

# Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.

## The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God  
Tell Out My Soul

arr. by Larry Sue  
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WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,**  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice; the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.**

“Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations;  
I am exalted in the earth.”

**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

SALUTATION

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION    19    For the Beauty of the Earth  
Tune: DIX

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsively)*

O Lord,  
you have called us. Before we knew you, or knew of ourselves, you called us to be your

people. You have shaped us and formed us. We are yours. All that we have is yours. The beginning and end is all contained in you. You have drawn us into yourself in love. You have given us to one another in your Son Jesus.

Yet, we have not always responded in love and gratitude.

**We have placed our confidence in leaders of nations and popular cultural idols.**

We have trusted ourselves and made our needs our primary concern.

**We have neglected the community you have given us. Forgive us God. Heal our hearts and renew our call through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S TIME

## The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 755 Speak, O Lord  
Tune: SPEAK, O LORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 12 p. 10  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Beginnings: Called Again and Again, and Again"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

## The Response to God

\*HYMN 39 The God of Abraham Praise (vs. 1 & 5)  
Tune: LEONI

FINANCIAL UPDATE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Come, Ye Thankful People, Come arr. by Phillip Keveren

\*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 938 My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

Tune: BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Toccatino

Dom Andrew Moore

\*You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, Jane Osman, liturgists; Sandy Stielstra, financial update; Carillon Choir; Mary Van Voorst, flute; 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](http://trcholland.org/quickstart) to let us know you were here.



The flowers at the chancel are given by the family of Del Van Dyke in loving memory and thanksgiving for his life.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Sandy Stielstra, Jeff Voskuil

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Jane Dalman and Jeff Munroe 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: "Israel-Palestine: Reformed Reflections" led by Bart DenBoer. Meets in the sanctuary  
"The Corinthian Correspondence: The Cross Changes Everything Part Deux" will not meet this week. Please join the Mosaic class in the sanctuary.

**Next week: There will be no education classes due to Thanksgiving.**

**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
- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Book Discussion & Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry
- 7:15 p.m. Consistory

## Wednesday

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

## Thursday

- Church Office Closed
- 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Worship Service

## Friday

- Church Office Closed

## 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: Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos. American House-Mary Boersen; Appledorn-Bob Kuiper, Donna Prins; Vista Springs-Barb Piaget; Maple Woods-Beth DuMez, Ruth Heideman. Missionaries-Linn G. (Asia), Cheryl Barnes (Malawi), Lubna Y. (Asia).

**LIFT (Life in Faith Together) will not meet this week.** The final session of LIFT for this semester will be Wednesday, November 29. 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.

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 II Corinthians 9. Our Thanksgiving offering is designated for Community Action House. WALK-IN CHOIR: All ages are invited to be a part of the Walk-in Choir for the Thanksgiving Day Service. Rehearsal will be at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room to learn the anthem for the service that day.

The elders of Third Reformed Church would like to invite all elders from the greater consistory to participate in serving communion in 2024. If you are interested in serving with the current elders in the months ahead, please contact Kristen (392-1459 or email [office@trcholland.org](mailto:office@trcholland.org)) and she will put you on the list. We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of every month and also on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday (March 28 & 31, 2024).

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.

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!

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT:** On December 6 from 5:30-7:30, drop your kids off for Parents Night Out! This fun filled evening will include dinner, activities for kids, and time for parent's to go and get things done! We hope you can make it! For questions, contact Hunter Brumels or Reghan Harms.

**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!