

# READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Cathy Gumpert, Pastor

John Ayer, Music Director

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 27, 2008

11:00 a.m.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

+Announcements

Prelude

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship

Psalm 27

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

**People: For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will set me high on a rock.**

Leader: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

**People: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek His face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

**ALL: Do not hide Your face from me. Do not turn Your servant away in anger, You who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

\*+Hymn of Praise #409 (RIL) "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

ST. THOMAS

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 27

**Lord God, we do love Your kingdom. You are the stronghold of our lives. You have called us by name; we are Yours. We thank You for Your saving graces, and for the care that You lavish on us. But too often we wander away, or lose our way, or allow Your voice to be drowned out by the noise of the world. Give us ears to hear Your voice, and hearts that focus on You. Help us to seek Your face all of our days, so that we can help others as they too seek to know You. In this way we can bring Your light and peace into this lost and broken world which needs You so much. We ask this in Jesus' strong name. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

**Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance

Proverbs 2:1-8

Summary of the Law

Matthew 22:37-40

\*+Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world with end. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Sermon

Laura Fields

\*+Hymn of Preparation #95 (RIL)

"God Is My Strong Salvation" CHRISTUS DER IST MEIN LEBEN

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament

Isaiah 49:1-7

p. 592

New Testament

Mark 7:1-23

p. 818

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

LISTEN TO GOD

Marvin Fields

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering *(Please fill out the red pew pads at this time. Remember to PRINT your name.)*

Offertory

"Alleluia" William Boyce/Arr. Mark Schweizer  
*The Chancel Choir*

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below,  
praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

Dedication of Gifts

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Community and The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn of Dedication #408 (RIL) "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" DENNIS  
Verses 1-3

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" DENNIS  
Verses 4-5

Postlude

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\*Congregation (those who are able) will please rise.  
+Latecomers and returning worshipers may be seated.  
Hymns this morning are from "Rejoice in the Lord".

# READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Organized 1719

January 27, 2008



*Above all, we exist to worship God. Through the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will make the love of Jesus Christ tangible by caring for one another and those around us and will go out into the world to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ*

**The Rev. Cathy Gumpert, Pastor**  
**The Rev. Donald A. McCabe, Pastor Emeritus**

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**WORSHIP SERVICE: 11:00AM** (10:00 A.M. Father's Day through Labor Day) Nursery Provided

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30A.M.** Classes for Pre-school through adult (September through June)

Infant Nursery Provided

### Our Invitation

We welcome you as we join together in prayer, in song, and in praise to God. It is our prayer that the blessing and fellowship you find here will enrich your life so that you will truly feel that you are a part of this historic, caring church. May God bless you in a very special way!