

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

For All the Saints

arr. by Larry Sue

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Come let us worship the Lord!

Let us sing praises to our strength and our fortress.

Let us worship the Lord with gladness!

For the Lord is our salvation. God is our Rock and our redeemer.

Let us worship the Lord with singing.

For our God is faithful and true.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 348 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Tune: FAITHFULNESS

*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 mercy,

we call to you for we are in the midst of our sin. We feel stuck in our brokenness.

Help us O God for it is hard to see our way forward.

**We wake up in the morning, longing to do what is right. But as we lay down at night,
our sin is ever before us. What we have said, what**

we have done, what we have left undone is all we can think about.

Forgive us for our sin. Help us rest in your grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE 347 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

(sung once before and after the words of assurance)

Tune: STEADFAST LOVE

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 5 and 10 (selected verses)

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

SERMON "Beginnings: All of Us"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support these brothers and sisters by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

We do.

HYMN 709 Jesus Loves Me (vs. 1)
Tune: JESUS LOVES ME

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY He Leadeth Me arr. by Larry Sue

*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 797 Sing! A New Creatin
Tune: EBENEZER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Voluntary XI William Goodwin

*You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolhaas, Madison Pierce, liturgists;
Larry Sue, Carla Sue, handbells; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.*

Today

We welcome all who worship with us! We have sign-in books for members and guests on the cabinets at the back of the sanctuary or you may follow this QR code to sign in. We would appreciate it if you took a moment to sign in you and your family members and let us know you were here. **If you are joining us as a guest today**, please follow this QR code, or head to trcholland.org/quickstart to let us know you were here.



The flowers at the chancel are given by Steve and Krystal Bulthuis in honor of their parents.

Receiving the sacrament of baptism this morning Clara Ann Callam, daughter of Dan and Jenna Callam and Lena Grace Panning daughter of Luke and Katherine Panning. We welcome them with joy into our covenant community.

We joyfully welcome Luke and Katherine Panning into our Christian faith community this morning..

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Sandy Stielstra, Laura McMullen, Jim Vander Meer

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Sarah and Bill Unzicker 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, 11:15-12:15

Mosaic: "TRC and Climate Change: Our Role, Our Responsibility, Our Response" led by Don Triezenberg. Next week: "Israel-Palestine: Reformed Reflections" led by Bart DenBoer.

"The Corinthian Correspondence: The Cross Changes Everything Part Deux" meets in room 22.

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

8:45 a.m.	Kamerkoor
11:15 a.m.	Education Hour
11:30 p.m.	Spanish Worship Gathering
4:00 p.m.	Big Red Book Discussion

5:00 p.m. Carillon Choir
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (zoom)
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
6:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry
6:30 p.m. Outreach Team
7:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)
1:30 p.m. Rachel Bible Study
5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner
6:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
6:30 p.m. LIFT Adult Classes

Thursday

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints

Friday

6:30 a.m. High School Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Family Movie Night

Saturday

9:30 a.m. Curso de Discipulado en Español (Discipleship Class)

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 Laurie & Steve Orlow in the death of Laurie's father, Hub Nelson, on November 7 in Minneapolis, MN.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital-Etta Hesselink. Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos. Home-Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert; Out of Town-Lucille Schroeder, Ellen Rieck, LaVerne Lievense; Royal Park-Harley & Phyllis Brown. Missionaries-Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

QUESTIONS SOUGHT FOR THE NOVEMBER 19 MOSAIC CLASS:

On November 19, Bart DenBoer, Current Executive Director of Kairos West Michigan and Third member will be presenting on Israel-Palestine: Reformed Reflections. In light of current events, you are invited to submit questions about this complex and often conflict-laden region prior to the class. Please email your questions directly to Bart at bdenboer52@gmail.com or bring them to the church office prior to November 15.

LIFT (Life in Faith Together) continues on Wednesday evenings through November 29 (**except November 21**). Dinner and community celebration time is from 5:30-6:15 p.m., classes and activities for all ages follow. Adult opportunities can be found in Third

Church News.

OFFICE HOURS CHANGE: The office will close at noon on Friday through December.

The Justice and Equity Team (JET) invites you to a book discussion of the Lakeshore Big Read book "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi. We will gather on Sunday, November 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the library to discuss together. For more information on Big Read events visit: <https://bigreadlakeshore.com/>

BLOOD DRIVE: Third Reformed Church will host a blood drive on Monday, November 13, from 12:00 to 5:45 p.m. Visit redcross.org to sign up to give blood that day.

TRC RESETTLEMENT STOREROOM: After serving several households recently, the TRC Resettlement Storeroom is in need of the following items: new pillows; pillow covers; Queen comforters/quilts, sheet sets and blankets; Twin comforters/quilts and sheet sets. Your donations of goods and money to build the inventory is much appreciated. Should you have any questions or need us to pick up your donations, please contact Kay Stewart, Sue Boes or Cindy Hiskes. Thank you very much.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE: There will be a Thanksgiving Day Worship Service on Thursday, November 23, at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Jeff Munroe will share the message on Psalm 100. Our Thanksgiving offering is designated for Community Action House.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES: We are in need of Christmas cookies for upcoming events. Please bring cookies ready to be frozen (i.e. packaged in a freezer bag or in an appropriate freezer container) so that we can keep them fresh all month. You can drop them off in the church office, or place them directly in the freezer on Sunday morning with a note on them that states they are for Christmas events. PLEASE NOTE: If your cookies contain tree nuts or peanuts, please pop a note on them stating this so we can let our members with allergies know. Thanks!

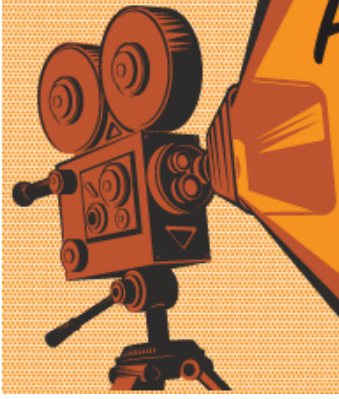
Do you love helping out at church, but life is too busy to make a commitment. Then Third Reformed Pop Up Volunteer Teams are just right for you! At different times of the church year we have special events or meals where we sure could use some volunteer help, and we are hoping this is an easy way for people to step in and help out.

Coming up this December, we will have three events where we need volunteers to help:

- Wednesday, December 6 we need volunteers to help with Parent's Night Out. This will include helping with activities and serving food/refreshments.
- Sunday, December 17 at 6 PM is the Choir Carol Service. Volunteers will put out cookies and punch, refill platters, and bring the empty/dirty dishes back to the kitchen.
- Our Christmas Eve Service and Children's Pageant is at 7:00 PM, and volunteers will again be needed to help put out cookies and punch, etc. This year there's only one Christmas Eve service because it is on a Sunday.

If you're interested in helping out at one of these events (or two, or all!), email the church office or click on the link in Thursday's edition of Third Church News to let us know!

Christians Uniting in Song and Prayer (CUSP) invites everyone to its annual community-wide Thanksgiving worship service, to be held at Grace Episcopal Church (555 Michigan Ave.) on Sunday, November 19, at 5:00 p.m. Congregational singing will be complemented by the Holland Ecumenical choir and the DeSales Brass. Rev. Jen Adams (Grace Episcopal) will lead the service and Rev. Kory Plockmeyer (executive director of Movement West Michigan) will deliver the sermon.



Family Movie Night!

*Featuring Disney's
"Homeward Bound"*

Friday, Nov. 17, 7 to 9 PM

Popcorn . Candy . Fun