

# First Sunday after Epiphany: Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 2023

10:00 a.m.

## The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Largo

Betty Roe

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP from Isaiah 60:1-3, 16, 17b-19 (*responsively*)

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth  
and thick darkness the peoples,

**but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.**

Nations shall come to your light  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

**..and you shall know that I, the Lord, am your Savior  
and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.**

I will appoint Peace as your overseer  
and Righteousness as your taskmaster.

**Violence shall no more be heard in your land,  
devastation or destruction within your borders;**

**you shall call your walls Salvation  
and your gates Praise.**

The sun shall no longer be  
your light by day,  
nor for brightness shall the moon  
give light to you by night,

**but the Lord will be your everlasting light,  
and your God will be your glory.**

SALUTATION

\*+HYMN OF PREPARATION 102 Arise, Your Light Is Come  
Tune: FESTAL SONG

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**God of Grace,  
you have given us Jesus,  
the light of the world;  
but we cling to shadows,  
afraid of the truth that is revealed in your Light.**

**Forgive us for the ways we lie to ourselves and try to hide from You,  
as if you do not notice.**

**Have mercy on us for holding on to things and ideas that block out your light to show us  
the way.**

**Holy Spirit, help us to recognize and follow Christ's light,  
so that we will not miss the revealing of Jesus, in our midst.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE from Ephesians 3:14-21

HYMN 908 Christ, Be Our Light (vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5)  
Tune: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

CHILDREN'S TIME

## The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: selected verses from Psalm 72

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

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

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SERMON "May His Glory Fill the Whole Earth"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

## The Response to God

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 95 What Child Is This  
Tune: GREENSLEEVES

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day arr. by Richard Shephard

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day,  
I would my true love did so chance  
to see the legend of my play,  
to call my true love to my dance;

*Sing O my love,  
This have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure,  
Of her I took fleshly substance.  
Thus was I knit to man's nature,  
to call my true love to my dance.

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,  
So very poor; this was my chance,  
Between an ox and silly poor ass,

to call my true love to my dance.

Then afterwards baptized I was;  
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,  
My Father's voice heard from above,  
to call my true love to my dance.  
—Traditional Carol

\*DOXOLOGY 965

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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 92 Joy to the World  
Tune: ANTIOCH

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Sortie Richard Shephard

+Latecomers will be seated. \*You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolhaas, preaching; Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, liturgist; Reghan Harms, children's time; Sarah Unzicker, prayer for illumination; Kamerkoor; 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 tumbleweed wreath at the chancel today is given by Al and Jane Osman.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Bruce Bassett, Laura McMullen, Jane Johnson Keeter

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Marilyn Norman and Phil Coray 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, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 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: "U.S./Mexico Border and Frontera de Gracia" led by Pastor Angel, Pastor Ryan and Laura Baer. This class meets in the sanctuary.

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

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Kamerkoor
- 11:15 a.m. Education Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Ministry/El Encuentro
- 7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group

### Monday

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Blood Drive
- 1:30 p.m. Miriam Bible Study

### Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Hannah/Elizabeth Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Ruth Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Lydia Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

### 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)
- 1:30 p.m. Rachel Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. LIFT Classes
- 6:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

### Thursday

- 8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints
- 6:30 p.m. Intergroup Dialogue Session

## 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: Joanne Kuiper has returned to Freedom Village from the hospital. Pray for Lucille Schroeder, Betty Lou Voskuil. Hospice-Lois Jalving, Sue Ten Hoeve. Vista Springs-Barb Piaget; American House-Ed & Jane Westerbeke; Appledorn-Bob Kuiper, Donna Prins, Ellen Rieck. Missionaries-Linn G. (Asia), Cheryl Barnes (Malawi), Lubna Y. (Asia).

BLOOD DRIVE: Sign up today at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) to give blood at the Blood Drive on Monday, January 19, 12:00-5:45 p.m.

INTERGROUP DIALOGUE: The intergroup dialogue groups will begin next week, January 12, and run on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:30pm. Everyone who signed up has been placed in a group with

facilitators. IF you have not received this email, please let Pastor Ryan know. It is important to note that if you have not signed up you will have to wait for the next round of groups to begin as it is very important that we keep the groups manageable for the facilitators. We look forward to beginning this process. Please pray for the facilitators and for those participating.

**LIFT:** LIFT (Life in Faith Together) dinner and classes will resume for the second semester on Wednesday, January 11. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. Classes for children begin at 6:15 and for youth and adults at 6:30 p.m. **LIFT WEATHER POLICY:** If Holland Public Schools are cancelled on a Wednesday due to weather there will be no LIFT dinner or classes. Cancellations will be announced on WOOD TV 8 and the church website.

**MICRO-PANTRY NEEDS:** The Micro Pantry continues to serve a need in our neighborhood. You will notice that it has moved from the church driveway to under the canopy. We are low or out of the following items: canned fruit, baked beans, spaghetti noodles, elbow noodles, rice, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato paste, canned meat, cereal. Thank you for your faithful support of our Micro Pantry.

**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 20, 2023 from 5:30 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](mailto: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.

**KNITTING MINISTRY:** We have recently received a donation of yarn. Skeins of yarn are available to make prayer shawls. Please take some yarn to knit a prayer shawl for someone you know who might need one or to add to the collection at Third to be gifted to those in need. Directions to make a prayer shawl are in the basket with the yarn. The basket can be found outside the library.

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](mailto:janelle.lopezk@trcholland.org).

WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION: During the weekdays, Third Reformed Church will follow the Holland Public Schools cancellations to determine whether we will be having daily and evening activities. For Sundays: if inclement weather is impacting travel, we will have 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. walk-in worship services in English and Spanish respectively unless otherwise announced. As per usual, the 10 a.m. service will be on Zoom. If we cancel services, text and email messaging will be used, and it will be announced on the church web site on the home page, on Facebook and Instagram, and on Wood TV 8 as well.