

## Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise:

"The Name of Jesus"

## Relying on Grace

Song of Confession & Assurance & Commitment:

"O Great God"

Prayer

Song of Worship: #480 (PH)

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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

## Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Faith Promise Missionaries

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Matthew 25:1-13 (*p. 983*)

Sermon:

**WAITING FOR JESUS**

Prayer

## Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #97:1,2 (WC)

"He is Lord"

Benediction

Doxology: #97:4 (WC)

"He is Lord"

Postlude

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Violin:

Kristen Voss

Oboe:

Olivia Schuringa

Guitar:

Matt Bulthuis

Bass:

Carter Bulthuis

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

## God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Introit:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Welcome and God’s Greeting

Song of Praise: #575:1,3,4 (LH)

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Men of A-Chord:

“Be Strong in the Lord”

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

“A New Name in Glory”

“Glory Be to the Father”

Song of Praise: #491 (PH)

## God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Romans 14:1; 15:1-13 (*p. 1124*)

Sermon:

**ONE LAST TRUTH**

Prayer

Song of Response: #447:1-3,6 (PH)

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

## We Express Our Gratitude

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Men of A-Chord

Men of A-Chord:

“10,000 Reasons”

“Mercy Tree”

“Midnight Cry”

## We Go Out with God’s Blessing

Benediction

Doxology: #487 (PH)

Postlude

“May the Grace of Christ Our Savior”

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Ministry of Music:

Men of A-Chord

Director:

Justin Rich

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

## Today at Faith

**This morning** our *Parables on the Road to Calvary* series continues with Matthew 25:1-13. This parable urges us to be always prepared for Jesus' return.

**In evening worship** we welcome the Men of A-Chord who will share with us in song. In the message we'll continue in the book of Romans.

## Upcoming Worship at Faith

March 18 AM: GEMS Sunday/Baptism

March 30, 7 PM: Good Friday Service of Growing Darkness and Communion

April 1 AM: Easter Morning worship

April 8 AM: Calvin College Instrumental Ensembles in worship

April 8 PM: Calvin College Orchestra in worship

## Prayer & Praise

**At its last meeting the Faith elders** received professions of faith from Jimmy Allen, Austin Hoogendoorn, Nick Huisman, and Nathan Printz. They will be making public professions at an upcoming Sunday morning service.

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

We extend our sympathy to **Doug & Monica Engbers** following the death of Doug's mother, Niecia Engbers, in Grand Rapids, MI. Services were held on Saturday.

**Bill Langeland** is recovering at home following a recent surgery.

**Ken Rusthoven** is at Burgess Square in Westmont for rehab following heart surgery.

**Sue Sipusich** had surgery on her arm this past week and remains in Lutheran General Hospital recovering.

**Remember to pray** for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Grace Lanenga** who lives in Village Woods in Crete, IL.

**On behalf of the Missions Committee**, we would like to thank everyone that participated and contributed to a very successful Mission Emphasis Week. Please continue to remember to pray for our Missionaries.

**Betty Klaassens** has moved to a new home. Her new address is Park Place of Elmhurst, 1050 S. Euclid #3107, Elmhurst, IL 60126; 630-279-0846.

**Ryan & Sara Swanson and William** have recently moved to Minnesota. Their new address is 10944 181st Lane NW, Elk River, MN 55330. They are keeping the same phone numbers. Please update your church directories to reflect these changes.

## Offerings

Today: **AM:** Faith Promise Missionaries. **PM:** Men of A-Chord.

March 18: **AM:** GEMS Girls Club, International.

**PM:** World Renew-Disaster Response.

March 25: **AM:** Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund.

**PM:** Bible League International.

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

Faith General Fund	\$45,690	All God's Children	\$125
Faith Promise Missionaries	\$4,521	Back to God International	\$439
Faith Benevolent Fund	\$1,677	Calvin College	\$258
Faith Building Fund	\$300	Chicago Christian Counseling	\$187
Faith Education Fund	\$255	Timothy Assistance Fund	\$2,680
Faith Youth Group	\$410	Zuni CRC	\$1,621
Total offerings for February \$58,163			

**Actual General Fund receipts** from June 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018 totaled approximately \$551,000 compared to budgeted receipts of \$609,000 or a \$58,000 shortfall to budget. Actual accrued expenses for the same period totaled \$600,000 or a \$48,000 actual shortfall.

**As of February 28, 2018**, the Timothy Tuition Assistance obligation for the 2017-2018 school year was approximately \$47,000.

## Announcements

**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 continue according to the following schedule:

**Good Friday Men's Chorus** will rehearse on March 25 at 10:45 AM.

**Palm Sunday Women's Choir** will rehearse today and March 18 at 11:15 AM.

**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.

**The Church Property Committee** will meet on Monday, March 12 at 6:30 PM.

**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.

**Everyone is invited** to the Chicago West Council's Cadet Pine Wood Derby on Friday, March 16 at Timothy Middle School. Registration and pizza 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Races start at 7:00 PM. Come on out and enjoy pizza, fellowship and cheer for your favorite Cadet.

