

## Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise:

"Come People of the Risen King"

## Relying on Grace

Welcome of New Members:

Song of Faith:

Honduras Serve Team Testimony

Prayer

Song of Worship: #137 (PH)

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

Dirk & Eileen Rauglas

"He Knows My Name"

"In Doubt and Temptation"

## Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Elim Christian Services

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Sermon:

Prayer

Judges 15 (p. 249)

**THE FUSE IS LIT: WATCH WHERE YOU'RE WALKING**

## Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #594:1,2 (WC)

Benediction

Doxology:

Postlude

"Like a River Glorious"

"Step by Step"

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Sermon:

Organ:

Bass:

Guitars:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Jan Slinkman

Carter Bulthuis

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

*(PH-Psalter Hymnal; WC-Worshipping 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: #473:1,2,3 (WC)

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain?"

## We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith:

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

Prayer

Song of Worship:

"Above All"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Shoebox Ministry

## God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

1 Peter 1:1-2, 5:12-14 (*p. 1200, 1203*)

Sermon:

**GRACE AND PEACE IN BABYLON**

Prayer

## We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #372:1-2 (PH)

"At the Name of Jesus"

Benediction

Doxology: #372:3 (PH)

"At the Name of Jesus"

Postlude

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Piano:

Katrina Sudman

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

## Today at Faith

**This morning** in the message we continue with Samson, the last deliverer of God's people in the book of *Judges*. Also this morning we look forward to welcoming two new members and hearing about a recent service trip to Honduras.

**This evening** we conclude our *Hope for the Journey* series with 1 Peter 1:1-2 and 5:12-14. We'll also have a time of sharing congregational praises and petitions for prayer.

**Reading the Gospel of Luke:** Reading Plan A covers Luke 9-10 this week, and Reading Plan B continues with Luke 4-7. The Children/Family reading plan focuses on Luke 9:18-27.

## Prayer & Praise

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

**Judy Doornbos** continues to struggle with several health issues. Please pray for healing for her.

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

**William & Cathy Canelos and family** have moved to a new address: 1921 E. Willow Ave., Wheaton, IL 60187; 630-386-6300. **Pete & Barb Holtrop** have a new phone number: 630-248-3222. Please update your church directory to include these changes.

Happy Birthday to **Marilynn Smith** on March 12, **Margaret Stears** on March 14, **Jim Van Kampen** on March 23 and **Evelyn Johnson** on March 31.

## Offerings

Today: AM: Elim Christian Services. PM: Shoebox Ministries.

March 3 AM: Faith Promise Missionaries. PM: Zuni CRC.

March 10 AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. PM: Calvin Seminary.

March 17 AM: GEMS Girls Club. PM: Lampstand Ministries.

March 24 AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Life on Wheels.

March 31 AM: Tapestries of Life. PM: Gideons.

The Deacons gratefully acknowledge the following offerings in January:

Faith General Fund	\$48,411	Centerpointe Church	\$386
Faith Promise Missionaries	\$4,294	Elmhurst Walk-in Ministry	\$296
Faith Benevolent Fund	\$733	Grace & Peace	\$515
Faith Building Fund	\$340	Loerop, Honduras	\$200
Faith Education Fund	\$1,235	Love, Inc.	\$325
All God's Children	\$212	Timothy Assistance Fund	\$3,789
Caring Network	\$1,772		

Total Offerings for January: \$62,508

**Actual General Fund receipts** from June 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019 totaled approximately \$505,000 compared to budgeted receipts of \$534,000 or a \$25,000 shortfall to budget. Actual accrued expenses for the same period totaled \$533,000 or a \$24,000 actual shortfall.

**As of January 31, 2018**, the Timothy Tuition Assistance obligation for the 2018-2019 school year was approximately \$45,000.

## Announcements

**Two matching quilts** were recently created by a number of members of our congregation. One quilt is being hand-delivered to Hogar de Ninos, the orphanage we support in Honduras. This quilt will serve as a tribute to Faith's support and love for the orphans and those who care for them in Honduras. The other quilt will be on display here to celebrate Mission Emphasis through April 29, 2019. Then, it will be moved to a more permanent home in the Mother's Room. Thank you to all who supported and participated in this process!

**Worship Team** - If you are interested in joining the worship team as either a singer or instrumentalist, please reach out to Matt Bulthuis ([matt@smartgate.com](mailto:matt@smartgate.com)) or Pastor Greg. The more the merrier!!

**Creative Connections:** Have you ever wondered how people make a beautiful yarn/felt wreath? Yarn adds an element of warmth to your home/front door and is perfect for winter/fall or any time of year! All women are welcome to join us this Thursday, February 28, from 6:30 to 10:00 PM. We will be providing a variety of felt colors so all we ask is that when you sign up in the narthex you select your yarn color of choice (grey or cream). Cost is \$6.25. Join us for an evening of fellowship and crafting and remember you are welcome to bring a neighbor or friend. If you have any questions please feel free to call Susan Middel, 630-656-2801.

