

The Week Ahead

Sunday

8:45 a.m. Kamerkoor
11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Ministry
5:00 p.m. Carillon Choir
7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday

7:00 p.m. Martha Bible Study

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)
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

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 Jay and Carol Carpenter in the death of Jay's father in Washington.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Phyllis Brown has moved from the hospital to The Inn. Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos. Home-Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert, Ruby Steketee,; Out of Town-Lucille Schroeder, Ellen Rieck Missionaries-John & Lynne Hubers (Ethiopia), Angel Lopez (Mexico).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: May 7 is our annual congregational meeting. This year it will be held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. We will enjoy a meal together at the meeting, and will conclude with the Lord's Supper. To facilitate the gathering of all our people, there will be only one service that day, with no separate services for El Encuentro.

MICRO-PANTRY NEEDS: The Micro Pantry is in desperate need of more supplies. If you take a stroll by the boxes lining the hallway wall you will see that the boxes with the following labels are completely empty: canned meat, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, rice. You will also notice that the following labeled boxes are very low: soup; tomato diced; tomato sauce; tomato paste; baked beans; peanut butter; noodles; and snacks. On the health product side we need: paper towel; soap; shampoo; tissues; hand sanitizer; toothpaste **but we don't need toothbrushes**. This is a big ask in an environment of higher costs, but any and all donations are much appreciated!

For those members of Third Reformed who knew Tony and Elly Muiderman before they moved to Oregon in 2011 to be nearer their children, a Celebration of Life for Tony (Heavenly Birthday Nov. 4, 2021) will be held in Third's Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 29, 2023, between 3:00 and 5:30 p.m. Those of you who would like to drop by for an informal open house and celebration of Tony's life and enduring friendships, we would be gladdened by your presence, no matter how brief. The family will gather early afternoon at Restlawn for a simple service and committal of Tony's ashes and then will go to the church in hopes of seeing many of you during the afternoon.

Living by Faith



THIRD
Reformed Church

*To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known
Through Heart, Head and Hands*

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023 10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE Adagio Cantabile J.S. Bach

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 30 (*responsively*)

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.

**Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.**

You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,

so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

SALUTATION

*+HYMN PREPARATION 187 Thine Is the Glory
Tune: JUDAS MACCABAEUS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE John 20:19
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsively*)

Holy and Loving God,
We've declared and sung all the things
we know about your death on the cross;
We've beamed and announced our Alleluias in church with joy.
We confess that our minds quickly switch back

to our work
our struggles

our ways of filling time to numb our minds.

**Dear Jesus— forgive us looking away so quickly from your sacrifice;
help us to grapple with the weight of this gift.**

**Risen Lord— forgive us for hearing
your resurrection like a great story
and failing to imagine how it must change
how we see the world**

and your power to make all things new!

**Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with audacious hope in Christ,
and do not leave us unchanged. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & GRATEFUL LIVING I Peter 1:3-9

*HYMN 347 The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases (sung twice)
Tune: STEADFAST LOVE

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Hebrews 10:35-11:2; 11:39-12:2 p. 225
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Living by Faith"

The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed (*in unison*)

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

**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.**

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY He That Raised Up Jesus Carlton T. Russell

He that raised up Jesus from the dead
will also give life to our mortal bodies,
by his Spirit that dwelleth in us.

Wherefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth;
my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Thou shalt show me the path of life;
in thy presence is the fullness of joy,
and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore. Amen.

—*The Book of Common Prayer*

*DOXOLOGY 965 Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH

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 191 Praise the Savior, Now and Ever (vs. 1, 2 & 4)
Tune: UPP, MIN TUNGA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Festive Trumpet Tune David German

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Dr. David Moffitt, preaching; Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, Dr. Madison Pierce, liturgists; 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 flowers at the chancel are given by Al and Jane Osman.

Today we welcome Dr. David Moffitt as our guest preacher. Dr. Moffitt came to St Andrews University, Scotland, in 2013, having previously taught New Testament at Duke Divinity School and Campbell University Divinity School. Dr. Moffitt's research interests orbit around the various ways the earliest Christians understood Jesus and their own identities in relation to Jewish scripture, practices, and beliefs. His work is especially focused on the Epistle to the Hebrews and the strategies the text employs to interpret early Christian claims about Jesus' person, death, resurrection, and ascension in high-priestly and sacrificial terms.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Bruce Bassett, Willis Weymon, Lynne Bonnette.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Shelly and Faith Millen 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: "Rev. Dr. Bruggink: A Biographical Interview" facilitated by Nella Kennedy. This class meets in the sanctuary. Next week: "Hebrews: an Overview" led by Madison Pierce.

"The Corinthian Correspondence: The Cross Changes Everything" **meets in the chapel.** Class led by George Hunsberger.

EL ENCUESTRO (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 ENCUESTRO (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.