

Sung Response - twice

Lord forgive us and turn to us. We have sinned against you in thought word and deed, in what we have done and what we have left undone.

Restore us, O Lord God. Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Sung Response - twice

480 **Wait for the Lord**

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE I Corinthians 1:8-9

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 13:24-37

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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SERMON

“Two Stories: The Sword and the Staff”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is...we worship and adore your
glorious name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Most righteous God...

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,

so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,

who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,

and will also give us all things with him.

Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this

time forth forevermore. Amen.

—Psalm 103, with additions

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People

Genevan Psalter, arr. by Robert J. Powell

Comfort, comfort ye my people; speak ye peace: thus saith your God;

comfort those who sit in darkness, bowed beneath oppression's load;

Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;

tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Make ye straight what long was crooked; make the rougher places plain;

let your heart be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now over earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token that his word is never broken.
—J.G. Olearius, translated by Catherine Winkworth

*DOXOLOGY

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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 821 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Tune: PICARDY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People arr. by Matthew McConnell

*You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas
liturgist; Remi Van Farowe, Josiah Van Farowe, advent candle lighters; Kamerkoor; 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 poinsettias at the chancel are given in loving memory of Dr. Henry and Edna Mooi Tenpas.

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

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Mary DeWitt and Eleanor Van Dyke 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: "Vision and Current Consistory Work Update" led by Pastor Ryan. Meets in the sanctuary. Next week: "In Search of Humility" led by Daryl Van Tongeren

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

Monday

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (zoom)
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. History Book Group

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry
6:15 p.m. Governing Elders' Meeting
7:30 p.m. JET Steering Team

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)
6:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

Thursday

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints

Friday

6:30 a.m. High School Bible Study

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, Home-Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert; Out of Town-Lucille Schroeder, Ellen Rieck, LaVerne Lievens; Royal Park-Phyllis & Harley Brown. Missionaries-John & Lynne Hubers (Ethiopia), Angel Lopez (Mexico).

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES GIVING TREE: Advent is here and so is the "Giving Tree." The Women's

Ministries of Third Reformed will be collecting mittens, hats, scarves, socks and underwear to be donated to Community Action House. Donations will be accepted from Sunday, December 3 through December 17.

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 SOON, 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!

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!

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.

SAVE THE DATE: The Youth will be hosting a fundraiser on Friday, January 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dinner will be served, there will be a skill/gift auction, and a time to learn about the upcoming student trips.