

## Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise: #745 (WC)

"Jesus Shall Reign"

## Relying on Grace

Jason & Heather Turner family welcome

Prayer

Songs of Worship:

"Your Name"

"Hear O Lord and Answer"

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

## Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Zuni CRC

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Sermon:

Prayer

John 4:4-26 (p. 1052)

**DIVINE APPOINTMENTS**

## Blessed to Serve

Song of Response:

*(sung to the tune of #21 (WC), "How Great Thou Art")*

Benediction

Doxology:

Postlude

"Until They Know"

"Step by Step"

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Sermon:

Organ & Piano:

Oboe:

Violin:

Guitar:

Bass:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Rev. Mike Meekhof

Jan Slinkman

Olivia Schuringa

Kristen Voss

Matt Bulthuis

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: #743:1,2,4 (WC)

"Christ for the World! We Sing"

## We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith:

Prayer

Song of Worship:

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

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

"You Are My King" (Amazing Love)

Back to God Ministries International

## God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Sermon:

Prayer

Mark 1:1-8 (*p. 990*)

**REAL NEWS**

## We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #412:1,3 (PH)

Benediction

Doxology: #953 (LH)

Postlude

"I Love to Tell the Story"

"Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Sermon:

Piano:

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

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Rev. Guillermo Serrano

Jan Slinkman

## Today at Faith

Today in worship we kick off Mission Emphasis week by welcoming to the Faith CRC pulpit Rev. Mike Meekhof from Zuni, New Mexico and Rev. Guillermo Serrano the Spanish Team Leader at Back to God Ministries International.

## Upcoming Worship at Faith

March 4 AM & PM: Mission Emphasis Week concludes  
March 11 PM: Men of A-Chord in worship  
March 18 AM: GEMS Sunday/Baptism

## Offerings

Today: **AM:** Zuni CRC. **PM:** Back to God Ministries International.  
March 4: **AM:** Roseland Christian Ministries. **PM:** CenterPointe Church.  
March 11: **AM:** Faith Promise Missionaries. **PM:** Men of A-Chord.  
March 18: **AM:** Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund.  
**PM:** World Renew-Disaster Response.  
March 25: **AM:** Faith General Fund. **PM:** Bible League International.

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

Faith General Fund	\$56,377	CareNet	\$1,802
Faith Promise Missionaries	\$4,212	Cadets International	\$1,517
Faith Benevolent Fund	\$1,370	Ebenezer CRC	\$504
Faith Building Fund	\$338	Grace & Peace Church	\$387
Faith Education Fund	\$285	Horizon Community Church	\$258
Timothy Assistance Fund	\$4,458	Kristen Tazelaar Memorial Fund	\$100
Bill Bolt Memorial	\$25	Westside Christian School	\$378
Total offerings for January \$72,011			

**Actual General Fund** receipts from June 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018 totaled approximately \$506,000 compared to budgeted receipts of \$542,000 or a \$36,000 shortfall to budget. Actual accrued expenses for the same period totaled \$528,000 or a \$22,000 actual shortfall.

**As of January 31, 2018**, the Timothy Tuition Assistance obligation for the 2017-2018 school year was approximately \$50,000.

## Prayer & Praise

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

**Linda Decker** is having significant pain after her recent knee replacement surgery. Please pray for healing and pain relief for Linda as she recovers at home.

**Ken Rusthoven** continues to recover slowly at Hinsdale Hospital from triple bypass surgery. Please pray for continued progress for Ken.

**Judy Veldsema** continues to be at ManorCare in Hinsdale for rehab following foot surgery.

**Remember to pray** for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Ralph Van Kampen** who lives in Park Place.

**Happy Birthdays** to **Marilyn Smith** (80) on March 12, **Marge Stears** (90) on March 14, **Jim Van Kampen** (83) on March 23 and **Evelyn Johnson** (86) on March 31.

**Happy Birthday** also to Judy Bronger's mother, **Albina Honsa**, who will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 1 in Mesa, Arizona.

## Announcements

**The Profession of Faith class** for high schoolers concludes today at 4:00 PM in Room 4/5. Again, if anyone pre- or post-high school age is interested in making profession of their faith, please get in touch with Pastor Schuringa [gschuringa@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:gschuringa@faithelmhurst.org).

**At its last meeting, Council** acknowledged with much gratitude the extra work that Pastor Matthew took on during the period of Pastor Greg's cancer treatments and recovery. In recognition of Pastor Matthew's additional preaching, administrative and leadership responsibilities during this time, Council approved a special one-time monetary bonus and additional time off. May God continue to bless Pastor Matthew and Pastor Greg as they lead us as shepherds of His flock here at Faith! Feel free to contact Ray Middel, VP of Council with any questions.

**Mission Emphasis Week begins today!** Rev. Mike Meekhof from Zuni, New Mexico will join us in morning worship and Rev. Guillermo Serrano, from Back to God Ministries International will be our guest in the evening. Next Sunday, Jei Wilson from Roseland Christian Ministries will be our guest in the morning and Rev. Fred De Jong, from CenterPointe Church in Plainfield, IL will join us in the evening. There will be potluck luncheons on both Sundays. The whole family is invited to join us, even if you forgot to sign up for today. Please sign up online or in the narthex for next week so we are able to plan the food.

