

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise:

"You Are Holy" (Prince of Peace)

Relying on Grace

Prayer

Song of Worship: #95 (PH)

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

"Gracious God, My Heart Renew"

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Sermon:

Prayer

Judges 1:1-2:5 *(p. 208)*

SILVER LININGS IN DARK AGES #1:

ASTOUNDING NEGLECT—ASTONISHING GRACE

Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #45 (WC)

Benediction

Doxology: #95:1 (WC)

Postlude

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Sermon:

Organ:

Piano:

Bass:

Guitar:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Donna Erdman

Jan Slinkman

Carter Bulthuis

Mike Printz

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

God Calls Us Into His Presence

Prelude

Call to Worship:

2 Chronicles 7:14,15

God's Greeting

Songs of Worship:

"Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord"
"Awesome God"

We Seek God's Face

Prayer for Faith CRC and the Church Everywhere

Elder Bern Slinkman

Song of Worship: #889:1-3, 6 (LH)

"Lord, My Petition Heed"

Prayer for our Schools and Offertory Prayer

Deacon Steve David

Offering:

Elim Christian Services

God Speaks to His People

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 19:7-14 (p. 541)

Text:

Psalm 42:1 (p. 556)

Sermon:

MY SOUL LONGS FOR THEE

We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #390:1,3,4 (PH)

"Eternal Spirit, God of Truth"

Prayer for Our Nation and World

Elder David Voss

Benediction

Doxology: #121 (PH)

"O God, to Us Show Mercy"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

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

Today at Faith

This morning we begin a new sermon series on the book of Judges: *Silver Linings in Dark Ages*. As the book starts we see among God's people a shocking neglect of their relationship with the Lord.

This evening's prayer service will focus on prayers for our church, schools, and beyond as we begin a new church year seeking God's glory and God's blessing. We'll also conclude a sermon series on God's Law with a message on how to pray the 10th commandment.

Upcoming Worship Highlights at Faith

September 16, 9:30 AM: First Graders' Bible Presentation

September 16, 6 PM: New Evening Series on *1 Peter: Hope for the Journey*
& Prayer Request Time

September 23, 9:30 AM: Baptism Sunday

Offerings

Today: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. PM: Elim Christian Services.

September 16: AM: Faith Cadets. PM: Gideons.

September 23: AM: Faith GEMS. PM: Bethshan.

September 30: AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Ebenezer CRC.

Prayer & Praise

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

Tom Allen started a new chemotherapy regimen this past Wednesday. We pray for Tom and Dorothy that it is effective and tolerable.

Today, a group of 22 volunteers is leaving for a week of work in Mexico. Please be in prayer for their safety as they travel, work, and serve God at Tapestries of Life Ministries. Those serving from Faith Church are Lambert Bronger, Al De Los Santos, Randy S. Heerdt, Sharon Holtrop, Bill & Flory Hoving, Greg & Lynda Lanenga, Jaci Lanenga, Don & Lindy Oostman, Brandon Van Dyk, Corey Van Dyk, and Meg Walker. They will return Saturday evening.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Theresa Vegters** who lives in Lexington Square in Elmhurst, IL.

"Thank you to both pastors for prayers and visit during my recent surgery. Thank you also to the congregation for the many cards and prayers. Recovery is going well and we are thankful to God for his provision!"
Harma Slinkman

Announcements

The Welcome Team will be meeting briefly at 10:45 AM today in room 4-5. We'll be checking in as our new ministry year begins and working on our sign-up schedule for the next few months.

The Evangelism Committee will be meeting this Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 PM.

It's time to register for Mom2Mom! Mom2Mom is a group for moms and mentor moms at Faith for fellowship, encouragement, discussion, prayer, and mentoring. Excellent childcare is provided for infants and toddlers. Faith Kids preschool class is provided for kids ages 3 and up. Mom2Mom meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of most months from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Whether you're a new mom of an infant, or an experienced mom with a house full of kids, you will benefit from this group. Contact Sarah Schuringa with any questions at sschuringa@sbcglobal.net. Register online at faithelmhurst.org. Our first meeting is this Thursday, September 13.