**Ebenezer Food Pantry:** The Evangelism Committee invites you to join in volunteering at Ebenezer CRC's food pantry this Friday, March 1. We have two shifts available (4:30 - 6:00 PM and 6:00 - 7:30 PM), and we need seven or eight people per shift. This is part of our ongoing ministry partnership with Ebenezer this year; please consider participating in this as a way to express our unity in love and service with other believers. Register at the sign-up counter. Contact Pastor Matthew or Sandy Turnbull with questions.

**Senior Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, March 5 at 1:15 PM. We'll be studying Revelation 4-5 (Lesson 3 in the study guide).

**Taco Dinner:** Join us for fellowship and a meal between 5:00 – 7:00 PM at church on Thursday, March 7! All donations go to our youth ministry and high school trip to Memphis, TN. We will be working with Service Over Self, as they work with homeowners in need of critical home repair in the Memphis neighborhood of Binghampton. Sign up in the narthex to donate supplies.

**Families in a Digital Age:** During the Sunday school time on March 17, the Discipleship Committee will be hosting a presentation on families in a digital world. Kevin Hackert of Timothy Christian Schools will be leading a conversation on how to keep children safe and how to use technology wisely in today's world.

**The Faith Book Club** has selected *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim De Fede for discussion at their next meeting. This is the true story of 38 jetliners that were forced to land in Gander, Newfoundland on September 11, 2001 and the acts of kindness that touched the lives of thousands of people. We will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 PM at Park Place of Elmhurst.

**Administrative Assistant Search:** The Staff Relations Committee is searching for a new administrative assistant for Faith. The position would have part-time flexible hours. If you need more details talk to Niki in the office. It would be our preference to have a current Faith CRC member fill the position. If you are interested in applying for this position please forward a resume and letter of interest to the Staff Relations Committee at [assistantsearch@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:assistantsearch@faithelmhurst.org).

**Save the Date for VBS – ROAR!** Join us from June 17-20 from 9:00 - 11:30 AM for a week to remember of worship, games, science station, Bible teaching and drama! Free for children aged four through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Online registration coming soon.

**Photos of Ministry Events!** Please send any good photos you have of Faith CRC ministry events to [office@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:office@faithelmhurst.org). Then we can share all the various things God is doing at Faith on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter! Thank you! As always, please let the office know if you prefer not to be included in online photos.

## Youth News

**The Gathering:** Join us tonight for a meal, games and small groups (7:00 – 9:00 PM). We'll be watching a video lesson discussing the obstacles to our relationship with God, and hearing more testimonies from your youth leaders. Invite your friends!

**Asylum** will meet next on March 10 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Join us for a meal, fellowship, games and Bible study - invite your friends!!

**My Brother's Kitchen:** Join us to serve a meal to the homeless on March 16 (9:00 AM - 1:30 PM). RSVP to Jonathan for transportation purposes. All members and chaperones welcome!

## This Week at Faith

### Today

Sunday School & Catechism, 10:45 - 11:45 AM  
Mission Committee, 10:50 AM  
Sermon Discussion Group, 11:00 AM  
The Gathering, 7:00 PM

### Wednesday, February 27

Men's Prayer Group, 7:00 - 8:00 AM  
Bible Study Fellowship, 9:00 AM  
GEMS Girls Club, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

### Thursday, February 28

Mom2Mom, 9:00 AM  
Creative Connections, 6:30 PM

### Friday, March 1

Men's Bible Study, 6:30 AM  
Ebenezer Food Pantry, 4:30 - 7:30 PM

## Serving Faith Church

**Welcome Team:** Sharon Rozendal **Next Week:** Ted Vander Naald  
**Kitchen:** Jim & Kathleen Lindemulder\*, Nathan & Kayla Middel  
**Next Week:** Scott & Staci Bryant\*, Byron & Cathy Plate  
**Library:** Chuck Slinkman **Next Week:** Nancy Boer, Sharon Herlien  
**Audio Visual:** Steve David, Mike Speelman, Colin Middel  
**Next Week:** Steve De Boer, Mary Huizinga, Chris Slinkman  
**Nursery Hostess:** Janna Piersma **Next Week:** Joy Koopmans  
**Infant Nursery:** Ruth Flikkema, Trudy Voss, Sophia Schuringa  
**Next Week:** Mindy Slinkman, Cindy Vander Naald, Grace Lindemulder  
**Toddler Nursery:** Jen Bernahl, Ashley Van Byssum, Luke Miller  
**Next Week:** Sue Dillon, Melanie Lumkes, Andrew Lumkes  
**PM Nursery:** Jill Veenstra, Etta Veenstra  
**Next Week:** Julie Speelman, Caleb Lindemulder