**Women's Breakfast:** Faith will be hosting a women's breakfast this 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.

**Senior Bible Study** will meet next Tuesday, March 20 at 1:15 PM. We'll be studying the Gospel of Luke 8 (Lesson 5 in the study guide).

**The Adult Ministries and Evangelism Committees** will be meeting on Wednesday March 21. Evangelism Committee will meet at 6:30 PM. We'll have a joint meeting at 7:00 PM, and after that, the Adult Ministries Committee will meet.

**4<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade Cadets and their fathers:** On Wednesday, March 21, we will meet at Laser Quest (in the mall at the corner of Finley and Butterfield in Downers Grove) for our annual father/son laser tag outing. **Please arrive by 7:00 PM** for two great games of tag and some tasty refreshments. The cost will be \$16 per family. Call Steve Weglarz, 630-217-9683, if you have any questions. Jr. Cadets will still meet at church.

**This Easter we would like to display Easter lilies** as a symbol of Christ's resurrection power. You can purchase these lilies as a remembrance of your loved ones who are in God's heavenly presence; and then have their names honored in our Easter bulletin. Order Forms (envelopes) are available at the narthex sign-up table. Please fill in the needed information, enclose the payment (\$16 each), and deposit envelope in the Bulletin Announcement Box, by March 25. Lilies can be taken home after the morning worship.

**Calvin College Orchestra** will be performing on April 8, 2018, during the morning and evening services at Faith. Please save the date. Volunteers to house the 48 student orchestra overnight are needed. A host instruction sheet is available in the narthex or online and will answer what is involved in hosting. You can volunteer to host students (minimum of 2) by signing up in the narthex or going to <https://calvin.edu/academics/departments-programs/music/events/ensemble-tours/orchestra-tour.html> or contact the church office.

**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.

**Young Adult Sunday Evening Get-Together:** Join us for our next meeting on April 22 at 7:00 PM (after the evening service) for a dinner, fellowship and prayer.

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

## Youth News

**Puerto Vallarta Mandatory Trip Training:** Students and Leaders please join us from 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM **TODAY** in room 4-5. A light lunch will be provided.

**The Gathering:** Join us for a meal, fellowship and study tonight at 7:00 PM.

**The Gathering Whirly Ball Party:** Students are invited to join us @ Whirly Ball in Lombard at 6:45 PM on Friday, March 16. Afterward we will go to a party and open gym at Timothy High School from 8:15 - 10:00 PM. Invite your friends, especially non-Christians!! Cost: \$15 (payable to "Faith CRC", put in Jonathan's mailbox or due upon arrival). Email Jonathan to RSVP your spot. A release form is required (email Jonathan if you're not sure you've turned one in); and Whirly Ball's release form also required BEFORE event (request link at [Jbarney@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:Jbarney@faithelmhurst.org)).

**The *Passion of the Christ* Showing:** All 6-12th graders are invited to join us on Friday, March 23 at 6:45 – 10:00 PM at church for a showing and discussion of the *Passion of the Christ* film.

**Asylum:** 6th-8th graders are invited to join us for friends, food, Bible study, and small groups. Our next meeting is **Friday, April 6**, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Pick up and drop off at church.

## This Week at Faith

### Today

Sunday School & Catechism will meet at 10:45 AM.

The Missions Committee will meet at 10:50 AM in room 8.

The Sermon Discussion Group will meet in room 4-5 at 11:00 AM.

The Easter Choir will rehearse at 10:45 AM in the choir room.

The Palm Sunday Women's Choir will rehearse at 11:15 AM in the Choir Room.

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

The Band/Orchestra for Easter will rehearse at 4:00 PM in the Choir Room.

The Men of A-chord will join us in Evening Worship at 6:00 PM.

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

### Monday, March 12

The Church Property Committee will meet at 6:30 PM.

### Tuesday, March 13

Faith Book Club will meet at 7:00 PM at Park Place.

### Wednesday, March 14

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 15

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

The Shalom Committee will meet at 7:00 PM.

### Friday, March 16

Cadet Pinewood Derby will begin at 6:30 AM at Timothy Christian Middle School.

The Gathering at WhirlyBall in Lombard at 6:45 PM.

### Saturday, March 17

A Women's Breakfast will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 AM.

