

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen (A rose has sprung up) Johannes Brahms

VOTUM

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING *(responsively)*

God told the old faithful priest...Our hope is in you alone.

Dear God,

we are waiting for your Son, Jesus.

As we wait;

help us be patient.

Help us be still.

Help us be full of your light.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit.

Make us more like you--hopeful, peaceful, joyful, loving.

We love you Lord.

Amen.

SALUTATION

*+HYMN OF PRAISE 56 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Tune: STUTTGART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsively)*

O God we want you to come. We want you to come quickly.

We don't want you to wait anymore. We desire for your world to be restored and your kingdom to come. But a part of us is fearful of this God.

Your nearness to us reminds us of our brokenness.

Your words of renewal remind us of our words of destruction.

Your promise of fidelity reminds us of our promises broken.

Your actions of love to draw people to yourself,
remind us of all the times we have pushed others away.

Your spirit of peace reminds us of our violence.

Forgive us God. As we long for your coming,
we pray that you make us more like your Son Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN 480 Wait for the Lord
Tune: WAIT FOR THE LORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Echoes”

The Response to God

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

Holy and right it is....we worship and adore your
glorious 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.

Most righteous God...

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

COMMUNION

HYMN: 73

Dona Nobis Pacem

Tune: DONA NOBIS PACEM

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

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.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Laura McMullen, Jim VanderMeer, Lynne Bonnette

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Debbie and Dan Rooks will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer located in the south hallway on the main level.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP: Our Children and Worship Program for children aged 4 through the 2nd grade continues today during the 10:00 service. Our Worship Center program takes place in Room 2. (Downstairs: Take the Northwest staircase down to the lower level. The room is the first door to your right.)

EDUCATION HOUR, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

nursery care available

Preschool-First Grade room 2

Second-Fifth Grade

room 1

6th-8th grades

room 11

Senior High

Youth Room

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 11:15-12:15

Mosaic: Our Interconnectivity with God" led by Debra Rienstra.

This class meets in the sanctuary. Next Week: "Messiah" led by Carol Bechtel

"The Corinthian Correspondence: The Cross Changes Everything" meets in room 22. Class led by George Hunsberger

EL ENCUENTRO (EN ESPAÑOL): Les invitamos a las 11:30 a.m. a reunirnos en la presencia del Señor, escuchar su Palabra y orar juntos. Favor de invitar a sus familiares y vecinos-- ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Nos reuniremos en **Fellowship Hall**. (gimnasio). ¡Nos vemos!

*[Translation] **EL ENCUENTRO (SPANISH GATHERING)** We invite you to join us at 11:30 a.m. to spend time in the presence of God through his Word, and to pray together. Feel free to invite your family and friends-- everyone is welcome! We meet in the **Fellowship Hall**. See you! English translation via headset is available.*

The Week Ahead

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Kamerkoor
11:15 a.m. Education Hour
11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Ministry/El Encuentro
5:00 p.m. Carillon Choir
7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. History Book Group

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Board Meeting
6:15 p.m. Governing Elders Meeting
7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

7:30 p.m. JET Steering Team
7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (zoom)
5:30 p.m. Parents' Night Out

Thursday

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints

Congregational News

Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

Please remember to have someone notify the church office when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 392-1459.

SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of JoAnn Bremer who died on November 26 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri .

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital-Tom Ten Hoeve. Pray for Lucille Schroeder. Hospice-Lois Jalving. The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Martha Beld, Margaret Doorenbos, Jack Kuiper, A.E. Lacy, Mary Heideman. Missionaries-Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

YOU'RE INVITED: The Holland High School Vocal Dimensions will join us on Tuesday, December 6 at 11:15 AM, in the Gathering Place, for a holiday performance. Come listen to Christmas music and support the Third Church students who are part of this vocal group. There will be a cookie reception following the performance. Bus transportation will be available from Freedom Village.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT: December 7 will be a Parents' Night Out. Drop your kids off at 5:30 for food and fun and spend your night tackling your list and checking it twice! Pick up is at 7:30.

CHOIR CAROL SERVICE: This special service, on Sunday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m., is designed for the congregation to join in on every carol. Paired with scripture readings, the service is designed to bring us further into the expectant waiting of the Advent Season. We will enjoy a cookies and punch reception after this service.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: We hope you will be willing to show your hospitality to both our congregation and community members by volunteering to help meet our holiday season event needs.

Bakers Needed!

We need cookies and/or bars for the receptions after the Choir Carol Service and Christmas Eve 5:00 Service. [Go to](https://tinyurl.com/mrxpr6mn) <https://tinyurl.com/mrxpr6mn> or call the church office to let us know if you're willing to help in this way. Please mark on your container if your dessert has nuts or is gluten-free.

Set Up/Servers/Clean Up Volunteers Needed!

We are also in need of volunteers to set-up, serve, and clean up for these events. [Visit](https://tinyurl.com/3jyzjbjw) <https://tinyurl.com/3jyzjbjw> or call the church office to let us know if you're willing to help in this way.

MICROPANTRY: Thank you so much for your support! The following are items we are currently in need of: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, hand wipes, canned meats, baked beans. Please: No more peanut butter or jelly until the spring. Apparently freezing weather does bad things to these items.

ATTENTION ALL: Women's Ministries has put up the "giving tree" for the month of December. Please think about what you may like to make or donate for this cause. Some of your gifts will go to Third Reformed Church people, the rest will be distributed by Community Action House free to those in need.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Come and enjoy, "A Very Mixed Up Christmas Pageant," our children's interpretation of the events of Christmas, on Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m. in this fun yet meaningful pageant that tells again of Christ's coming into this world. This pageant will be followed with a pizza dinner for all. Don't miss it!

Congregational News

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: Our 5:00 p.m. service will feature children in a live nativity as the scriptures about the birth of our Savior are read aloud. We will enjoy a cookies and punch reception after this service. At 11:00 p.m. we will enjoy a traditional candle light Christmas Eve service.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES: This year Christmas falls on a Sunday, and we will gather at our normal time, 10:00 a.m., for worship. Due to this fact, there will be no reception after the 11:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. Please note: there will not be El Encuentro Spanish worship on Christmas Day.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: The church office will be closed from Friday, December 23 through Monday, January 2. Emails and voice mails will be checked during that time. If you have need to visit the church the week following Christmas, please make arrangements ahead of time so a staff member can meet you.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER: The Youth are going away!!!!...on mission trips and retreats! The Youth of TRC are preparing for middle and high school retreats and mission trips this upcoming year. On January 20th, 2023 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, the Youth will be hosting a Student Sponsor-thon! Students have been training hard, honing their skills, and preparing to offer their gifts to the highest bidder! Everyone, and we mean EVERYONE, is invited to this fundraising event to help the youth of TRC! Come join us for a time of hors d'oeuvres (fancy word for appetizers) served by the youth, a program on the various trips youth will take, and....drum roll, please....bid on youth provided skills such as babysitting, shoveling, baking, dog walking, and so much more, during the silent auction portion of the event! Our goal is to raise \$6,000! Please consider donating to help the youth of TRC experience the love of God through service, learning, and community, as they take part in the retreats and mission trips both domestically and internationally! Please contact Hunter Brumels, hunter.brumels@trcholland.org, if you would like more information.