

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 17, 2010

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 Morning Star, How Fair and Bright Mark Sedio

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

How priceless is your love, O God!
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 454

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word Tune: LIEBSTER JESU

*PRAYER OF ADORATION *(in unison)*

**Great God,
your mercy is an unexpected miracle.
Help us to believe and obey,
that we may be filled with the wine of new life,
promised in the power of Jesus Christ our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. 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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**Lord, you intend that we live fully
yet we are reluctant to open our hands
to receive your abundance.
We prefer to do things for ourselves
and to trust that we know what is best.
Pursuing our own desires, we have turned from you
and still we wonder why we feel empty?
Forgive our sins. Fill us again.
May your grace spill over into our lives
so that we may gratefully accept what you offer
and live thankfully in the manner of Jesus. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Jeremiah 33:8

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE I Corinthians 12:1-11

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 62:1-5

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:1-11

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION (*see insert*)

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

SERMON

“What Good Is This Miracle?”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (*responsively*)

We sing to our Lord a new song;
we sing in our world a sure hope:

Our God loves this world,

God called it into being,

God renews it through Jesus Christ,

God governs it by the Spirit.

God is the world's true hope.

We are a people of hope
waiting for the return of the Lord.

God has come to us
through the ancient people of Israel,
as the true Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth,
as the Holy Spirit at work in our world.

Our Lord speaks to us now through the inspired Scriptures.

Christ is with us day by day.

Come, Lord Jesus:

We are open to your Spirit.

We await your full presence.

Our world finds rest in you alone. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

J.S. Bach

Jesus, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright,
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
With the fire of life impassioned, striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying, round thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding,
Hark, what peaceful music rings,
Where the flock in thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own, in the love of joys unknown.

—Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION (*see insert*)

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* 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Tune: NETTLETON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright Max Drischner

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

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Marcia Forsman, prayer of 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. 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.

The flowers at the chancel today are given by Al and Jane Osman.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others Jane Dykstra and Alan Beagley 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) – Harold and Nancy Gazan; (11:00) – Al and Maria Gonzales, Grant Josie, and Colton Cheney, Connor and Claudia Heidenreich, Jane Dykstra, Marcia Forsman; Ushers – Linda Jacobs, Diane De Vries; Deacons – (8:30) Carl Heideman, Jon Bethel; (11:00) Scott Wolterink, Jim Hensley, Brett Holleman, Morrie Peterson; Refreshment Servers – Roger and Janet De Young.

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

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

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

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

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: “God and the Holocaust” led by Milton Nieuwsma. NEXT WEEK: “The Practice of Piety: The History of Theology in the Midwestern Reformed Church in America 1866-1966” led by Gene Heideman.

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.

VESPER SERVICE
6:00 p.m. in the chapel
“Hymnsing”
Worship Leader: Mike Van Doornik

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Matins Choir
- 9:15 a.m. Youth Choir
- 9:40 a.m. Education Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Children’s Choir
- 12:15 p.m. Third Sunday Pizza Lunch
- 12:15 p.m. Housing Information Meeting in the chapel
- 3:00 p.m. Japanese Worship – WTS
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Vesper Service
- 6:30 p.m. Pathfinders (H.S.)

MONDAY

- Office Closed
- 3:30 p.m. Monday Fun Day
- 7:30 p.m. Martha Circle at Betty Balk’s
(10962 Cranberry Ct., Zeeland)

TUESDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Consistory

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
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Gifts & Memorials Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Children and Family Team
- 7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministries

FRIDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Playgroup (Guest Speaker: Marilyn Brown)

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.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – Libby Boven, Ruth Ter Beek. Alma Van Lente is at Tendercare. Ruth Ter Beek is now under the care of Hospice. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Bob Kuiper, Leslie Piaget. The Inn –

Jantina Holleman, Jack Leenhouts, Dorothy Sheets, Crystal Teague. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Christine Munoz.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

TASC CHILDREN: Please bring a container (coffee can, plastic butter tub, oatmeal box, etc.), to create a “noisemaker”, to TASC this week.