## Serving Faith Church

**Welcome Team:** Len Turnbull

**Next Week:** Cathy Bulthuis

**Saratoga Driver:** Ken Teune

**Next Week:** Darrell Stodola

**Kitchen:** Ed & Kim Biesboer\*, Bob & Sharon Herlien

**Next Week:** Spencer & Rebecca Anderson, Brad & Kathy Miedema

**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:** Flory Hoving **Next Week:** Dorothy Allen

**Infant Nursery:** Grace Harbaugh, Alyssa Ridder, Riley Wieringa

**Next Week:** Karen Folkerts, Liz Tabb, Paige Hoving

**Toddler Nursery:** Ruth Flikkema, Julie Speelman, Caleb Lindemulder

**Next Week:** Cindy Vander Naald, Bethany Voss, Lauren Miller

**PM Nursery:** Linda Van Dyk, Hannah Schuringa

**Next Week:** Sarah Schuringa, Grace Lindemulder

## 2017 – 2018 ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS

Church Members:	Elder/Deacon team:
1. A– Bo	Ron Tazelaar/Darrell Stodola
2. Br– D	Pete Holtrop/Spencer Anderson
3. E – G	Len Turnbull/Jonathan Huizinga
4. H - Huin	Matt Bulthuis/Matt Tazelaar
5. Huis – K	Rich Vroom/Peter Groenewold
6. L – Mie	Bob Wieringa/John Tazelaar
7. Mil – R	Greg Lanenga/Corey Van Dyk
8. S – Taz	Dave Voss/Adam Zarek
9. Taz – Van K	Ray Middel/Scott Piersma
10. Van T – Ve	Bern Slinkman/Chris Slinkman
11. Vos – Z	Jim Engel/Jon Kinnas
Out of Town	Don Miller/Al De Los Santos

### Announcements from our ministry partners

***A Harmony of Generations*** - The Men of A-Chord are pleased to announce a combined concert with the Illiana Christian High School A Capella Choir for a *Harmony of Generations*. The concert will be on Saturday, March 17, 2018. The program will begin at 7:00 PM at the First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland located at 16248 South Park Ave, South Holland, IL. Each choir will sing numbers separately and they will also join together as one mass chorus and sing several songs together with Justin Rich and Kathy Sliemers directing. There will be brass instrumental and plenty of audience participation in song. Make your plans now for a great evening of song and praise. Proceeds from a free will offering will benefit the Illiana Christian High School Choral Department. Join us for a *Harmony of Generations*. For information please see our website at [www.menofachord.org](http://www.menofachord.org) or contact any member of the Men of A-Chord.

**GEMS Girls' Clubs** is celebrating its 60th birthday this year, and we plan to kick off the celebration at the 2018 Conference. Any woman is invited to attend! Will you help us celebrate? Join us in Ancaster, Ontario at Redeemer University College on July 13-15, 2018. You can find more details on the GEMS website. Discounted individual and group rates are available until March 10. Register soon!

**Camp Calvin registration** will open on Sunday, March 18! Camp Calvin is a Christian youth camp for students entering grades 4-9. At Camp Calvin, students will explore and enjoy God's creation, worship our Lord with songs, and receive inspiration from our spiritual leaders. Camp Calvin will be held June 18-23, 2018. For registration, camp information, photos, or to contact Camp Calvin with any questions, please visit [www.CampCalvin.com](http://www.CampCalvin.com).



## Faith Ministry Contact Information

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Asylum (grades 6-8) (Middle School Youth Group)	Jonathan Barney 630-279-0420
Bible Study Fellowship	Jen Cozette 708-491-8241
Cadets Boys Club	Lambert Bronger 630-665-9422
Children's Church	Christy Hooker 630-832-5378
Crossroads Prison Ministries	Ray Middel 630-862-1861
Deacons/Finance	Al De Los Santos 630-592-1906
Elders	Ray Middel 630-862-1861
Evangelism	Peter Holtrop 630-953-2938 Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Fellowship	Spencer Anderson 630-853-9912 Peter Holtrop 630-953-2938
GEMS Girls Club	Flory Hoving 630-279-5294
Hospitality/Meals	Peter Groenewold 630-200-4035
Library	Chuck Slinkman 630-730-4018
Membership Classes	Pastor Schuringa 630-279-1779
Men's Bible Study	Steve David 630-967-8672 Christopher Koopmans 312-718-0293
Men's Prayer Group	Lambert Bronger 630-655-9422
Missions	Don Oostman 630-983-7239
Mom2Mom Ministry	Sarah Schuringa 630-279-0016
Music Ministries	Len Turnbull 630-941-8213
Nursery	Joy Koopmans 616-610-0259
P.A.D.S.	Lambert Bronger 630-665-9422
Profession of Faith Classes	Pastor Schuringa 630-279-1779
Right to Life Committee	Lambert Bronger 630-655-9422
Senior Bible Study	Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Shoebox Ministry	Evelyn Wieringa 630-495-8956
Shut-in Visitation	Bern Slinkman 708-492-0114
Small Groups	Greg Lanenga 708-562-6697 Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Stephen Ministry	Grace Harbaugh 630-624-9468
Sunday School	Joy Hoving 630-780-9862
Technology Ministries	Adam Zarek 312-434-0527
The Gathering (High School)	Jonathan Barney 630-279-0420
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Ushers	Ray Rozendal 630-782-1998
Women's Bible Study	Sarah Schuringa 630-279-0016

