

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 26, 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 Two Pieces from a Suite L. Clerambault

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Here, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your might.**

Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

**Recite them to your children and talk about them
when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem
on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts
of your house and on your gate.

Amen.

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 263*
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Tune: ST. DENIO

*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)*

**Most Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
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;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Have mercy on us and forgive us;
That we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

RESPONSE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 572*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM Michael Bedford
Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted in the earth.

I am always with you. I will be your strength.
—based on Psalm 46:10-11
CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

Tune: OPEN MY EYES

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:34-46

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Loving With Our Minds”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed (*in unison*)

We believe in one God, the Father,

the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,

seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again

**in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Aria

Franz Josef Haydn

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

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS 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* 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Tune: CANONBURY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in F Major

G.F. Handel

+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: David Ryder, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, Rev. Kent Fry, liturgists; Cindy Hiskes, prayer for illumination; Youth Choir; Katie Rietberg, Eliza Beird, Grace DuMez, Lizzy Halsey, chimes; Mary Van Voorst, director; Mike Van Doornik, piano; Lori Maatman, organist.

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 remembrance of those of the congregation who died this past year, and in loving memory of the joyous spirit and life of Mark Van Lare by his parents and sisters.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Ruby Steketee and Dennis Gebben 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) Rick and Jane Vandervelde; (11:00) Phyllis Graham, Marcia Forsman, John and Sheryl Lunn, Arlene Barton, Marilyn Lantay; Ushers – Trygve and Kristen Johnson; Deacons – (8:30) Jay Mosterd, Jon Rietberg; (11:00) Bekah Schipper, Tom Ten Hoeve, Jim Vander Meer, Andy Mulder; Refreshment Servers – Janet and Austin Rund.

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, K	room 15
1 st & 2 nd grades	room 6	3 rd grade	room 9
4 th grade	room 10	5 th grade	room 11
6 th , 7 th , & 8 th grade	room 22		

THE ADULT EDUCATION CLASS for Spiritual Formation is open to all and is experiential, participatory, and practical. Come and go as you are able. Meet in the Centennial Room downstairs. This week's lesson: Spiritual Formation: The Word-Centered Life; Next Week: Spiritual Life: The Sacramental Life.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40 a.m., "Understanding Mormons Today" led by Robert Van Voorst in the chapel.

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

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.

LITTLE LAMBS: 3 year olds are invited to meet in room 14 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please bring your children to room 14 before the service and pick them up following the service.

YOUNG DISCIPLES, for children 3rd-5th grades, will meet in the chapel during the 8:30 a.m. service.

VESPER SERVICE

6:00 p.m. in the chapel

"The Reformation: From Calvin to Van Raalte
to Third Reformed Church"
Worship Leader: Elton Bruins

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.	Matins Choir
9:15 a.m.	Youth Choir
9:15 a.m.	Reading and Drama Group
9:15 a.m.	Flu Clinic
9:40 a.m.	Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Children's Choir

12:15 p.m. College Student Lunch

6:00 p.m.	Vesper Service
6:30 p.m.	Pathfinders (High School)

MONDAY

7:30 p.m. Women's Ministries Program

TUESDAY

9:00 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.	Passage (High School)
	6:45 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
THURSDAY	6:00 p.m.	30s - 40s Group Halloween Eve Party
	7:00 p.m.	Special Education Ministry
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Newsletter Assembly
	9:30 a.m.	Play Group
SATURDAY	3:00 p.m.	Middle School Crazy Bounce

PERSONAL

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found in the Friendship Folders. Place the requests in the offering plate. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

SYMPATHY is extended to Tom and Lois Dykstra in the death of Tom's brother, Loren Dykstra, on October 16 in Kalamazoo.

SYMPATHY is extended to Gerb and Kay Duthler in the death of Kay's brother-in-law, Simon Kingma, last week in Lynden, Washington.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Makayla Slater. Lynne Ihrman has moved from Holland Hospital to Resthaven Care Center for therapy. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Roger Prins. The Inn – Jantina Holleman, Barbara Lampen, Carlyle Neckers, Marjorie Rottschafer, Dorothy Sheets, Crystal Teague. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: The Third's After Supper Club children and the Middle School Youth Group will be providing Christmas gifts to poor children throughout the world through Operation Christmas Child. Donations are needed to help fill the boxes. All items must be new and able to fit in a regular shoe box. There will be boxes in the Gathering Place to collect your donations of: shoe boxes, small toys (Matchbox cars, balls, Yo-Yos, etc.), school supplies (pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons, writing pads, solar calculators, etc.), hygiene or personal items (toothbrush, toothpaste, mild soap [bars in plastic bag], comb, brush, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, small flashlights with extra batteries, hard candy [must be wrapped candy] etc.). Please remember no liquid or breakable items, please.

GENERAL ITEMS

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS are invited to lunch following the 11:00 a.m. worship service in Fellowship Hall. There will be no cost for the lunch.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ends next Sunday, November 2. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.

JOIN WOMEN'S MINISTRIES tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a view of music at Third Reformed Church from Sunny Boeve and Roger Rietberg. Their unique perspective, due to many years of involvement, will be sometimes humorous, but always informative! It's a program you do not want to miss!

30S AND 40S CLUB HALLOWEEN EVE PARTY FOR CHILDREN 10 YEARS AND UNDER: The 30s and 40s

Club is hosting a Halloween Eve Party in celebration of our families and the fun that Halloween can bring, we invite you to enjoy a potluck supper, costume parade, and other activities! All are welcome – Thursday, October 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Beverages, dessert, and place settings provided. Please sign up in the Gathering Place. If you have any questions, please contact Kara Green, (335-9194, karagreen@hotmail.com) or Lynn Ryder (399-7725, berryryder@yahoo.com).

The special envelope in your offering pack, on November 2, is designated for All Saints' Sunday. This is the one time during the year that we ask the congregation to make a memorial gift in honor of a loved one. The funds are then endowed in our Mission Memorial Fund and will forever aid the global mission of the Reformed Church in America.

WHAT'S FOR DINNER? Sign up for this fun evening of fellowship and dinner with a group of seven or eight at a Third Reformed Church member's home on Friday, November 14. Sign up begins next Sunday, November 2.

The Annual Rietberg Concert will be held on Sunday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m., and will feature two "children" of our church, Jonathan Schakel and Megan Sharp. The first portion of the program will feature works of J.S. Bach and the second half will include music by James Woodman, Ned Rorem, Louis Vierne, and Cesar Franck. They serve as co-Directors of Music at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville, Virginia. Come welcome these two wonderful musicians to Third Reformed Church and bring your friends. A reception will follow the concert.

The Deacons are seeking to help the family of Victor Kanyi who lost their house in a fire. If you are able to help with this need please write a check to Third Reformed Church designated for Victor.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT to safely dispose of any item that has an electrical cord or uses batteries. Items may be dropped off for free (\$10 for TVs) at the First Presbyterian Church parking lot, 659 State St., on Saturday, November 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You can help to keep dangerous materials out of landfills and support Comprenew Environmental, a division of World Wide Christian Schools. Sponsored by West Michigan Creation Care.

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