

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Holy One, you have promised us that the day of our salvation is near. Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer that we may taste with confidence and joy at the coming of Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.

COMING INTO THE LORD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Carol of the Birds James Biery

INTROIT

To you, O God, lift my soul.
I will trust in you; save me from shame.
Let not my foes boast over me.
Protect the ones who trust your name.
(Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.)
—Kathleen Pluth

LITANY & CANDLE LIGHTING *(responsively)*

This Sunday we begin a four-week season that the church calls “Advent.”
Why do we celebrate Advent?
It reminds us that Jesus is coming to make everything right.
Mary waited for Jesus to be born.
We wait for Christ to come again.
We depend on Jesus to make us well and whole.
Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness.

HYMN *Lift Up Your Hearts* 57 (vs. 1)
All Earth Is Waiting Tune: TODO LA TIERRA
(The cantor will sing the first verse, then the congregation will join in singing verse 1.)
What is “righteousness”?
It is the kind of “right-ness” that helps the poor and the needy.
Who brings righteousness to the world?
Jesus, the king from the family of David, brings righteousness.

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 33:14-16

+* HYMN OF PRAISE *Lift Up Your Hearts* 56
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Tune: STUTTGART

*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Advent God, come among us.
Awaken us to your presence, and fill us with your love.
Forgive us when our hunger for justice gives way to our hunger for power.
Forgive us when our hope for peace is swallowed by our fear of failure.
Forgive us when our songs of faith are drowned out by the shouts of the world.
Advent God, come among us, and make all things new. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Psalm 34:8

GRATEFUL LIVING Mark 12:29-31

DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS (11:00)

SONG *(see insert)* (vs. 1-2) (11:00)
When a Prophet Sings of Justice Tune: FREU DICH SEHR

LISTENING TO THE LORD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 33:14-16 p. 738
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: I Thessalonians 3:9-13 p. 207
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “What Do Justice and Righteousness Taste Like?”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

TASTING GOD'S GOODNESS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Lift Up Your Hearts* 817
Taste and See Tune: TASTE AND SEE
(congregation sings the refrain; verses sung by cantor)

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.
God, thank you...We live out the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.
In the sharing...you and with one another.
Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ,
in unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, now and forever.

COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION *Lift Up Your Hearts* 96 (vs. 1 & 3)
What Feast of Love Tune: GREENSLEEVES

LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

MOMENT FOR MISSION AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Johann Fr. Peter

Adorn yourself, my soul, prepare to greet your Lord, kneel down before him.
The Lord of earth and skies a feast for you provides, receive adoring.

O love without compare, which in this lowly fare itself is sharing!
O grace that knows no bound, O mystery still beyond the angels' grasping!

Ah, why am I so blessed, that such a heavenly guest my house will enter?
To share his bread and wine, to taste this gift divine, how dare I venture?

And yet, you call to me, unworthy though I be, you'll not disdain me.
My Master and my Lord, my trust is in your word. You shall sustain me.
—translated by K. Köpe

*DOXOLOGY *Lift Up Your Hearts* 965 Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & 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 *Lift Up Your Hearts* 64
O Shepherd, Hear and Lead Your Flock Tune: ST. LOUIS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabelle Alfred V. Fedak

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, Rev. Angel Lopez, liturgists; Steve DeYoung, prayer of illumination; Katherine Hunsberger, Amy Lunn, candle lighters; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION:
Please plan to join the children and youth on Sunday, December 16, during the Sunday School Hour (9:45-10:45), as we celebrate the joy of Christmas, together. The Young Levites will be presenting a short Christmas play, and the children and youth of our Sunday School programs will be singing. Following the program in the Fellowship Hall, the congregation will be invited to “tour” the Sunday School rooms and enjoy treats in the education area downstairs.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM MUSICIANS NEEDED: This year, as part of our Sunday School Christmas program, we are inviting children and youth to participate by presenting a “Christmas” musical piece. If your child plays an instrument and would like to play during our program, please contact Joyce Fry (joycefry@trcholland.org). Please include your child's name, instrument they will be playing, the name of the piece that they will be sharing, and the approximate length/time of their piece. We look forward to celebrating the musical talents of our children during this special season of the year.

Please save your Box Tops for Education to help our Kids Hope kids, who are 8th graders, raise funds for their 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. This is an ongoing project. You can put the Box Tops in the marked jar on the table by the doors to the parking lot. Thank you for your help!

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. Visitors please stop by the Welcome Center and then join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

The poinsettias at the chancel today are given in loving memory of Dr. Henry and Edna Mooi Tenpas.

