

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Joy: #409 (PH)

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

Relying on Grace

Baptism:

Song of Worship: #758 (WC)

Prayer

Song of Worship:

Charlotte Grace Hoving

"Baptized in Water"

"Come People of the Risen King"

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Timothy Tuition Assistance

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Sermon:

Prayer

Philippians 4:4-9 (*pp. 1163-1164*)

REJOICE ALWAYS!

Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #606 (WC)

Blessing for the Barney Family

Benediction

Doxology: #262:1 (WC)

Postlude

"Rejoice in the Lord Always"

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Sermon:

Organ:

Violin:

Guitar:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Donna Erdman

Kristen Voss

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: #213:1,2,4 (WC)

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith:

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

Prayer

Songs of Worship:

"Jesus Take All of Me (Just As I Am)"

#372:1-3 (PH)

"At the Name of Jesus"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Love, Inc.

God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Acts 26:1-32 (*pp. 1107-1108*)

Sermon:

IN SUCH A SHORT TIME

Prayer

We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #378:1,2 (PH)

"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"

Benediction

Doxology: #378:3 (PH)

"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Piano:

Donna Erdman

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

Today at Faith

This morning we read in Philippians 4, “Rejoice in the Lord Always,” and we want to say “Really?” Thankfully, the Bible gives us some clear ways exactly how to have a joy-filled life.

Also this morning we celebrate the sign and seal of God’s grace in the baptism of Charlotte Grace Hoving. May God shower Charlotte and her family with His covenant mercies all the days of their lives!

Tonight our *Gospel-Centered, Growing Church* series continues with Paul’s offensive defense of the gospel before Agrippa and Festus.

After worship tonight we’ll have our final ice cream social for the summer in the fellowship hall.

Upcoming Worship at Faith

August 18, 9:30 AM: Eric & Penny Schering Missionary Visit

August 25, 9:30 AM: Lord’s Supper Celebration

September 1, 6:00 PM: Shared worship service at Western Springs CRC

Prayer & Praise

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

Doris Bergsma experienced a stroke last weekend. We are thankful that she was able to leave the hospital this past Monday and is doing well.

Remember **Pat Tobin** who is continuing in therapy after double knee replacement surgery.

Garry Wieringa went back to Good Samaritan Hospital this week with complications following back surgery. Please pray for recovery for Garry.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Marlene Vos** who lives in Elmhurst.

It has been my tremendous joy to be a part of the body here at Faith Church. Your care, welcome, generosity and support have been a wonderful atmosphere for our family to grow in Christ. I have been extremely blessed to walk in fellowship with you. I have grown to love you and your children immensely and it is so difficult to transition out of this ministry. Our family looks forward to staying in connection to you and continuing to be a part of worship when possible. Our heart is that you would keep us in your prayers as you send us out to continue God’s mission of making disciples in Glendale Heights and beyond.

With love in Christ,

Jonathan, Chelsea, Hazel, Isaiah and Zadie Barney

Offerings

Today AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance
August 18 AM: Elim Christian School
August 25 AM: Education Fund

PM: Love, Inc.
PM: Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry
PM: Pacific Island Ministries

Announcements

Jonathan & Chelsea Barney have shared with our congregation their sense that God is calling them to church planting. We give thanks for Jonathan's faithful work among us the last three years. We also pray for him and the family during this time of transition. Today, his last Sunday as Youth Director, we offer him our love, support and prayers. Join us this morning in the fellowship hall after the service to connect with the Barneys and enjoy cake and coffee.

Youth Ministry this Season. We are grateful that all of our current adult volunteers are committed to staying with the youth groups this season. However, we still have a few volunteer positions that need to be filled. Please prayerfully consider the following opportunities and feel free to talk to Pastor Greg for more details. At a minimum, we are committed to regular Sunday meetings and also hope to be able to provide service opportunities as well as extra events throughout the season.

The Gathering (High School, 2 Sundays/month 7:00 – 9:00 PM) is in need of one or two more volunteers. Logan Van Proyen (loganvp@gmail.com) will be the interim leader for The Gathering with Scott Bryant, Val Hoving and Bonnie Van Proyen continuing to serve, too.

