

First Sunday after the Epiphany: Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Lord Jesus, your Holy Spirit has brought us here this morning as the body of Christ. Each of us has in some form or another, heard our name called and has come forth to be baptized into your body, the church. Help us to bear this morning that just as Jesus heard that he was the unique Son of God that we may know in all our creaturely nature that we are children of God called to be your disciples in the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice Sam Eatherton

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Come, all who thirst. Come to the font!

Dip your heart, soul, mind, and body into the waters of life.

Come, all who are weary. Come to worship!

Rest your spirits and body in the house of God.

Come, all who thirst.

Come, all who hunger.

Come, all who are weary.

Come, and know that we are beloved children of God.

GOD'S GREETING

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Lift Up Your Hearts* 802 (vs. 1 & 3)

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Tune: BEACH SPRING

Wash, O God, your sons and daughters,

where your cleansing waters flow.

Number us among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.

Weave us garments bright and sparkling;

compass us with love and light.

Fill, anoint us; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!

To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!

We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.

By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us: God, transform!

*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)*

O God you come to your people in a manger,

at the temple, at the riverbank.

Too often, we imagine you only in these traditional biblical scenes.

Forgive us when we fail to see you in our workplaces,

our places of worship, our homes.

Open our hearts, eyes, and ears to encounter you today.

Ready our hearts to shout, "Glory,"

when we hear your voice and see your work in our lives.

Remind us again this day that we are claimed as God's children

and are sent to show the love and justice we see in you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Isaiah 43:1-3

GRATEFUL LIVING 1 Corinthians 12:27

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO WORSHIP CENTER

SONG *Lift Up Your Hearts* 730 (vs. 2)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Tune: HOUSTON

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 8:14-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION

Lift Up Your Hearts 788

Take Me to the Water

Tune: TAKE ME TO THE WATER

SERMON

“The Holy Spirit Descended in Bodily Form”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

RESPONDING IN FAITH & SERVICE

*AFFIRMING BAPTISM VOWS: *(responsively)*

I call upon those affirming their baptism faith to renew their commitment to Jesus Christ.

I answer the call of God my creator.

I trust in Jesus Christ as my Savior.

I seek new life from the Holy Spirit.

God, who has called you, is faithful.

Rejoice in your baptism in Jesus Christ.

Let us continue to walk together in the life of the Spirit.

Let us pray together:

Almighty God,

we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith

with all who have been baptized in your name.

Keep us faithful to our baptism,

and so make us ready for that day

when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,

our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Following the worship service, congregational members who are called to do so can come forward to the baptism font and dip your hand in the water and if you wish touch your forehead and affirm your baptism. An elder will be present to offer a blessing.)

MOMENT FOR MISSION AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Thomas Pavlechko

Welcome newborn lambs, who in pastures dwell;

where caring shepherds bring them gently to the well;

for living waters will their thirst relieve.

Leading to the waters, wond'ring shepherds sing the songs of new creation;

Ev'ry living thing, when drinking deeply, will this song receive.

Heard in Eden's garden when the world was new.

Heard again in Beth'lem by a thirsty few. And those who hear the song of Life, believe.

Here lambs may see the Savior with heads bent low,

partaking of his perfect grace. And fin'ly rising from the water, live!

—Mark Schweizer

*DOXOLOGY *Lift Up Your Hearts* 965

Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, 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* 795

We Know that Christ Is Raised

Tune: ENGELBERG

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

Jeffrey Blersch

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, Rev. Angel Lopez, Joyce Fry, liturgists; Emily Lievense, prayer of illumination; Scott Rumpsa, minute for mission; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

LIFT ELEMENTARY PROGRAM STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY: This winter the children of LIFT will “escape” the cold and head to the beach for “Surf's Up,” our winter 2019 LIFT “summer-time” adventure! At the beach we will meet some cool surfing dudes who will introduce us to Jesus' Beatitudes. The Beatitudes can change the way we look at life and help us to live in a way that honors Jesus. Our Wednesday LIFT program begins again THIS Wednesday, January 16, 2019. Our community dinner is at 5:30 p.m.; and our children's program (ages 4-5th Grade) runs from 6:15-7:30. Don't miss the fun! Grab your surf board and a friend and join us at the beach for “Surf's Up!” an adventure you won't want to miss!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH CHOIR: Just a reminder to parents that each Sunday our Children's Choir for Preschool-2nd Grade begins at 9:45 a.m. and our Youth Choir (TRC Singers) for 3rd-5th Grades begins at 9:25 a.m. (This semester the TRC Singers are playing the chimes! Come join us.). Sunday Morning Live for children and youth (3rd grade and up) begins at 9:45 with Sunday School following for all children and youth at 10:00. Please try to have your child(ren) here promptly at these times. Thank you.

