

## Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Apostles' Creed

Opening Song:

"I Believe"

God's Greeting

Song of Worship: #121 (PH)

"O God, to Us Show Mercy"

## Relying on Grace

God's Will for Our Lives

Prayer

Song of Praise: #590:1,2,4,6,8 (LH)

"Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*(children ages 3 - Kindergarten are dismissed for Children's Church)*

## Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Matthew 13:24-43 (p. 969)

Sermon:

**ANOTHER YEAR UNFOLDING**

Prayer

## Blessed to Serve

Song of Response:

"O Church Arise"

Benediction

Doxology: #834 (WC)

"Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

Postlude

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Guitar:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

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

## God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise: #578 (WC)

"Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

## We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, LD 32 (*p. 44 in the back of the PH*)

Prayer

Song of Worship: #462:1,2,5,6 (PH)

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Grace & Peace Community Church

## God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Romans 12:1-8 (*p. 1123*)

Sermon:

**AN INHERITANCE FOR THE MEEK**

Prayer

## We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #560:1,4 (WC)

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

Benediction

Doxology: #560:5 (WC)

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

Postlude

## Leading us in Worship

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Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Piano:

Donna Erdman

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## Today at Faith

This morning we continue our study of parables in Matthew. We'll read the parables of the Wheat and Weeds, Mustard Seed, and Yeast from Matthew 13 in light of the unfolding of a new year.

This evening we're beginning a sermon series on Romans 12-16. These chapters focus on our response to what God has done for us. Tonight, we'll hear Romans 12:1-8 call us to be transformed.

## Upcoming Worship at Faith

January 21, 9:30 AM: Sanctity of Life Focus

January 21, 6:00 PM: Prayer Service

January 28, 9:30 AM: Cadet Sunday

January 28, 6:00 PM: Hymn Sing

February 4, 9:30 AM: Baptism

February 11, 9:30 AM: Communion

## Offerings

Today: January 14: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund.  
PM: Grace & Peace Community Church.

January 21: AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Ebenezer CRC.

January 28: AM: Cadets International.  
PM: Chicago West Side Christian School.

**The Deacons** gratefully acknowledge the following offerings in December:

Faith General Fund	\$117,671	Bill Bolt Memorial	\$230
Faith Promise Missionaries	\$6,364	Centerpointe Church	\$194
Faith Benevolent Fund	\$2,045	Chicago Christian Counseling	\$30
Faith Building Fund	\$1,817	Daystar School	\$276
Faith Cadets	\$2,800	Elmhurst Walk-in Ministry	\$559
Faith Education Fund	\$395	Life on Wheels	\$1,268
Faith Cadet Breakfast	\$2,276	Rehoboth Christian School	\$1,835
The Gathering Sub Sale	\$3,524	Timothy Assistance Fund	\$9,568
All God's Children	\$1,584		
Total offerings for December	\$152,436		

**Actual General Fund receipts** from June 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 totaled approximately \$449,000 compared to budgeted receipts of \$474,000 or a \$25,000 shortfall to budget. Actual accrued expenses for the same period totaled \$467,000 or a \$18,000 actual shortfall. This is an improvement of \$48,000 related to budget and \$43,000 related to actual shortfall compared to just one month ago. Thank you for your generous giving!

**As of December 31, 2017**, the Timothy Tuition Assistance obligation for the 2017-2018 school year was approximately \$52,000.

## Prayer & Praise

If you have prayer needs, please visit room 1 on the north side of the sanctuary after the morning service.

**Judy Veldsema** is scheduled to have foot surgery tomorrow.

**Remember to pray** for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of Peter Voss who lives in Lexington Square in Elmhurst.

## Announcements

**You are invited** to the Calvin College January Series continuing this week through January 23 at Faith. Each lecture will be shown through live feed from Calvin College at 11:30 AM until 12:30 PM and will cover topics ranging from millennials and faith, restorative justice, confident pluralism, radical generosity and so much more by top experts in their fields. Faith CRC is one of more than 50 remote webcast sites across the continent, joining a daily audience of about 3,000 people a day. For information on the speakers and topics, visit the January Series website at [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january). Don't miss out on this chance to hear fabulous lectures and experience a piece of Calvin College right here in Elmhurst!

**A Profession of Faith Class** for high school students is being planned Sunday afternoons at 4:00 PM in February of 2018. Please reach out to Pastor Greg Schuringa to participate or for more information.

**Have you ever thought** about being trained as a Stephens Minister? There is a class starting soon. If you have any interest, please contact Grace Harbaugh, [harbaugg@fnbb.com](mailto:harbaugg@fnbb.com).

**Sanctity of Human Life Day** will be celebrated nationally on Sunday, January 21. The third Sunday in January, selected by President Reagan in 1984, closely marks the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that protected abortion actions in the United States. As Christians we stand in opposition to this practice and believe that God has a plan for each human being, from a baby's first tiny cell until life's final breath. Please be in prayer this week for those who stand for God's love of all life, and pray that hearts may be changed toward the support of all human life.

