

Gathered to Worship

Prelude
Ministry of Music
Welcome and God's Greeting
Song of Praise: #45 (WC)

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Relying on Grace

Declaration of Faith:
Sending our Honduras Team
Prayer
Songs of Worship:

Contemporary Testimony, Article 44

"Behold Our God"
"He Knows My Name"

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

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer
Offering:

CareNet Pregnancy Services

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:
Sermon:
Prayer

Matthew 13:44-46 *(p. 969)*
TRUE TREASURE

Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #425:1-3 (LH)
Benediction
Doxology: #491 (PH)
Postlude

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

"Glory Be to the Father"

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:
Sermon:
Organ:
Piano:
Ministry of Music:
Guitars:
Bass:

Pastor Greg Schuringa
Pastor Matthew Lanser
Donna Erdman
Jan Slinkman
Sandy Roelofs
Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz
Carter Bulthuis

(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: #492 (WC)

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

Prayers for our Church & Communities, Nation & World

Song of Worship: #392 (PH)

"Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayer"

God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Ephesians 3:14-19 (*p. 1158*)

Sermon:

A PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S LOVE IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer

We Respond with Gratitude

Song of Response:

"The Love of God"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Ebenezer CRC

We Go Out with God's Blessing

Small Group Prayers

Benediction

Doxology: #493 (PH)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Guitar:

Matt Bulthuis

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

Today at Faith

This morning our *Parables on the Road to Calvary* continues with two parables from Matthew 13:44-46. These stories challenge us to seek the greatest treasure, the kingdom of God.

This evening we'll spend extra time in prayer, taking time to share prayer needs and praises, and also praying for our church, nation, community, and world. In the message we'll take a close look at a famous prayer of Paul in Ephesians and see what it means for our church family.

Upcoming Worship at Faith

January 28, 9:30 AM: Cadet Sunday

January 28, 6:00 PM: Hymn Sing

February 4, 9:30 AM: Baptisms

February 11, 9:30 AM: Communion

February 11, 6:00 PM: Baptism

Offerings

Today: January 21: AM: CareNet Pregnancy Services. PM: Ebenezer CRC.

January 28: AM: Cadets International.

PM: Chicago West Side Christian School.

Prayer & Praise

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

We extend our Christian sympathy to **Evelyn Zeilstra** and **Brad & Evelyn Wieringa** and their family following the death of a daughter and sister, Barb Brouwer. A funeral was held last Thursday.

Tom Allen was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. Please keep Tom and Dorothy in prayer as they process this information and begin to consider treatment options.

Linda Decker will be having knee replacement surgery this Friday. Please pray for a successful surgery and quick recovery.

Continue to keep **Ron Tazelaar** in your prayers as he undergoes ongoing treatments for cancer.

Judy Veldsema had foot surgery last Monday. She will probably have to be in inpatient rehab for the next two to three months. Please pray for John and Judy in this time of recovery.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of Marge Stears who lives in Burr Ridge.

Please keep the All God's Children team members in prayer this week. A team of thirteen from our church will be serving the ministries in Comayagua, Honduras. We will be joined by nineteen more people from Faith Tinley Park. Please pray specifically for leadership, guidance and safety. The Team members are Lambert & Judy Bronger, Ria Hoogsteen, Clarence & Cindy Klaassens, Bob & Linda Loerop, Tim & Nan Loerop, Don Oostman, Sandy Turnbull, Bill Tazelaar, and Barb Weber. If you want to send a special gift/notes of love to your sponsored child, contact Clarence Klaassens, 708-334-2454; clarence@accu-ray.com.

Thank you so much for the support and gifts that our ministry, Back to God Ministries International, receives from your church. Know that we continue to share the Gospel around the world. We still use radio, television and printed materials like the TODAY devotional – but we are reaching people with all kinds of new media too – internet, blogs and smartphone apps. Not only do we share the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are also committed to discipling people and strengthening the Church. We so appreciate your partnership. We ask that you pray for our ministry and staff, and pray that the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of people who hear the message of salvation. Thanks again for your support.

Announcements

Today is National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Today, especially, we recognize God's plan for each human life he has created. Today, we pray for those who have no voice. Today, we stand against those who have taken away the voices of unborn babies, those with severe health issues and those whose lives are fading. Today, we pray that God gives us voices to be advocates for ALL human lives, no matter the situation or life stage. Today, let us be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus for human life.

You are invited to the Calvin College January Series continuing through Tuesday, 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. Don't miss out on this chance to hear fabulous lectures and experience a piece of Calvin College right here in Elmhurst!

Next Sunday, January 28 is Cadet Sunday. Cadets and Junior Cadets will set together at the morning worship service. Please wear your uniform and meet at the piano in the Fellowship Hall at 9:10 AM.

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.

Honduras Serve Meeting: All Team Members should plan to attend a brief meeting after the morning service in the Choir Room today. 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, if you are interested in childcare or if you have questions.

Creative Connections: Save the date! On Thursday, February 8 from 6:30 - 9:30 PM we will sew a drawstring jewelry pouch. This pouch holds your jewelry safe and tight with multiple inside pockets that keep everything neat and tidy. More information and sign up will begin Sunday, January 28.

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 5th 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, jbarney@faithelmhurst.org 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: Join other 6th - 12th graders this Sunday morning after worship for study of basic Christian doctrine and discussion!

The Gathering: Join us tonight for Bible study, Christian fellowship and a meal (7:00 – 9:00 PM). On Sunday February 4, join us for Games and Cocoa at the Barney's house.

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 26 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 AM.

The Sermon Discussion Group will meet in room 4/5 at 10:45 AM.

Honduras Serve Team will meet in the Choir room at 10:45 AM.

PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) signup sheets for February are available in the Fellowship Hall.

The Gathering will meet at 7:00 PM.

Monday, January 22

The Calvin January Series presents Kevin Palau: *Unlikely: Exploring Partnership between Churches and Cities* at 11:30 AM.

Tuesday, January 23

The Calvin January Series presents John Swinton: *Still Waters Run Deep: Reimagining Dementia and Humanness* at 11:30 AM.

Wednesday, January 24

Men's Prayer Group will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 AM.

Bible Study Fellowship will meet at 9:15 AM.

GEMS Girls Club will meet from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

Thursday, January 25

Mom2Mom will meet at 9:00 AM.

The Shalom Committee will meet at 7:00 PM.

Friday, January 26

Men's Bible Study will meet at 6:30 AM.

Cadet Father & Son Swimming Party at Waterworks in Schaumburg at 8:30 PM.

Asylum will meet at 7:00 PM.

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Ted Vander Naald

Next Week: Maria Kearney

Saratoga Driver: Marv Tazelaar

Next Week: Ken Teune

Kitchen: Val Hoving, Mary Huizinga*, Gary & Lisa Vander Naald

Next Week: Ed & Kim Biesboer, Bob & Sharon Herlien*

Library: Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa

Next Week: Chuck Slinkman

Audio Visual: Steve David, Mike Speelman, Ryan David

Next Week: Steve De Boer, Mary Huizinga, Ryan De Boer

Nursery Hostess: Sarah Schuringa

Next Week: Sara Swanson

Infant Nursery: Karen Folkerts, Kim Kooyenga, Riley Wieringa

Next Week: Dorothy Allen, Harma Slinkman, Paige Hoving

Toddler Nursery: Liz Boonstra, Joy Koopmans, Lauren Miller

Next Week: Sue Boonstra, Jessica Vander Naald, Sam David

PM Nursery: Susan Middel, Caleb Lindemulder

Next Week: Chelsea Barney, Marta Veenstra