

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 8, 2012

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WE APPROACH GOD THROUGH BAPTISM

PRELUDE Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie Maurice Duruflé

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

A voice came out of the cloud, saying:

This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him.

Because we are baptized in Christ,
we are God's children.

Let us worship God.

PRAYER

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* (red) 495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Tune: ENGELBERG

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**Creator of all worlds,
we confess to sporadic beliefs and inconsistent faithfulness.
In the face of natural inclinations and cruel inhumanity
we doubt love reigns.**

**Between our own action and the best we know
we see a wide gap that we cannot bridge.**

O God, reclaim us and help us to reclaim our baptism;

We need your healing, forgiving, transforming Spirit. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Romans 8:15-17

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE Matthew 22:37-40

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

PROCLAMATION OF GOD IN WORD AND REMEMBRING OUR BAPTISM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:4-11

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This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 492

Baptized in Water

Tune: BUNESSAN

SERMON "Fringe, Vegan Baptizers and Other Oddities"

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE FOR OUR BAPTISM

*REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS: (*responsively*)

Let us give thanks for the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of heaven and earth...

that Christ is Savior of the world and our Lord.

**Accept all we have and are, O God,
in the service of Jesus Christ,
and strengthen us with your Spirit's power, now and forever.
Amen.**

Trusting in the gracious promises of God,
do you renounce sin and the power of evil
in your life and in the world?

I renounce them.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love?

God being my helper, I will.

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.**

INVITATION TO THE WATER

(sung)

Tune: LYONS

**Confirm us, O God, as seekers of light,
New saints in your church who strive for the right.
True Ground of our being, illumine each mind,
So doubting or trusting your mercy we find.**

**Refresh us, O God, in body and soul;
Baptize us with love to make each one whole.
Through symbols of water, of bread, and of vine,
We know your true presence and power divine.**

**Unite us, O God, in covenant ways,
The body of Christ responding in praise.
Diverse in our backgrounds, in sex and in race,
Yet now we are one through the gift of your grace.**

—M. Dosia Carlson Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-703249

CHARGE

Lead a life worthy of the calling ...in the bond of peace.

**We have put on Christ,
in whom we have been baptized. Alleluia!**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Anton Wilhelm Leupold

ANTHEM

Michael Bedford

Jesus, autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.

(Today, Jesus returned to the Jordan.)

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende. (This is my son, listen to him.)

When Jesus Christ baptized was,
the Holy Ghost descended with grace;
The Father's voice was heard in this place:

There were three Persons and one Lord,
the Son baptized with one accord,
The Father said this blessed word:

Now, Jesu, as thou art both God and man,
and were baptized in from Jordan,
at our last end we pray three, say then:

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

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS 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

Tune: NETTLETON

**Joined together as one body knit together, we are one.
We the church, God's chosen body
live our faith in Christ, the Son. We are called to be disciples!
We are called to live in love!
Bring your hearts and minds, disciples,
dedicate your lives to love.**

**Joined together by the Spirit, every person brings a gift.
Every life is full of merit; hearts of gratitude we lift.
We are called to be the faithful! We are called to live in love!
Such an honor to be faithful, full of life and full of love.**

**Joined together, all embracing, yet our separate selves we bring;
On our hearts our God is tracing words
of love that make us sing.
We are called to be God's servants! We are called to live in love!
Such an honor to be servants, ever faithful in God's love.**

**Joined together as one body, knit together, we are one.
Still, each person in Christ's body will remain a separate one.
We are called to be God's people! We are called to live in love!
Always longing, as God's people,
for God's gracious, healing love.**

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE All Who Believe and are Baptised Richard Proulx

+Latecomers will be seated.

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kama Jongerius, preaching; Rev. Kent Fry, liturgist; Carol Triezenberg, prayer for 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.

COFFEE SUNDAY: As we enter into 2012 we found it fitting to introduce at this time our newest complimentary upgrade to your fellowship experience at Third Reformed Church. Starting this week we will be serving Simpatico Coffee brewed in our new Bunn Coffee brewers, served with real cream! Please enjoy a cup following the service. If you would like to know more about this new 'complimentary upgrade' please stop in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-9:45 a.m. this morning OR come to Vespers tonight at 6pm. Alex Fink, owner of Simpatico Coffee, will be with us for a short presentation at each time. Special thanks to the Coffee Team, and the Fellowship committee for this service. If you would like to join coffee team please contact the church office.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Jerry and Betty Van Wyngarden 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) Gene and Mary Heideman; (11:00) Roger and Janet De Young, Jon, Deb, Claire, David, Jacob, and Elijah Van Duinen, Gerry and Nina Albers; Ushers – Urs, Martha, Benjamin, and Ellie-Rose Waldvogel; Deacons (8:30) Carl Heideman, Sarah Boersen, (11:00) Dan Bolt, Jason Divozzo, Cindy Hiskes, Karen Holleman; Refreshment Servers – Bill and Barb Tenpas.

