

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 24, 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.*

GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Praise the Lord!

How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

He heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.

**He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their name.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

**The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.**

—Psalm 147:1-6

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 478

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Tune: LAUDAANIMA

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*responsively*)

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.

Do you believe in God the Holy spirit?

**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.

WELCOME (*in unison*)

Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ.

Join with us as we give witness

**in the world to the good news,
for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Alleluia.**

*SONG OF DISCIPLESHIP *Sing! A New Creation* 267 (vs. 1, 2, & 5)
Will You Come and Follow Me? Tune: KELVINGROVE

LAMENT AND ASSURANCE

PRAYER FOR LAMENT (*in unison*)

**God of love, God of mercy, God of all power!
Why do you let your people die—
your people whom you have redeemed?
Why do you let the earth suffer—
the earth you have created in your sovereign power?
Lord, look and see the misery of the earthquake
that is ravaging your people;
look and see these children, these women and men
who are dying from catastrophe
and who cry to you in their need.
Give them, we pray, according to your grace
and according to their need, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

SONG OF LAMENT *Sing! A New Creation* 203 O Lord, Hear My Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Psalm 46:1-7

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE Micah 6:8

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS: Job 8:1-7; Job 5:17-20; Job 21:7-16
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:18-25 p. 158
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*HYMN OF PREPARATION (*see insert*)
In Haiti There Is Anguish Tune: ST. CHRISTOPHER

SERMON "Haiti, Earthquakes, and God"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO GOD

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 592
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

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* 407

When a Poor One

Tune: EL CAMINO

*BENEDICTION Philippians 4:7, 23

POSTLUDE

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

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Ryan Baker, 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. Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

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

We joyfully welcome the following members into our Christian faith community this morning: Michael (adult baptism) and Amanda Clark (transfer) and baptized daughters Ally, Tori, and Livie. There will be a receiving line after the worship service where you may greet these new members.

Receiving the sacrament of baptism this morning is Makayla Rose, daughter of Michael and Amanda Clark. We welcome her with joy into our covenant community.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others Ed and Sandy Stielstra 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) – John and Mary Amell; (11:00) – Tom and Joyce Bolhuis, Phyllis Bruggers, Jane Hunter, Chris, Lorna, and Justis Cook; Ushers – Skip and Jane Keeter; Deacons – (8:30) Jon Rietberg, Jon Bechtel; (11:00) Karen Holleman, Jim Vander Meer, Morrie Peterson, Jim Hensley; Refreshment Servers – Jason, Adriann, Jillian, and Miles Divozzo.

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

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.

We have completed the Old Testament and are ready to begin the New Testament. If there are people who would like to join the journey of the New Testament for winter and spring please join us, from 9:40-10:40 a.m. in room 22 (lower level), or please see Pastor Kent.

Chapel Presentation Class: “The Practice of Piety: The History of Theology in the Midwestern Reformed Church in America 1866-1966” led by Gene Heideman. NEXT WEEK: “A Visual History of Western Theological Seminary” led by Dennis Voskuil.

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 in the chapel during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

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

“Service Learning Trip to Detroit”

Worship Leaders: Middle School and Senior High Youth Group

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
3:00 p.m. Mother/Daughter Volleyball
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

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. Special Education Ministries

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly
10:00 a.m. Playgroup

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 to George and Joyce Magee in the death of George’s brother, William Magee, on January 10 in the Detroit area.

CONGRATULATIONS to Terry and Jennifer Kroll on the birth of a son, Henry James, on January 15.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Ruth Ter Beek has returned home from the hospital. Libby Boven is now at The Inn. Jack Leenhouts has returned home from The Inn. Pray for – Bob Brinks, Bob Kuiper, Leslie Piaget. Out of Town – Ann Romeyn, 2380 Aurora Ponds Dr. SW #322, Wyoming, MI 49519; Elisabeth Ten Zythoff, 6447 Franwood Terrace, Ft. Worth, TX 76112; Royal Park Atrium – Gerry & Corky Tillema. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Christine Munoz.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

SLIDDING THIS WEDNESDAY: Kids of TASC and other children in our church are invited to our sledding event this Wednesday, January 27 (if sledding conditions are favorable). We will be leaving the church at 6:30 p.m. and returning by 8:00 p.m. Dress for outdoor weather and bring your plastic sleds and sliding tubes. We invite parents and friends to come along, and encourage parents of younger children to attend. Alternate date if conditions are not favorable is Wednesday, February 3. For more information contact Deb DuMez, Anna Beird, or Joyce Fry.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DVDs are now available. Please contact Joyce Fry or meet her at the table in the Gathering Place after the 11:00 a.m. service today.

GENERAL ITEMS

DEACON RELIEF FOR HAITI: Deacons are encouraging the congregation to go to www.rca.org to contribute to Haiti relief or stop by the table in the Gathering Place for more information. The church is planning to put together emergency kits for disaster relief.

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.

OOPS: Would the person/persons who have cakes #228 and #237 please call Sandy Stielstra at 335-9614 and let her know! It is necessary for the record keeping. Thanks!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: Librarian, Chris Walvoord, has planned a program, "By Way of Books," which she and others will present on Saturday, February 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the library. Refreshments will be served at 9:30. All women are encouraged to attend.

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.

It's that time of the year again for the All Church Retreat (March 5-7). This is a time for members of all ages to come together for a fun-filled weekend at Young Life's Timberwolf Lake Camp. The cost is \$100.00 for adults, \$50.00 for children 4-12, \$150 for the Adult Guest Lodge and a \$250 family maximum. Transportation will be available. This is a weekend you don't want to miss. Sign-up begins today in the Gathering Place.

The book club at the All Church Retreat will be reading Frederick Buechner's "Telling Secrets," led by Mark Hiskes.

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 today and January 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.

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