

**ALL SAINTS' DAY**

November 1, 2009

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                      Rise Up, O Saints of God                      Wayne L. Wold

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Death is swallowed up forever – let us wipe away our tears.

**We remember with thanksgiving all those who are dear to us.**

Our ancestors in faith have laid the foundation for this day.

**We remember with appreciation**

**those who paved the way with their faith.**

Teachers, leaders, grandmothers and grandfathers,  
parents and friends.

**We remember with gratitude God's gifts of people.**

The gifts of many people make us who we are.

**We remember with love and honor**

**the people who blessed us with their lives.**

God brings a new heaven and a new earth –  
let us live with great hope.

**We look to the future in peace,  
even as we remember the past.**

SALUTATION

+\*HYMN OF PRAISE *(see insert)*

Rise Up, O Saints of God!                      Tune: FESTAL SONG

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION *(in unison)*

**Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one  
communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son,  
Christ our Lord: give us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those  
ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love  
you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the  
Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.  
Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION    Psalm 24:3-6

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**Eternal God, you promise to dwell with us forever. You  
promise to wipe away every tear from our eyes. Through the  
prophet Isaiah you invite your people  
to a feast of rich food and well-aged wines.**

**We are slow to rejoice in your promises.**

**We are inattentive to the communion of saints  
surrounding us.**

**O God, forgive us and quicken our hearts.**

**Help us to believe your promises and live into them,  
sustained by all the faithful who live with you in glory.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE      Ephesians 2:19-22

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD IN WORD AND SACRAMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9      p.652

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Revelation 21:      p. 259

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION    *Sing! A New Creation* 106

Soon and Very Soon

Tune: SOON AND VERY SOON

SERMON      "Secularity and Eternal Life"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*responsively*)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty,...

...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Gracious God,...

...now and forever. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION THANKSGIVING (*responsively*)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all ages, ...

...who in life and death have witnessed to your truth,

**we praise you, O God.**

For all your servants who have faithfully served you,

witnessed bravely, and died in faith,

who still are shining lights in the world,

**we praise you, O God.**

For those no longer remembered,  
who earnestly sought you in the darkness,  
who held fast their faith in trial,  
and served others,

**we praise you, O God.**

For those we have known and loved,  
who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope,  
have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,

**we praise you, O God.**

Keep us grateful for their witness...

..one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

\*REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Randall Baar	December 2, 2008
Donald Ihrman	December 2, 2008
Dick Walvoord	December 18, 2008
Laura-Lee Pike	December 24, 2008
Bernice Lievens	January 8, 2009
Harold Van Dyke	February 6, 2009
Ada Ver Hulst	February 12, 2009
Helen Van Zanden	March 21, 2009
Earl Van Lente	March 22, 2009
Barbara Lampen	April 12, 2009
Helen Walvoord	May 23, 2009
William Segrist	June 27, 2009
Carlyle Neckers	July 24, 2009
Jan Bosch	September 8, 2009
Marjorie Rottschafer	October 1, 2009
Brigitte Megow	October 12, 2009

\*TOLLING THE BELL

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 526

For All the Saints (vs. 1-4)

Tune: SINE NOMINE

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Robert A. Hobby

*Lord, You have searched me out and known me!  
You know my sitting down and my rising up.  
You discern my thoughts from afar.*

You trace my journeys and my resting places,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Indeed, there is not a word from my lips,  
but You, O Lord, know it all together.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.  
Where can I go then from Your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from Your presence?  
If I climb to heaven, You are there!  
If I make the grave my bed, You are there also!  
If I take the wings of the morning and dwell at the ends of the sea,  
even there Your hand shall lead me,  
and Your right hand shall hold me fast.  
In Your book were written all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.  
Search me, O God, and know my heart,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

—based on Psalm 139

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

**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* 530

O Lord of Life, Where'er They Be                      Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      For All the Saints                      Arthur Hutchings

+Latecomers will be seated.                      \*Those who are able may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Jerry Mount, prayer of illumination; Karen Holleman, Jon Rietberg, stewardship presentation; Cathy Vander Meer, soloist; Mary Van Voorst, flute; 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 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 Charles and Lois Hunt will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. 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) – Greg, Amanda, Maddie, Emily and Sam Dykhous; (11:00) – Joe, Jane, Jonah, and Timothy Vandermeer, Bob and MaryAlice Ritsema, Kurt, Amy, Maddie, and Taylor Van Allsburg; Ushers – Elliot Tanis, Tom Raar; Deacons – (8:30) Carl Heideman, Marj Hoekstra; (11:00) Karen Holleman, Scott Wolterink, Morrie Peterson, Tom Bos; Refreshment Servers – Scott, Stacey, Madelaine, and Savannah Van Dyke.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Deb and Grace DuMez.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40

**The Spiritual Journey Adult Education Class** is open to all and is experiential, participatory, and practical. Come and go as you are able. Meet in the Centennial Room downstairs.

**Kerygma Bible Study** "Discovering the Bible" in room 22.

**Chapel Presentation Class:** "Ministering to Strangers Who Don't Have the Option of Going Home" presented by Gordon Beld. NEXT WEEK: "The Man in the Box (Noah's Ark in early Christian Life)" presented by John Greenhalgh.