**Honduras Serve Meeting:** All Team Members should plan to attend a brief meeting after the morning service in the Choir Room on January 21. This will be an opportunity to discuss the events of the trip, schedules and answer any questions. In preparation for our time in Honduras, please keep us in your prayers.

**When Helping Hurts:** Join us on February 4, 11, and 18 for a class on how we can walk with the poor in ways that lead to lasting change. We'll be meeting to watch and discuss the *When Helping Hurts* video series during the Sunday School time after the morning service. Childcare will be available. Please contact Sara Swanson, 320-260-9232 or [srhnnbrg@gmail.com](mailto:srhnnbrg@gmail.com), if you are interested in childcare or if you have questions.

**The Faith Book Club** has selected *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair for discussion at our next meeting. This novel exposes the harsh conditions and exploited lives of immigrant workers in the Chicago stockyards. We will meet on Tuesday, (note new day) February 13, 2018 at Park Place. Please see Chuck Slinkman with any questions.

**Young Adult Sunday Evening Get-Together:** We'll be getting together every month or so this year for a meal and discussion on Sunday evenings. Join us on Sunday, February 18 at 7:00 PM (after the evening service). Please RSVP to Jonathan Barney for food prep.

**VBS Save the Date:** All four year olds through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join our church for a week of activities and Bible learning from 9:00 – 11:30 AM daily, June 18-21. Our thrilling theme this year is *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!* Mark your calendars—registration coming soon. Contact Youth Director, Jonathan Barney for questions.

**The 6th, 7th and 8th grade Catechism class** is collecting aluminum cans, old Christmas lights, small broken appliances, and scrap metal. Proceeds will go to All God's Children/Hogar De Ninos. Items can be placed by the church garage.

## Youth News

**Catechism:** 6-8th graders will meet in room 6 at 10:45 AM, and 9-12 graders will meet together in room 8 with Pastor Matthew at 11 AM due to Winter Retreat.

**The Gathering:** Our next meeting is Sunday, January 21. No meeting this Sunday due to retreat.

**Asylum:** 6-8th graders are invited to join us at the church for friends, food, Bible study, and small groups. Next meeting: Friday, January 26.

**Fathers & Sons of all ages** are invited to attend the Chicago West Council's Cadet Swimming Party, this Friday, January 19 from 8:30 PM - 10:30 PM, at Schaumburg Water Works. More information to follow.

# This Week at Faith

## Today

Sunday School & Catechism will meet at 10:45.  
The Sermon Discussion Group will meet in room 4/5 at 10:45 AM.  
PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) signup sheets for February are available in the Fellowship Hall.

## Monday, January 15

The Calvin January Series presents Beverly Daniel Tatum: *Why Are All the Black Kids Still Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* at 11:30 AM.

## Tuesday, January 16

The Calvin January Series presents Katherine Boo: *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity* at 11:30 AM.

## Wednesday, January 17

Men's Prayer Group will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 AM.  
Bible Study Fellowship will meet at 9:15 AM.  
The Calvin January Series presents Kevin Olusola in concert and conversation at 11:30 AM.  
Cadets & Jr. Cadets will meet from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.  
The Adult Ministries Committee will meet at 7:00 PM.

## Thursday, January 18

Women's Bible Study will meet at 9:00 AM.  
The Calvin January Series presents Jeremy McCarter: *Hamilton, Hope and Change* at 11:30 AM.  
Women's Bible Study will meet at 7:00 PM.

## Friday, January 19

The Calvin January Series presents R. David Edelman: *Cybersecurity & Geopolitics* at 11:30 AM.  
Cadet Father & Son Swimming Party at Waterworks in Schaumburg at 8:30 PM.

# Serving Faith Church

**Welcome Team:** Dave Printz      **Next Week:** Ted Vander Naald  
**Saratoga Driver:** Darrell Stodola      **Next Week:** Marv Tazelaar  
**Kitchen:** Jim & Kathleen Lindemulder, Byron & Cathy Plate\*  
**Next Week:** Val Hoving, Mary Huizinga\*, Gary & Lisa Vander Naald  
**Library:** Jeri Cook, Laura Miller  
**Next Week:** Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa  
**Audio Visual:** Todd Lindemulder, Ryan Swanson, Adam Zarek  
**Next Week:** Steve David, Mike Speelman, Ryan David  
**Nursery Hostess:** Emily Frank      **Next Week:** Sarah Schuringa  
**Infant Nursery:** Chelsea Barney, Charis Engel, Sophia Schuringa  
**Next Week:** Karen Folkerts, Kim Kooyenga, Riley Wieringa  
**Toddler Nursery:** Ruth Flikkema, Cindy Tazelaar, Ben Murphy  
**Next Week:** Liz Boonstra, Sara Swanson, Lauren Miller  
**PM Nursery:** Sharon Rozendal, Julie Speelman  
**Next Week:** Susan Middel, Caleb Lindemulder