

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Songs of Praise:

"Behold Our God"
"Be Unto Your Name"

Relying on Grace

Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed (*p. 3 in the back of the PH*)

Prayer

Songs of Worship: #176:1,3 (PH)

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

#475:1,3 (PH)

"Another Year is Dawning"

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Faith Promise Missionaries

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Luke 1:1-4 and 24:50-53 (*pp. 1012, 1048*)

Sermon:

LEARNING TO LOVE THE LORD

Prayer

Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #411:1,2 (PH)

"How Firm a Foundation"

Benediction

Doxology: #411:5 (PH)

"How Firm a Foundation"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Violin:

Kristen Voss

Bass:

Carter Bulthuis

Guitars:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

(PH-Psalter Hymnal; WC-Worshiping Church- in pews; LH-Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal-not in pews)

Evening Worship – 6:00 PM
Prayer Service

God Calls Us to Draw Near to Him

Prelude

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Song of Praise:

"Hear O Lord and Answer"

We Bring our Praise and Prayer

Prayers for our Schools, Neighbors and Communities: *Jonathan Barney,*
Director of Youth Ministries

Song of Worship: #629 (WC) 2x "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Prayers for our Church and the Church: *Elder Greg Lanenga*

Song of Worship: "O Church Arise"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Elmhurst Walk-in Ministry

God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Luke 11:1-10 (*p. 1029*)

Sermon:

FOUR TALKING POINTS ON PRAYER

Prayer

We Go Out to Be a Blessing

Praying the Lord's Prayer:

"Our Father"

Prayers for our Nation and World:

Elder Bern Slinkman

Benediction

Doxology: #964 (LH)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Violin:

Kristen Voss

(PH-Psalter Hymnal; WC-Worshiping Church- in pews; LH-Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal-not in pews)

Today at Faith

This morning we begin a new series, *Luke: Learning to Love the Lord*. We'll be reading Luke 1:1-4 and 24:50-53 today (the beginning and end of the book). We'll pick this series up once a month through May, and we'll have a reading plan and other ways to connect with the Gospel during these months.

Reading the Gospel of Luke: This week, Reading Plan A begins with Luke 1, and Reading Plan B is Luke 1-3. The Children's reading plan focuses on Luke 1:1-4.

This evening we'll spend some special and specific time in prayer as we look ahead to the new year. In the message we'll explore four talking points in our conversations with the Lord through prayer.

Upcoming Worship Highlights

January 20, 9:30 AM: Holland Christian School Living Hope Singers

Offerings

Today: AM: Faith Promise Missionaries. PM: Elmhurst Walk-in Ministry.

January 13: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund.

PM: Grace & Peace Community Church.

January 20: AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Love, Inc.

January 27: AM: Cadets International. PM: Centerpointe Church.

2019 Giving Envelope Boxes are in your mailbox today. If you no longer want to receive a box of envelopes please return it to the church office. If you want to specify what cause you would like to donate to without using the envelopes you can write the cause on the memo line of your personal checks, sign up for online giving at faithelmhurst.org/give or use the online bill pay service at your bank. Please use the number on your envelopes as your account number with any donation method, so the deacons can track your donations for you. Thank you for your generous giving.

Prayer & Praise

If you have prayer needs, please visit room 14 on the south side of the sanctuary after the morning service.

George Vos went to be with his Lord on December 28. We extend our Christian sympathy to his brother Jack & Marlene Vos and to George's family and friends. A funeral service was held this past Monday.

Pray for **Judy Veldsema** as she recovers from shoulder surgery.

Jack Vos recently had a stent put in to deal with an artery blockage, but he continues to have heart and kidney issues. Please keep Jack and Marlene in your prayers as they both deal with health challenges.

Wilma Vos recently moved to Windsor Park in Carol Stream. Her new address is 114 Windsor Park B302, Carol Stream, IL 60188.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Grace Bolt** who live in Providence Healthcare in Downers Grove.

Announcements

Children's Church, Sunday School and Catechism continue on their winter break today and will resume January 13.

Jr. Cadets & Cadets do NOT meet this Wednesday. Our next meeting will be January 16. We will be going sledding, weather permitting.

The Faith CRC Council will be meeting tomorrow to initiate the elder-deacon nomination process for the service term starting in June 2019. The process starts with the Council selecting nominees for each office and culminates on May 5 at our annual Congregational Meeting with the congregation voting from among the Council nominees. In preparation, the Council asks the congregation to suggest names for each office. We value your thoughtful and prayerful consideration for those who would qualify as elders and deacons. We are guided in this process by the insight provided in God's word regarding the qualifications for each office found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9 (elders) and 1 Timothy 3:8-13 (deacons). To make a recommendation, please put the nominee's name and the office for which you are nominating him on a signed piece of paper and put it in the church mailbox of Don Miller, Clerk of Council, or please speak with any deacon or elder.

Volunteers needed this Tuesday! We are greatly in need of any willing, helping hands on January 8 at 6:30 PM. We will be making a set of matching quilts, one to hang here at church, and one will hang in the orphanage we support in Honduras as a gift made by our congregation. Meet us in the Fellowship Hall and help with measuring, cutting, pinning or sewing materials to prepare the quilt. Please sign up at the signup counter if you are willing to help. Contact Niki Tazelaar with questions.