A DVD of the 2009 Children’s Christmas Program will soon be available. If you would like a copy of the program, please sign up in the Gathering Place and we will have it for you next week. Suggested donation: \$5.00 to be used for Children’s Ministry programming.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES TEAM MEETING: This Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel. We invite all who are passionate about ministry to children and their families to this initial meeting. Come help us vision and develop ministry for our children in this new decade. Child care will be provided for this meeting. Please contact Joyce Fry (joycefry@trcholland.org) for further information.

FRIDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP (10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) in the Fellowship Hall) will be having a guest speaker on January 22. Marilyn Brown, head of Children’s Services at Herrick District Library, will talk with us about children’s books and will provide helpful information and advice on how to select and enjoy quality books for and with young kids. Anyone is welcome to attend!

GENERAL ITEMS

THIRD SUNDAY PIZZA LUNCH will be next Sunday, January 17 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

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.

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

PRAISE TEAM: Anyone interested in being part of the Wednesday night Praise Team please contact Mark Faga as soon as possible (h-510-5437 or w-392-1459). We’re in need of all interested singers/musicians but specifically in need of a drummer and guitarist. We rehearse 30 minutes prior to dinner (5:15 p.m.) and again for 15 minutes after we sing.

Third Reformed Church members help to staff the soup kitchen at Western Theological Seminary on Mondays and Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Substitutes are often needed. If you are interested in being a part of this compassionate ministry to the homeless or anyone in need of a meal, please call the church office or Lois Van Lare, 396-5481.

BAKERS NEEDED: We have 40 cakes to be made and delivered in February. If you are able to help with this please see Sandy Stielstra in the Gathering Place today.

Even here in Holland there are homeless families living in shelters, tents, cars – or worse – and many are on waiting lists for housing. We can help. Third has long been a housing partner with Good Samaritan Ministries, but one of the two houses we own was lost to fire. Please come to a meeting in the chapel after the 11:00 service TODAY to discuss ways we can make a difference! (Feel free to bring your pizza.)

It’s that time of the year again for the All Church Retreat (March 5-7). This is a time for all members of all ages to come together for a fun-filled weekend at Young Life’s Timberwolf Lake Camp. The cost is \$75.00 for adults, \$37.50 for children 4-12, \$150 for the Adult Guest Lodge and a \$200 family maximum. Transportation will be available. This is a weekend you don’t want to miss. Sign-up begins today in the

Gathering Place.

PIGS & PASTRIES: Women's Ministries will be making pigs-in-the-blanket on February 4 and 5. You can place your order with the Women's Ministries representative in the Gathering Place after the services on January 17, 24, and 31 or by calling the church office during the week. You will be able to pick up your order on Friday, February 5 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and on Saturday, February 6, before or after the WMTR program. The cost for one dozen is \$7.00, which can be paid at the time of pick-up. When you pick up your order of pigs-in-the-blanket, you will also be able to purchase a variety of home-baked goods. All proceeds from "Pigs & Pastries" will go to outreach and mission projects supported by WMTR.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER VOLLEYBALL will not meet this week because of Pizza Lunch. We will meet again next week at 3:00 p.m.

Ward 2 Forum on Energy, Water and Sustainable Community, Tuesday, January 19, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Church – Mayor Kurt Dykstra is inviting the Holland community to a series of forums on Energy, Water, and Sustainability. His goal is a shared "vision of a sustainable community and the steps needed to ensure it." (More information on the City of Holland website.) Please consider attending our Ward 2 Forum and giving voice to the vision you hold as a person of faith.

Attend the Calvin College January series simulcast beginning January 6 and continuing weekdays through January 26 in the Gathering Place at Christ Memorial Church, 595 Graafschap Rd. Each lecture will be shown via a "live feed" from Calvin College from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Christ Memorial is one of 28 remote webcast sites across the continent. For information about the speakers and topics, visit the January Series website at www.calvin.edu/january or contact pauls@christmemorial.org. Don't miss out on this chance to experience the renowned January Series without the drive to Grand Rapids.

Celebrate this Valentine's Day. Resolve to start a new/deeper love affair with your spouse that's beyond your wildest dreams. It can happen on a Reformed Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up soon and renew your love for one another. The next weekend will be held in Holland, MI February 12-14 or March 19-21. For more information, or to register online, go to www.reformedme.org or contact Jim and Kathy Molenkamp at 616-538-2749 or michigan_registration@reformedme.org.

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