, Carol Cox; (11:00) Doug, Stacy, Benjamin, Jordan, and Raechel Kamphuis, Urs, Martha, Benjamin, and Ellie-Rose Waldvogel, Elton and Elaine Bruins; Ushers – Morrie and Barb Peterson; Deacons – (8:30) Jon Rietberg, Rick Frens; (11:00) Habeeb Awad, Laura Halsey, Tom Ten Hoeve, Jeff Voskuil; Refreshment Servers – Carl and Lucille Schroeder.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, John and Jenny Ruiter.

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.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40 a.m., "Jeremiah and Christians Today" led by Mark Walvoord in the chapel

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.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir
9:15 a.m. Youth Choir
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 a.m. Teachers' Meeting
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. L.I.F.T. Groups

MONDAY

8:30 a.m. Gifts & Memorials Committee
7:30 p.m. Martha Circle at Esther Vande Bunte's
(295 Douglas Ave.)

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:45 p.m. Parish Elders
7:00 p.m. Consistory
8:15 p.m. Elders
8:15 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
2:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Program at Freedom Village
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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Barbara Lampen whose 92nd birthday is Wednesday.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kristine Bolhuis and John Holkeboer on the birth of a daughter, Corine Mae, on February 3.

SYMPATHY is extended to Doug and Andrea Rasmussen on the death of Andrea's father, Robert Smart, on February 5.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jennifer Boersen and Terrance Kroll who were married on February 16.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Bill Segrist, Eileen Mooney. Bill Gargano 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.

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Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, & Chapel
wired with an Induction Hearing Loop.

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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.

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.

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 St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, kfry@thirdreformedchurchgr.org.

Our next Women's Ministries meeting will be held at Freedom Village on Wednesday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m. A Wedgwood Youth Homes staff member will be the speaker. Contact your Circle chair or the church office to make a reservation by Monday, February 18. If Holland Public Schools are cancelled that day we will not have our meeting and will reschedule for Wednesday, February 27.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT: March 7-9, at Timberwolf Lake Resort. The theme this year is, "We're all in this together." Mark Reynoso is our camp speaker and a couple seminary students will lead music. As always, the camp has activities for all ages: sledding hill, gym, game room, climbing wall, and plenty of space to relax. Cost is \$75/adult, \$37.50/child (4-12), 3 and under free, with maximum family cost of \$200. The adult guest lodge is \$150 per person. Come join us for a great weekend and don't forget to check out the bus info. Sign ups end soon, so see us today or bring your reservation to the church office.

BUS RIDE to the retreat! We've rented a comfortable 55 passenger bus. No worries about the weather or pit stops (the bus has a bathroom!) so pack some supper, grab a book, your family, your friends, a headset, or a pillow and get on board. If the fun and fellowship isn't enough how about the great price of only \$10.00 a person (cheaper than filling up the minivan!). The bus will leave church at 4:30 p.m. on Friday and return around 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. We've got plenty of room, so sign up today!

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES continues this Wednesday, February 20 at 12:10 p.m. at Pillar Church (corner of 9th St. and College Ave.). On the Campaign Road with Jesus: "You have heard it said, but I say to you... About Hostile Takeover and Humble Turnover" led by Rev. Kama Jongerius. Following the service, a soup and bread lunch will be served.

ATTENTION SINGLES: Do you enjoy going to events such as concerts, ball games, plays, etc...but not attending alone? Here's your chance to get together with a group from Third who enjoy the same things. Our first outing will be to go to a recital given by Andrew Le on Tuesday, February 26 at Dimnent Chapel. Plan to meet at 7:15 p.m. at the back of Dimnent Chapel. The recital begins at 7:30 p.m. Following the recital we will go to Russ' on East 8th Street for coffee and fellowship. Any questions contact Mike Van Doornik, 786-9155 or Kit Leggett, 335-2678.

A **CONCERT OF PRAYER** event, especially for Reformed and Christian Reformed churches, is being held on Thursday, February 21, starting at 7:00 p.m. at Pillar Church. This worship event is a time to

pray with one another and for one another, and for ministries and events to which we are committed. Eric Schrottenboer and John Grooters are worship leaders. This event is sponsored by the Zeeland and Holland Classes of both the Reformed Church in America and the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

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 Ruiten
Bekah Schipper
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