If You Desire Prayer for yourself and/or others Lucille Schroeder and John Heyns will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters/Juice Servers— Ray and Jane Snyder; Deacons: (8:30) Amy Lunn, Jane Osman; (11:00)- Bruce Stewart, Laura Halsey, Scott Millen, Josiah Millen.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Andy & Jane Zoerman.

EDUCATION HOUR, 9:45-10:45 a.m.,

nursery care available

Preschool/Kindergarten	room 15	1st & 2nd Grades	room 6
3rd Grade	room 10	4th & 5th Grades	room 17
6th-8th grades	room 11	Senior High	Youth Room
TRC Singers & Children's Choir	room 7		
Sunday Morning Live	Youth Room		

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40

Bible Study: "The Presence of the Future-The Book of Revelation and the Life of Discipleship Today" Led by George Hunsberger & Pastor Kent Fry

Spiritual Formation Class: This class follows the lectionary passage of the day, according to "Seasons of the Spirit." Pastor Kama Jongerius, facilitator. Meet in the Centennial Room downstairs.

Chapel Class: "Life as a Bi-Racial Family" led by Ben and Trina Lichtenwalner.

WORSHIP CENTER PROGRAM: Please note the following changes to the program for the fall. During the 8:30 service, Worship Center will be provided on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. During the 11:00 service, there will be only one Worship Center open for all children, aged 4-2nd grade, provided each Sunday. It will take place in Room 2 (Previously the older Worship Center room). If you have any questions about these changes, please contact the church office. Thank you.

The Week Ahead

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir
9:25 a.m. TRC Singers
9:45 a.m. Children's Choir
9:45 a.m. Adult Education Classes
9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Live
10:00 a.m. Children/Youth Education Classes
4:45 p.m. Carillon Choir
7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers

6:20 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministries

Friday

10:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

3:00 p.m. Kids Hope Fun Day

Congregational News

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Place the requests in the prayer box or offering plate. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

Please let the church staff know when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 392-1459.

SYMPATHY is extended to Lucille Schroeder in the death of her brother, Cornelius "Neil" Van Heest on November 23.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Peg Van Grouw has been released from the hospital. Hospice Care-Frank Pettinga. Hallmark Living-Elizabeth Bennett; American House-Arlene Barton; Royal Park Atrium-Isabelle Hanse. Missionaries-Linn G. (Asia), Malawi Children's Feeding Program, Lubna Younas (Asia).

Please pick up your giving envelopes for 2019. They are on the tables near the north windows of the Gathering Place. Envelopes for members participating in EFT are on the right side. To avoid confusion, please do not use new envelopes until January 6, 2019.

HOLIDAY COOKIES: It is time to dust off your favorite holiday cookie recipe. The Fellowship Committee is requesting dozens of holiday cookies for our upcoming holiday events. We ask that you bake your favorite cookies, seal in a firm container and put in the freezer at church. Please label "Holiday Cookies." We look forward to the many varieties of cookies. Cookies are needed by December 9.

CHOIR CAROL SERVICE: Come and hear the glorious sounds of the season at the annual Choirs Carol Service on Sunday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. The Sanctuary Choir and the TRC Singers will present "The Promised Messiah." A reception will follow the program. Come hear the sounds of Advent! If you plan to attend this service and will need the nursery please let Kristen in the church office know.

GIVING TREE: The Women's Ministries Giving Tree is up for the holiday season, and we're hoping it will be dressed well with contributions of scarves, hats, gloves, and mittens as well as packaged underwear and socks for neighbors in need.

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING on Sunday, December 16. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 4:10 p.m. to get organized. Groups will leave to carol at 4:45 p.m. and return to church at 5:45 p.m. for pizza. Nursery will be provided during the caroling.

WINTER WEATHER AND CANCELLATION POLICY: During the weekdays, Third Reformed Church will follow the Holland Public Schools cancellations to determine whether we will be having daily and evening activities. For Sunday winter weather, if 8:30 a.m. worship is cancelled, the education hour will also normally be cancelled, and we will have an 11:00 a.m. walk-in worship service. However, there may be some instances where we will still have the education hour even if the 8:30 a.m. worship service is cancelled. We strongly encourage the congregation to check the church web site on the home page at www.trcholland.org, where the information will be available. We will also have the cancellations posted on Wood TV channel 8.

Looking for a Christmas gift? CDs made for the 150th anniversary celebration are available in the church office for \$10 each.

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