**New Member Orientation**, 9:40-10:40 a.m., office conference room.

EDUCATION HOUR, 9:40-10:40 a.m., nursery care available

4 & 5 year olds	room 15	K & 1 <sup>st</sup> grades	room 8
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	room 6	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	room 10
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	room 9	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	room 11
Senior High	Youth Room		

LITTLE LAMBS: 3 year olds are invited to meet in room 14 at 9:40 a.m.

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 in the chapel during the 8:30 a.m. worship service.

VESPER SERVICE  
6:00 p.m. in the chapel

"Reflection on Calvin's Christian Life"

Worship Leader: John Hesselink

## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir  
9:15 a.m. Youth Choir  
9:40 a.m. Education Hour/New Member Orientation  
10:30 a.m. Children's Choir  
5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir  
6:00 p.m. Vesper Service  
6:30 p.m. Pathfinders (H.S.)

### MONDAY

3:30 p.m. Monday Fun Day

### TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints  
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers  
5:45 p.m. TASC Dinner  
6:30 p.m. TASC Classes/New Member Orientation  
6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group  
6:30 p.m. Passage (High School)  
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee  
7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

### FRIDAY

9:30 a.m. Playgroup  
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. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Brigitte Megow whose died on October 12 in Cullouhee, North Carolina.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Meijer Heart Center – Jack Leenhouts. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Bob Kuiper, Leslie Piaget, Ruth Ter Beek. Out of Town – Ann Romeyn, 2380 Aurora Pond Dr. SW #322, Wyoming, MI 49519; Elisabeth Ten Zythoff, 6447 Franwood Terrace, Fort Worth, TX 76112; Gerry and Corky Tillema, 400 Parkside Dr. #125, Zeeland, MI 49464; Home – Alma Van Lente. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Mark South, Christine Loman.

### **CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY**

Families that would like to have a copy of the Young Disciples feature film “Daniel in the Lion’s Den?” are in luck! Scott Millen will be happy to provide you a copy for a small charge of \$5.00 per disc (to cover media costs). Orders will be accepted between now and November 15. Discs will be delivered by Thanksgiving. Contact Scott at 392-8263 or e-mail him at [scottmillen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scottmillen@sbcglobal.net), and bring your money to the church office.

“OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD” SHOEBOX MISSION PROJECT: Again, this year the children of TASC will be collecting items for “Operation Christmas Child”, gifts to be sent around the world. We will be collecting small toys (matchbox cars, balls, yo-yos, small dolls, stuffed animals, etc); school supplies (pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, small notebooks, small coloring or picture books, etc) and hygiene or personal items (toothbrush/toothpaste, mild bars of soap in plastic bags, combs, brush, washcloths, socks, hair accessories, toy jewelry, etc) and hard candy (must be wrapped). Please remember no liquid or breakable items, please. Thank you so much for you contributions to this TASC project.

### **GENERAL ITEMS**

BLOOD PRESSURE: You will have the chance to have your blood pressure checked next Sunday, November 8 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

RIETBERG ORGAN RECITAL: The annual Rietberg Organ Recital will be on Sunday, November 8 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. James Kibbie, Professor of Organ at the University of Michigan will present a program of organ works by J.S. Bach including C Major Sonata, several chorale preludes, Prelude and Fugue in G Major, Fantasia in G Major, and the Toccata and Fugue in D Minor. There will be reception following the program to meet Dr. Kibbie.

STEWARDSHIP BRUNCH: The congregation is invited to a Stewardship Brunch in Fellowship Hall Sunday, November 15 with the cost covered by a family in the congregation. There will be a serving after the first service approximately 9:40 a.m. and a second serving after the second service approximately 12:10 p.m. Adult Sunday School will not meet on the 15<sup>th</sup>, but there will be Sunday School for children 4 years through Senior High. Nursery will be offered during the 12:10 p.m. serving.

MINDINGS SUNDAY this year is Sunday, November 22. This is an annual Third Reformed Church event when we remember those who have experienced a significant event in their lives during the past year (birth, death, baptism, marriage, confirmation, etc.). Members are asked to bring an unwrapped gift to either of the worship services. It could be a food item, a plant, a craft item, anything you think would be special.

Copies of the November/December edition of the Upper Room are in the literature racks in the narthex and Gathering Place. Please take a copy when you leave today.

Hope Church warmly invites the churches in their vicinity to an Open House. Join them in exploring some of the resources available in our community to help support racial reconciliation and celebrate our ethnic and multicultural diversity. As Hope Church is learning more about ways we can respond to God's call to seek unity and celebrate diversity, they want to share this opportunity with their neighboring congregations as well. Come to Hope Church, 77 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St., on Saturday, November 14, anytime from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for casual conversation with local agencies and programs – a cup of coffee too.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING: West Michigan Creation care is sponsoring another E-recycle event with Comprenew Environmental on Saturday November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event will be held at St. Francis. Again most anything with a plug or batteries is accepted free of charge. However, there is a \$10 for televisions and no major appliances or dehumidifiers can be accepted.

**THIRD REFORMED CHURCH**

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