Asylum (Middle School 6-8th grades, 1 Sunday/month 7:00 – 8:30 PM) needs an interim leader while Scott Bryant, Erik Van Kampen and Bethany Voss will continue to serve. Asylum could use one or two more volunteers in addition to the interim leader.

The end is coming: As the school year approaches, we'll have our final **Summer Park Playdate** on Thursday, August 15. Join us at Eldridge Park in Elmhurst on Commonwealth Street (the playground by the pond) from 10:00 AM – Noon. From playgrounds to basketball courts, there's something for everyone! For more info, contact Laura Lanser at matthewlauralanser@gmail.com.

The **Discipleship and Evangelism Committees** will have a joint meeting on Wednesday, August 21 at 7:00 PM to finalize plans for Fall Fest. The Discipleship Committee will also have a brief discussion after the joint meeting.

Our summer office hours of Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – Noon will be ending soon! We will resume our **regular office hours** of Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM and Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Monday, August 26. You can reach the office at 630-279-1776 during those times, or anytime by emailing office@faithelmhurst.org.

Survey on the Sabbath: Faith is participating in a research project studying attitudes and practices regarding Sunday observance and discipleship. In conjunction with Dr. Kyle Dieleman (a professor at Trinity Christian College), Pastors Greg and Matthew will be part of a group of pastors that will reflect on how we can enhance Sabbath practices in today's context. As part of this process, you are asked to complete a brief online survey inquiring about your beliefs and practices. The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete and all responses are anonymous. Please complete the survey before September 1. You can find the survey at faithelmhurst.org/resources/register

We'll kick off our 2019-2020 ministry year with **Fall Fest 2019** on Saturday, September 7. Join us to connect and re-connect with friends and neighbors and enjoy a car show, kid's activities, dinner and much more!

CRC Synod 2019 Presentation and Discussion. On September 8, during the Sunday School hour, Pastor Greg will be leading a presentation on the highlights of our denomination's synodical decisions in June. To prepare, you could consider reading reports and news about Synod 2019 in the CRC magazine, *The Banner*, or go to crcna.org to get up to date on what was discussed. Or you can just show up! We'll plan on a Q&A time also.

Our annual **Faith CRC Golf Outing** is coming! Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 21. More information to follow.

Men's Retreat – Save the Date: Join us October 4 – 6 for a weekend of fun, fellowship, food and faith-building. High school age and up are invited. Come and go as you please; \$10/night per camper; check-in and check-out is 11:00 AM. Email Jason Turner (pastorj4j@gmail.com) to RSVP.

Youth News

Asylum Summer Small Group: Graduated 5th – 8th graders are invited to join us this Wednesday, August 14 at the David's home to study God's Word, play games and enjoy snacks from 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

Mark your calendars for the **Fall Retreat** set for October 11-13. We will join Pathway, City View, West Suburban and Grace Church youth groups at Lake Geneva Christian Camp in Wisconsin.

This Week at Faith

Sunday, August 11

Mission Committee Meeting (Room 4/5), 10:50 AM
Ice Cream Social, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, August 14

Men's Prayer Group, 7:00 AM
GEMS Leader's Meeting, 7:00 PM

Thursday, August 15

Summer Park Playdate, 10:00 AM

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Ted Vander Naald **Next Week:** Sharon Rozendal

Kitchen: Jim & Kathleen Lindemulder*, Nathan & Kayla Middel

Next Week: Scott & Staci Bryant*, Byron & Cathy Plate

Library: Jeri Cook, Laura Miller

Library Next Week: Laurie Wieringa, Kathleen Glaubke

Audio Visual: Steve De Boer, Adam Zarek, Logan Van Proyen

Next Week: Dan Kooyenga, Chris Slinkman, Mike Speelman

Nursery Hostess: Allison Sowers **Next Week:** Mindy Slinkman

Infant Nursery: Jill Groenwold, Val Hoving, Becky Vander Naald

Next Week: Heather Turner, Joy Koopmans, Grace Lindemulder

Toddler Nursery: Sue Boonstra, Ruth Flikkema, Will Hoving

Next Week: Melanie Lumkes, Alyssa Ridder, Lumkes Child

PM Nursery: Sarah Schuringa, Hannah Schuringa

Next Week: Joy Koopmans, Caleb Lindemulder