**Also planned for Missions Emphasis Week** is an all church Soup & Salad Supper at 6:00 PM this Thursday evening, (March 1) with Joel Hamernick, Executive Director of Sunshine Gospel Ministry as our speaker. Please sign up in the narthex or online so we are able to plan ahead for the food.

**Young Adult Sunday Evening Get-Together:** Join us next Sunday, March 4 at 7:00 PM (after the evening service) for a dinner of Buffalo Wild Wings and veggies. Suggested food offering: \$5. Please RSVP for food prep to [jbarney@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:jbarney@faithelmhurst.org).

**Senior Bible Study** will meet again on Tuesday, March 6 at 1:15 PM. We'll be studying the Gospel of Luke 6:1-7:50 (Lesson 4 in the study guide).

**Attention: All Instrumentalists and All Singers.** As we plan for the upcoming Easter week services, we would like to know if you are unable to participate due to spring break plans. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who loves to sing or play an instrument to be part of bringing glory to God during these meaningful services. Please contact Jan Slinkman, [janslinkman@att.net](mailto:janslinkman@att.net). Please note rehearsals begin next week according to the following schedule:

**Good Friday Men's Chorus** will rehearse on March 4 & 25 after the morning worship service.

**Palm Sunday Women's Choir** will rehearse on March 4 after the morning worship service.

**Easter Sunday Choir** will rehearse on March 11, 18, & 25 after the morning worship service.

**Easter Sunday Band/Orchestra** will rehearse on March 11, 18, & 25 at 4:00 PM.

**Creative Connections:** Ladies, join us on Thursday, March 8 from 6:30 - 9:30 PM for an evening of crafting and fellowship. We will be sewing the drawstring jewelry pouch for \$5 which we originally planned for February 8, but cancelled due to the weather. This pouch holds your jewelry safe and tight with multiple inside pockets that keep everything neat and tidy. Sign up today, even if you signed up last month. **If you are able** please bring your sewing machine with white thread, pins and an iron and ironing board, but join us even if you can't bring these items. Questions call Susan, 630-656-2801.

**The Faith Book Club** has chosen *Miracle of Israel: The Shocking, Untold Story of God's Love for His People* by Jim Fletcher and Gary Frazier for discussion at their March meeting. This book provides an easy-to-read timeline of miracle after miracle related to the nation of Israel. Newcomers are welcome to join us on Tuesday, March 13 at Park Place at 7:00 PM.

**Women's Breakfast:** Faith will be hosting a women's breakfast on Saturday, March 17 at 8:00 AM. We have a great breakfast and speaker lined up, and we hope you can join us! Sue Roman of the Re:New Project will be sharing about how Re:New provides training and initial employment for refugee women in Chicagoland. Sign up in the narthex or on Faith's website to help us plan for how much food to make.

**Save the date for our next Senior event!** On Friday, April 20 at 10:00 AM we will have author and presenter Rochelle Pennington here to talk about the largest shipwreck on the Great Lakes to this day: The Edmund Fitzgerald. Don't miss this special opportunity to learn more about this historical event! Light refreshments will be served. Watch the bulletin for details and reservation information in the coming weeks.

**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, [ibarney@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:ibarney@faithelmhurst.org) for questions.

**Church Mailboxes.** Please check your church mailbox if you haven't done so in a while. Thank you!

## Youth News

**All High School Catechism Classes** will be meeting in room 1-2 today at 11:00 AM.

**The Gathering:** Join us tonight from 7:00 – 9:00 PM for a meal, games, teaching and discussion on “Living as a Christian in College” and “Discerning God’s Will.”

**Asylum:** 6-8th graders are invited to join us for friends, food, Bible study, and small groups. **Next meeting: Friday, March 9;** we will have a special event, “Secret Church,” to foster solidarity with persecuted believers and the global church.

**Puerta Vallarta Trip Training:** Students and Leaders please join us from 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM on Sunday, March 11.

## 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 11:00 AM.

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

The Gathering will meet at church at 7:00 PM.

### Wednesday, February 28

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, March 1

Women’s Bible Study will meet at 9:00 AM.

Mission Emphasis Soup & Salad dinner with Joel Hamernick at 6:00 PM.

### Friday, March 2

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

Asylum will meet at 7:00 PM.

## Serving Faith Church

**Welcome Team:** Dave Printz

**Next Week:** Sandy Turnbull

**Saratoga Driver:** Randy Van Dahm

**Next Week:** Marv Tazelaar

**Kitchen:** Jim & Kathleen Lindemulder\*, Byron & Cathy Plate

**Next Week:** Val Hoving, Mary Huizinga, Gary & Lisa Vander Naald\*

**Library:** Chuck Slinkman

**Next Week:** Nancy Boer, Sharon Herlien

**Audio Visual:** Steve De Boer, Mary Huizinga, Ryan De Boer

**Next Week:** Dan Kooyenga, Al De Los Santos, Chris Slinkman

**Nursery Hostess:** Joy Koopmans

**Next Week:** Mindy Slinkman

**Infant Nursery:** Val Hoving, Mary Huizinga, Sam David

**Next Week:** Nicole Huizinga, Lindy Oostman, Etta Veenstra

**Toddler Nursery:** Jen Bernahl, Emily Frank, Izzy David

**Next Week:** Diana De Boer, Janna Piersma, Leah De Boer

**PM Nursery:** Joy Koopmans, Marta Veenstra **Next Week:** Jill Veenstra, Grace Veenstra