

Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God/Ante Dios

PRELUDE/PRELUPIO

Joy to the World

arr. by Lennie Niehaus

WELCOME/BIENVENIDA

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP from Isaiah/Isaías 9:2-7 *(in unison)*

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors

and all the garments rolled in blood

shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,

a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders,

and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Great will be his authority,

and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

SALUTATION/SALUDOS

*+CAROL/CANTO 80 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Tune: MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;

peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”

Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;

with the angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel. *Refrain*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild, he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE/EL SALUDO DE PAZ

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

La paz de Cristo esté con vosotros. **Y tambien contigo.**
(La congregación puede intercambiar la Paz.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN *(in unison)*

Almighty God,
we confess that our hearts have not been open
to all that you have revealed to us in the nativity of your Son.
You see Christ to be born as a helpless Child,
and yet we have not attended to suffering of children.
You chose humble Mary to be mother of our Lord Jesus,
and yet we have not attended to the struggles of women.
The holy family could find not room in Bethlehem but a stable,
and we have not attended to the cry of the homeless.
You announced your birth to lowly shepherds, yet we ignore those who tend our
farms and fields. Forgive our lack of attention, and free us for joyful compassion,
that we may know Christ in serving others.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.
—from Feasting on the Word.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE/ASEGURANZA DE PERDÓN from Psalm/Salmo 98

CAROL/CANTO 81 Angels from the Realms of Glory
Tune: REGENT SQUARE

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
you, who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth:

Refrain

come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light: *Refrain*

Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star: *Refrain*

Though an infant now we view him, he will share his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him; every knee shall then bow down: *Refrain*

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: *Refrain*

CHILDREN'S TIME/TIEMPO PARA LOS NIÑOS

The Word of God/La Palabra de Dios

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION/ORACIÓN PARA LA PALABRA

SCRIPTURE/ESCRITURA: John/Juan 1:1-4

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

Este es el evangelio de nuestro Señor. **Alabado seas, O Cristo.**

SERMON/SERMÓN

“Echoes: We've Been Told”

The Response to God/Nuestra Respuesta a Dios

*CAROL/CANTO: 90 How Great Our Joy
Tune: JUNGST

**While by the sheep we watched at night,
glad tidings brought an angel bright.**

Refrain

How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!

Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

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**There shall be born, so he did say,
in Bethlehem a child today. *Refrain***

**There shall the child lie in a stall,
this child who shall redeem us all. *Refrain***

**This gift of God we'll cherish well,
that ever joy our hearts shall fill. *Refrain***

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ANUNCIOS & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING/OFRENDA

OFFERTORY/OFERTORIO Away in a Manger arr. by Lennie Niehaus

*DOXOLOGY 965

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/ & THE LORD'S PRAYER/

ORACIÓN DE LA CONGREGACIÓN Y LA ORACIÓN DE “PADRE NUESTRO”

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.

Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos; Santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino, hagase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo danos hoy el pan de este día,
y perdona nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos
a nuestros deudores. Y no nos dejes caer en al tentación
más que libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es la honra,
la gloria y el poder por todos siglos. Amen.

*CAROL/CANTO 98 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*BENEDICTION/BENDICION

POSTLUDE/POSTLUDIO God Rest You Merry arr. by Aaron Shows

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.
*Puede ponerse de pie.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, Rev. Angel Lopez, liturgists and translators; Loretta Sue Krieger, prayer for illumination; Bruce Formsma, trumpet; 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.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Lynne Bonnette, Jane Johnson Keeter, Jim VanderMeer

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Marcia Calliccoat and Carl Folkert 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 and all Education classes will not meet today. Classes resume on Sunday, January 8, at 11:15 a.m.

The Week Ahead

Monday-Friday Church Office Closed

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study

8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)

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.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Zeeland Hospital-Herb Pollock. Barb Piaget is at Vista Springs. Pray for Lucille Schroeder. Hospice-Lois Jalving, Sue Ten Hoeve. The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Martha Beld, Margaret Doorenbos, Jack Kuiper, A.E. Lacy, Mary Heideman, Eileen Resch, Esther DePree. Missionaries-John & Lynne Hubers (Ethiopia), Angel Lopez (Mexico).

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: The church office will not have reception hours this week. While staff will be working, it will be both from home and in the office and on varying schedules. If you have need to visit the church this week, please make arrangements ahead of time so a staff member can meet you. Also, please note the office is completely closed on Monday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday; as well as Friday, December 30, and Monday, January 2, for the New Year's holiday.

YEAR-END GIVING: If you are planning to make year-end gifts to Third Reformed Church and want them credited to your giving record in 2022, checks need to be dated (and postmarked, if mailed) December 31 or earlier and received at the church prior to January 6. With staff working remotely between December 23 and January 3, you may also place contributions in the offering plates or in the USPS drop box outside the main door during that time. As January 1 falls on a Sunday, we will use the date on your check for the year in which to credit your gift. If you are giving shares of stock, the stock should be received in the church's account by December 30 (last business day before year-end). Instructions for a donation of shares of stock are available in the church office. If you are giving a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA, remember your trustee will need time to process your request and mail the check by December 31 for your gift to count in 2022.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Please pick up your giving envelopes for 2023. They are on the tables near the north windows of the Gathering Place. Envelopes for members participating in EFT are on the right side. To avoid confusion, please do not use new envelopes until January 1, 2023. If you haven't already turned in your pledge card for 2023, we encourage you to do so soon. Extra copies are available in the church office if needed.

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 coming 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.

FLOWER CALENDAR: If you would like to provide flowers in honor or memory of someone for the Sunday worship services, please sign up on the flower chart in the church office or call the church office, 392-1459.

Wondering about membership at Third? If you are brand new, or even already quite familiar with TRC, you may have questions about what it would look like to take the next step of membership commitment. We would love to hear how God has been leading you, talk through any questions, and share with you about our Reformed faith tradition, church organization, and ways you can get involved! We intend to offer an evening Inquirer's Series for prospective new members starting in mid-January 2023, with a small group already forming, and room for more! The specific dates will be arranged between the pastors and interested participants. To sign up or ask questions, please email Pastor Janelle at janelle.lopezk@trcholland.org.

CELEBRATE THE
New Year
WITH US

Join us on
Sunday, January 1
for a delicious
International Brunch
at 12:30, following the
El Encuentro service.

There's no obligation
to bring anything,
but if you have a
favorite dish
you want to share,
please email us at
at office@trcholland.org,
to let us know.

*We hope to
see you there!*