Senior Bible Study will wrap up our Generosity study on Tuesday, January 15 at 1:15 PM.

Faith Book Club has chosen *Prague Winter* by Madeleine Albright for discussion at their next meeting. Drawing on her memory, her parents' written reflections and newly available documents, the author recounts a tale that is in turns both harrowing and inspiring. Newcomers are welcome to join us on January 15 at 7:00 PM at Park Place.

Roseland Breakfast and Worship: Serve breakfast at 9:00 AM and join in worship at 10:00 AM with Roseland Christian Ministries on January 27. Please RSVP to Jonathan at Jbarney@faithelmhurst.org.

The 2019 January Series of Calvin: Join us for this award-winning series of free lectures this January! This year's topics include technology and faith, the church and disabilities, restorative justice, cancer research, the #metoo movement and much more. It all takes place weekdays January 3-23 from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM in the Garden Room at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church (149 W. Brush Hill Rd, Elmhurst). A full list of speakers, topics, and listening options available at calvin.edu/january-series/speakers/.

The 6th - 8th Grade Catechism Class will be collecting aluminum cans and used Christmas lights. Proceeds will be donated to *All God's Children*. Please help us by saving your cans and dropping them off in tightly tied bags by the garage.

Faith CRC on Facebook, Twitter and now Instagram! Search for "faithelmhurst" on Instagram and follow us there!

Youth News

The Gathering will meet tonight, January 6 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

Asylum will meet on Sunday, January 13.

Winter Retreat: All 6-12th graders are invited to join us from January 18-20 for winter fun, horseback riding, paint ball, guest speaker and band and fellowship at Phantom Ranch, WI. Registration is available online and due today. Cost: \$95.

Roseland Breakfast and Worship: Serve breakfast and join in worship at Roseland Christian Ministries on January 27, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Please RSVP to Jonathan at Jbarney@faithelmhurst.org.

This Week at Faith

Today

The Gathering, 7:00 PM

Monday, January 7

Executive Committee, 6:30 PM

Deacons, 6:30 PM

Council, 7:00 PM

Elders, 8:00 PM

Tuesday, January 8

Quilt Project, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 9

Men's Prayer Group, 7:00 - 8:00 AM

GEMS Girls Club, 6:30 PM

Thursday, January 10

Mom2Mom, 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Ted Vander Naald **Next Week:** Sandy Turnbull

Kitchen: Pete & Barb Holtrop, Gerrit & Lori Wieringa*

Next Week: Jim & Kathy Lindemulder, Nathan & Kayla Middel*

Library: Nancy Boer, Sharon Herlien **Next Week:** Jeri Cook, Laura Miller

Audio Visual: Steve De Boer, Mary Huizinga, Chris Slinkman

Next Week: Dan Kooyenga, Al De Los Santos, Adam Zarek

Nursery Hostess: Laura Lanser **Next Week:** Susan Middel

Infant Nursery: Joy Koopmans, Julie Speelman, Paige Hoving

Next Week: Charis Engel, Karen Folkerts, Sam David

Toddler Nursery: Nicole Huizinga, Melanie Lumkes, Andrew Lumkes

Next Week: Sue Boonstra, Cindy Tazelaar, Izzy David

PM Nursery: Joy Koopmans, Marta Veenstra

Next Week: Pat Tobin, Caleb Lindemulder

Faith Ministry Contact Information

Asylum (grades 6-8) (Middle School Youth Group)	Jonathan Barney 630-279-0420
Bible Study Fellowship	Jen Cozette 708-491-8241
Cadets Boys Club	Lambert Bronger 630-665-9422
Children's Church	Christy Hooker 630-832-5378
Crossroads Prison Ministries	Ray Middel 630-862-1861
Deacons/Finance	Steve David 630-967-8672
Disability Advocates	Don & Laura Miller 630-279-0350
Discipleship	Greg Lanenga 708-562-6697 Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Elders	Dirk Glaubke 312-375-6431
Evangelism	Peter Holtrop 630-953-2938 Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Fellowship	Spencer Anderson 630-488-8412 Peter Holtrop 630-953-2938
GEMS Girls Club	Flory Hoving 630-279-5294
Hospitality/Meals	Spencer Anderson 630-488-8412
Library	Chuck Slinkman 630-730-4018
Membership Classes	Pastor Schuringa 630-279-1779
Men's Bible Studies	Steve David 630-967-8672 Christopher Koopmans 312-718-0293
Men's Prayer Group	Lambert Bronger 630-655-9422
Missions	Don Oostman 630-983-7239
Mom2Mom Ministry	Sarah Schuringa 630-279-0016
Music Ministries	Len Turnbull 630-941-8213
Nursery	Joy Koopmans 616-610-0259
P.A.D.S.	Lambert Bronger 630-665-9422
Profession of Faith Classes	Pastor Schuringa 630-279-1779
Right to Life Committee	Lambert Bronger 630-655-9422
Safe Church Ministry	Don Miller 630-279-0350
Senior Bible Study	Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Shoebox Ministry	Evelyn Wieringa 630-495-8956
Shut-in Visitation	Bern Slinkman 708-492-0114
Stephen Ministry	Grace Harbaugh 630-624-9468
Sunday School	Joy Hoving 630-780-9862
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The Gathering (High School)	Jonathan Barney 630-279-0420
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Women's Bible Study	Sarah Schuringa 630-279-0016