LUNCH SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 all students, parents, and teachers/leaders in Children and Youth Ministries are invited for lunch and an informal time to gather and connect with friends old and new! The meal will be served in the Youth Room, following the second worship service. Do you have questions or want to volunteer a dish for a future lunch? Contact Janelle.lopezk@trcholland.org.

Congregational News

ALL CHURCH RETREAT: We are having an all-church retreat on March 8-10, 2019. Save the date! This is a great time to connect with each other outside at the dunes or inside playing games. We will be able to informally worship together with live music, eat together and relax together. If you would like to help plan this fun weekend, please come to our meeting after church on Sunday, Jan. 20 and see Adriann Divozzo with questions.

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For up to date information, including staff and ministry contacts, visit us on the web at <http://www.trcholland.org>

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 flowers at the chancel are given in memory of Lois Hunt by her family.

STAR GIFTS: There is a table in the back of the sanctuary where you can pick up a star gift which is a word from God to affirm or work on early in the new year.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Carol Segrist and Dennis Gebben 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-Bob and MaryAlice Ritsema; Deacons: (8:30) Jane Osman, Steve DeYoung (11:00) Elly Ruiter, Sandy Stielstra, Mike Norman, Laura Halsey.

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: "Reclaiming Jesus by Seeing through the Eyes of the Hispanics" led by Angel Lopez.

WORSHIP CENTER PROGRAM: 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

10:00 a.m. TRC Ringers

4:45 p.m. Carillon Choir

Monday

12:00 p.m. Blood Drive

1:30 p.m. Miriam Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Ruth Bible Study at Joyce Magee's

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Governing Elders' Meeting

6:30 p.m. Care Elders' Meeting

6:30 p.m. Governing Deacon's Meeting

7:15 p.m. Consistory

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints

8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers

5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner

6:15 p.m. LIFT Children's Classes/Middle School Youth Group

6:20 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

6:30 p.m. Bilingual Bible Study and Prayer Group/LIFT Adult Classes

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee

Friday

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

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.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital-Julie Charlton, John Nordstrom, Larry Sue. Spectrum Downtown-Laurie Orlow. Hospice Care-Frank Pettinga, Walter Thome. Appledorn-P.J. Booi, Marv & Lois Jalving, Roger Rietberg, Jill Slenk; Maple Woods-Phyllis Mahy. Missionaries-Jeff & Chelsea Lampen (Romania), Andy Nakajima (Ministry with Japanese of West Michigan).

OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed on Monday, January 21, for Martin Luther King Day.

BLOOD DRIVE: Sign up today in the Gathering Place to give blood at the Blood Drive on Monday, January 14, 12:00-5:45 p.m.

LIFT: LIFT (Life in Faith Together) dinner and classes will resume for the second semester on Wednesday, January 16. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. Classes for children begin at 6:15 and for youth and adults at 6:30 p.m. Classes for adults include: a discussion based class on podcast "Code Switch", Sanctuary Choir, Knitting Ministry, Bilingual Prayer & Share Group. **LIFT WEATHER POLICY:** If Holland Public Schools are cancelled on a Wednesday due to weather there will be no LIFT dinner or classes. Cancellations will be announced on WOOD TV 8 and the church website.

THIRD SUNDAY PIZZA LUNCH will be next Sunday, January 20, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER: Next Sunday, January 20, non-perishable food and other necessities will be collected for our monthly food drive. Donated items can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering Place.

CHI RHO WOMEN: You are invited to a gathering on January 27, 2019 at First Reformed church for a Free @ 3 concert. The concert scheduled for that day is a Harp Duo, including Martha Waldvogel. This should be a fantastic time of beautiful music and fellowship. Let's try to sit together, so look for us when you enter the sanctuary. All single women, please join us!

KIDS HOPE SUBSTITUTES! We are in great need of a couple of people to step up and be subs in our Kids Hope program. We have 21 mentors who from time to time need someone to cover for them. Please see, call, or email Beverley Rannow (616-801-3190, b.rannow@icloud.com).

