

The Week Ahead

Sunday

8:45 a.m. Kamerkoor
11:15 a.m. Education Hour
11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Ministry
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (zoom)
7:00 p.m. Martha Bible Study

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Book Discussion & Dinner
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 Children's Class/Middle School Youth Group
6:30 p.m. LIFT Adult Classes

Thursday

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints

Friday

6:30 p.m. High School Bible Study

Saturday

9:30 a.m. Curso de Discipulado en Español (Discipleship Class)
1:00 p.m. Crafternoon

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 Ardith and Keith Doorenbos in the death of Ardith's sister, Heidi Zwyghuizen, who died on September 13 in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos. Appledorn-Bob Kuiper, Donna Prins; Vista Springs-Barb Piaget; Maple Woods-Beth DuMez, Ruth Heideman; SKLD-Mary Boersen. Missionaries-Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

LIFT (Life in Faith Together) continues on Wednesday evenings through November 29. Dinner and community celebration time is from 5:30-6:15 p.m., classes and activities for all ages following. Adult opportunities can be found in Third Church News. The first session will be Wednesday, September 13 and will run weekly through November 29.

WATERCOLOR CLASS: Kathy Van Tubbergen is currently running two sessions of a watercolor painting class. The first runs from 12:30 to 2:30, the second from 3:30 to 5:30. If you have your own art supplies, bring along 2 pieces of watercolor paper, sketch paper and pencil, your brushes, watercolors and pallet, and a container for water. If this is your first foray into the watercolor world, we will have a couple of "starter kits" available for you. Kathy will supply flowers, but you may like to take a special vase and your own flowers. Suggested donation for each class is \$10, which you may bring to the class or to the office. Please register by emailing Kathy at kvt_art@icloud.com or by signing up in the Gathering Place on Sunday.



Put your creativity caps on and come to Third Reformed Church on Saturday, September 23, from 1-3 pm for a CRAFTERNOON! This event is open to all ages! There will be a large variety of craft supplies for you to dream up something beautiful! Whether you paint, crochet, craft, or draw, this event is for you! Feel free to come for the whole time or just for a little while. We hope you can join us for this craft-tastic CRAFTernoon!

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Genesis 1
"Blank Pages
and Beauty"
September 17, 2023

Beginnings

A Genesis Series | Fall 2023

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE Tell Out My Soul Pietro Cattaneo

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 24 *(responsively)*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it,
for he has founded it on the seas
and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false
and do not swear deceitfully.

**They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from the God of their salvation.**

**Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in!

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.

**Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in!**

Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.**

SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 551 All Creatures of Our God and King
Tune: LAST UNS ERFREUEN

*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)*

**Holy God,
by your word you have called forth all things.
By your faithfulness you give life and seek the flourishing
of what you have made. In your mercy, you tend to us in our weakness.
When we wrong what you have made, we wrong you.
When we hurt others, we hurt you.
When we are careless with creation, we are careless with your gift.
Forgive us God. Help us remember what you have made and how you
are still creating and making all things new through your son Jesus,
in whose name we pray, Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*HYMN Tu amor, oh Dios, perdura para siempre (see insert)
(refrain, verse 3, refrain, verse 3, refrain)
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CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 1 p. 1
This is the Gospel of Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "Beginnings: Blank Pages and Beauty"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Belgic Confession, Article 2 *(responsively)*

We know God by two means:

**First, by the creation, preservation,
and government of the universe,
since that universe is before our eyes
like a beautiful book
in which all creatures,
great and small,
are as letters
to make us ponder
the invisible things of God:
God's eternal power and divinity.
All these things are enough
to convict humans
and to leave them without excuse.
Second, God makes himself known
to us more clearly
by his holy and divine Word,
as much as we need in this life,
for God's glory
and for our salvation.**

*GLORIA PATRI 961

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY O God beyond All Praising Gustav Holst, arranged by Hal H. Hopson

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our grand and mighty Lord.

Alleluia!

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

—Michael Perry

*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 Tu amor, oh Dios, perdure para siempre (see insert)
(Refrain sung twice)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Allemande du même Auteur Henry Du Mont

*You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Mark Hiskes, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas,
liturgist; Kamerkoor; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.*

Today

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the
Friendship Cards 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.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Bruce Basset, Laura Baer, Roger DeYoung.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Carol Cox and Jane Dalman
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.
Preschool-First Grade room 2 Second-Fifth Grade room 1
6th-8th grades room 11 Senior High Youth Room

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 11:30-12:30

Mosaic: "Part 1: Shaping A Christian College Community for Human Flourishing"
led by Becky Starkenburg Next week: "Fostering Generosity and Wellbeing Among
Emerging Adults/College Students" led by Becky Starkenburg. Meets in the chapel
and on Zoom (same link as worship).

"The Corinthian Correspondence: The Cross Changes Everything Part Deux"
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.*