

## Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Worship: #5 (WC)

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

## Relying on Grace

Prayer

Song of Worship:

"Before the Throne of God Above"

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

## Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Faith Promise Missionaries

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Romans 8:14-17 (*p. 1118*)

Sermon:

**ADOPTED**

Prayer

## Celebrating Communion

Song of Preparation:

"The Power of the Cross"

The Meaning of Communion

Song Worship: #390 (PH)

"Eternal Spirit, God of Truth"

*(sung together during the passing of the bread)*

Song of Praise: #514:1,2 (WC)

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

*(offering for those in need—the Faith CRC Benevolent fund)*

## Blessed to Serve

Benediction

Doxology: #514:3 (WC)

Postlude

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Violin:

Kristen Voss

Bass:

Carter Bulthuis

Guitar:

Matt Bulthuis

Ministry of Music:

Grace Veenstra

*(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 Worship:

"You Are My All in All"

## We Express Our Faith

Song of Faith: #3:1,4 (WC)

Prayer

Song of Worship: #520:1,2,4 (WC)

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Zuni CRC

## God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Sermon:

Prayer

2 Peter 1:1-4 (*p. 1204*)

**WHAT'S YOUR PRECIOUS?**

## We Go Out with God's Blessing

Benediction

Song of Praise: #248 (WC)

Postlude

"He Lives"

## 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 Matthew Lanser

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Donna Erdman

## Today at Faith

**This morning** we're beginning a new sermon series, *One Together*. We'll return to this series every time we celebrate the Supper this year and reflect on different themes that the sacrament highlights in the Christian life. Today we'll read Romans 8:14-17 and focus on God's adoption of us as His children.

**Also this morning we celebrate Communion or the Lord's Supper.** First the bread and then the wine will be distributed by our elders. As Jesus unites all believers through His work, we will eat and drink each element in unison, when indicated by the pastor. For those who prefer grape juice instead of wine, it can be found at the center of each tray. Gluten free bread is available in individual packages in the bread tray. If you are a guest this morning, and a professing member of Jesus in another Bible-believing church, you are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table today.

**This evening** we start a new sermon series on 2 Peter, having just wrapped up 1 Peter.

**Reading the Gospel of Luke:** Reading Plan A focuses on Luke 11-12 this week, and Reading Plan B works through Luke 8-11. The Children/Family reading plan will read Luke 10:25-37.

## Upcoming Worship Highlights

March 10 AM: Baptism Sunday  
March 10 PM: Ebenezer CRC joins us  
March 17 AM: GEMS Sunday

## Prayer & Praise

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

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Gert Tazelaar** who lives in Saratoga Grove in Downers Grove.

**"We really appreciate** all the cards, and prayers for us during Don's recent surgery. We have a wonderful caring church."  
Don & Lindy Oostman

**Robert & Marcy Laning** have a new phone number: 708-574-6213. Please update your church directory to include this change.

## Offerings

Today: 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.

## 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!!

**Senior Bible Study** will meet this 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.

**Ebenezer Spiritual Renewal Week:** Ebenezer CRC will be joining us for our 6:00 PM service on March 10 to kick off their annual spiritual renewal week. Pastor Peter and Ebenezer's worship team will be leading us in a time of prayer and praise. After the service, the Discipleship Committee will be hosting an Ice Cream Social. On that Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 PM, we're invited to go to Ebenezer for a time of prayer and song together with them. Contact Pastor Matthew for more details.

**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:** will meet next on March 17 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Join us for a guest speaker!

**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

Sermon Discussion Group, 11:00 AM

### Monday, March 4

Executive Committee, 6:30 PM

Deacons, 6:30 PM

Elders, 7:00 PM

### Tuesday, March 5

Senior Bible Study, 1:15 PM

Strategy Committee, 7:00 PM

### Wednesday, March 6

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

Bible Study Fellowship, 9:00 AM

Cadets & Jr. Cadets, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

### Thursday, March 7

Women's Bible Study, 9:00 AM

The Gathering Taco Dinner, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Women's Bible Study, 7:15 PM

### Friday, March 8

Men's Bible Study, 6:30 AM

## Serving Faith Church

**Welcome Team:** Ted Vander Naald **Next Week:** Cathy Bulthuis  
**Kitchen:** Scott & Staci Bryant\*, Byron & Cathy Plate  
**Next Week:** Ed & Kim Biesboer\*, Bob & Sharon Herlien  
**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:** Joy Koopmans **Next Week:** Nicole Huizinga  
**Infant Nursery:** Mindy Slinkman, Cindy Vander Naald, Grace Lindemulder  
**Next Week:** Kathy Miedema, Niki Tazelaar, Joy Koopmans  
**Toddler Nursery:** Sue Dillon, Melanie Lumkes, Andrew Lumkes  
**Next Week:** Cindy Tazelaar, Laurie Vander Naald, Paige Hoving  
**PM Nursery:** Julie Speelman, Caleb Lindemulder  
**Next Week:** Susan Middel, Sarah Schuringa

## Council Notes March 2019

- Council has finished the elder-deacon nomination process and is grateful for seven elder and eight deacon candidates to present to the congregation at the May 5 congregational meeting. Council will be asking the congregation to vote to fill four elder and four deacon openings for June 2019 and beyond.
- The Safe Church Team continues to meet and update our current safe church policy based on the recommendations of our new insurance.
- Finance Committee has begun budget preparations for the June 2019-May 2020 church year.
- Staff Relations Committee reports completing annual pastoral and Youth Director evaluations. Initial feedback about the changes to the evaluation process is positive.
- Our pastors and Worship Committee communicated plans for upcoming sabbatical (extended study) weeks. Dr. Schuringa will split his sabbatical time between 2019 and 2020 and Rev. Lanser will take his sabbatical in 2020.
- Shalom Committee reports strategic and positive partnerships with Roseland CRC as well as Ebenezer CRC in Berwyn, which have been a blessing to us and them.
- The Strategic Committee reports good progress and a variety of items already spinning off from their discussions into the life of the church.
- The Deacons express gratitude for strong calendar-year-end giving even as we look ahead to church-year-end in May.
- Church Security information gathering and planning continues.
- Missions Committee reports that Jim & Ruth Padilla De Borst plan to be here March 24 in morning worship and our second mission emphasis Sunday is scheduled for April 28. Roseland CRC will join us in morning worship and will share with us in a luncheon.
- Evangelism, Discipleship and Music Committees report a variety of activities and future plans.