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

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

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

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. Pastor Kama Jongerius, facilitator. Meet in the Centennial Room downstairs.

Bible Study: "Books of Joshua and Judges" in room 22. Amanda Dykhouse and Edward Leche, facilitators.

Chapel Presentation Class: "Grace-Filled Dysfunctions: Families Then and Now" led by Dr. Jaco Hamman.

LITTLE LAMBS, for 3 year olds, (3 before 12/1/11) meets during the 11:00 worship time. Little Lamb children will be dismissed from the sanctuary with the Children and Worship children and will proceed to their room (room 14). Parents should pick up their children immediately after the second service. Thank you.

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 room 20 during the 8:30 a.m. worship service.

VESPER SERVICE

6:00 p.m. in the chapel

“Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings”

Brief presentation on Eco-Coffee

Worship Leader: Pastor Kent Fry

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Matins Choir
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir
- 9:40 a.m. Education Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Children’s Choir
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Chimes
- 6:00 p.m. Vesper Service

MONDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Playgroup – nursery
- 12:00-6:00 p.m. Blood Drive
- 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle

TUESDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Ruth Circle at Phyllis Brown’s home
(297 Winter Oaks West)
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Hannah/Elizabeth Circles

WEDNESDAY

- 6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
- 8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers - Fellowship Hall
- 1:30 p.m. Rachel Circle
- 5:45 p.m. TASC Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. TASC Classes
- 6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m. Passages (H.S.)
- 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

- 7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry Orientation

FRIDAY

- 7:00 a.m. S & A Ministry Group

PERSONAL

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Place the requests in the prayer box or offering plate. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

SYMPATHY is extended to Rich and Marcia Bishop in the death of Rich’s brother, Dale Bishop, on December 25.

Pray for Lorene Duin as she begins a short term mission assignment in India.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Resthaven Care Center – Arnolda Otting, Roger Prins, Vesta Speet.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

“MAZE DAYS” TASC CHILDREN’S PROGRAM: Join us in Egypt as we “travel” with Moses, from infancy to becoming a great leader. Discover how Moses learned to trust God and follow God’s ways. TASC begins on Wednesday, January 11, 5:45 (dinner); 6:30-7:45 (program). For all children aged 4 years through the fifth grade. Invite a friend and join us for this “a-mazing” adventure.

TASC: TASC (Third's After Supper Club) dinner and classes will resume for the second semester this Wednesday, January 11. Dinner is served at 5:45 p.m. Classes begin for all ages at 6:30 p.m. Classes for adults include: Sanctuary Choir, Knitting Ministry, and a Bible Study class. **TASC WEATHER POLICY:** If Holland Public Schools are cancelled on a Wednesday due to weather there will be no TASC dinner or classes. Cancellations will be announced on WHTC and WOOD TV 8.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DVD'S: The Children's Christmas Program, "A Very Mary Christmas," will be available soon. If you would like a DVD, please sign the sheet in the Gathering Place. A suggested donation to cover the cost is \$5.00.

GENERAL ITEMS

BLOOD PRESSURE: You will have the chance to have your blood pressure checked this morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

THIRD SUNDAY PIZZA LUNCH will be next Sunday, January 15, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER: Next Sunday, January 15 non-perishable food and other necessities will be collected for our monthly food drive. Donated items can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering Place.

THIRD REFORMED CHURCH OF HOLLAND is seeking a Church Administrator who will be responsible for managing the business affairs of the church and working with church members and staff to achieve the church's mission objectives. Responsibilities include Personnel, Facilities, Financial, and Office Management. This is a 25-30 hour/week, exempt position. Ordination is not required, but the role should be viewed as a form of ministry. A Bachelor's degree is required, as well as, excellent communication skills and experience with common office computer systems. Experience working in a position of leadership with volunteer organizations is desired. Express your interest in this position, by January 15, by calling, 392-1459, or e-mailing Kristen in the church office.

We are encouraging the congregation to consider the daily common lectionary readings. Pick up a schedule of readings for the season of Christmas and Epiphany in the Gathering Place.

BLOOD DRIVE: Sign up today in the Gathering Place to give blood at the Blood Drive on Monday, January 9, 12:00-5:45 p.m.

The Adult Bible Study class will begin a new study of the books of Joshua and Judges this morning. Newcomers are welcome, especially in the first few weeks. The class meets during the Sunday School hour in room 22, below the sanctuary. The study book cost \$12-13, or whatever you can contribute. The class is facilitated by Amanda Dykhouse (awdykhouse@yahoo.com) and Edward Leche.

OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed on Monday, January 16, for Martin Luther King Day.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: Those interested in exploring membership at Third Reformed church are invited to a four week orientation that begins Sunday, January 29 during the education hour, 9:40-10:40 a.m. Child care is available. We will meet in the office conference room. Pastor Kent will lead the sessions. If you have any questions or need more information, call Pastor Kent at 392-1459.

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