The Friday Men's Bible Study meets two Fridays a month from 6:30 - 7:30 AM. We're currently working through the book of 1 Samuel and seeing how God works graciously in the midst of challenging circumstances. Contact Christopher Koopmans or Pastor Matthew for more information. Our next meeting is this Friday, September 14.

Seniors' Bible Study will begin meeting on Tuesday, September 18 at 1:15 PM. This fall we'll be looking at several parables of Jesus, using the study *Generosity: How God's Radical Grace Makes Us Givers*. This study will help us to encounter and respond to the reality of God's grace in different areas of our lives. Pick up a study guide in the church office if you're interested in being part of this study. Contact Pastor Matthew for more information.

Faith Book Club has selected *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* by James Martin, SJ for discussion at their next meeting. This story invites believers and seekers alike to experience Jesus through Scripture, prayer and travel through the storytelling of Father Martin. Come to know Jesus as the author does, as Messiah, Savior, brother and friend. We will meet on Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00 PM at Park Place. As always, newcomers are welcome.

Cadets, Jr. Cadets (all boys 1st - 8th grade) and their Mothers: Save the date of Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 PM for the Mother/Son outing. Details to follow.

Reserve September 22, 2018 for the Faith CRC Golf Outing at Maple Meadows golf club to benefit our Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. Start time is 1:00 PM with dinner to follow. Cost is \$100 per golfer. Anyone can join us for the dinner for \$25 per person. Sign up online or in the narthex today. Contact Jon Huizinga, 708-476-4263 for information.

Young Adult Bowling and Laser Tag: Join us at Main Event in Warrenville from 8:00 – 10:00 PM on Saturday, September 22. Feel free to invite others. Please RSVP to Jonathan, jbarney@faithelmhurst.org by September 12.

Wanted! Men to stand in the gap in prayer, for our families, our churches, our country and our world. Join us on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:00 AM in room 4-5. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions contact Lambert Bronger, 630-665-9422, cell 630-346-8324. The Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Group.

Wednesday Evening Men's Bible Study is planning to meet on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month. Contact Steve David or Dirk Glaubke if you'd like to join this group.

What's in the Bible? Family Small Group: Pastor Matthew and Laura Lanser will be hosting a *What's in the Bible?* group on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Join us for a whole-family potluck supper, fellowship and learning about the Bible. We'll watch a video series called *What's in the Bible?* by Phil Vischer (the founder of Veggie Tales). These videos walk through the Bible in a way that's fun to watch and easy to understand. The videos are geared toward lower elementary students, but younger and older kids (and adults) enjoy them too. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 25 at 6:00 PM. Contact Pastor Matthew or Laura Lanser for more information or if you plan to attend.

For the Life of the World Group: Pastor Matthew and Laura Lanser will be hosting a monthly study entitled *For the Life of the World*. This study reflects on living as exiles in this world in the areas of family, work, justice, wisdom, wonder/art, and hope. We'll watch a brief video together, read a section or two of Scripture, talk, pray, and have a snack too. We're planning to meet at 7:15 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, with our first meeting on October 9. Contact Pastor Matthew or Laura Lanser for more information or if you plan to attend.

Creative Connections is planning a "Pinterest" theme night! Who doesn't love Pinterest? And who doesn't pin crafts and recipes that they will probably never make? Well Creative Connections is the place to be to fix that! Ladies join us on Thursday, October 11 from 6:30 to 10:00 PM to make a Pinterest craft! We will be making a rustic style mason jar wooden wall sconce, or two if you would like! (Cost: \$7.00/per sconce) Also, you are encouraged to bring a copy of your favorite Pinterest inspired recipe and a Pinterest craft you have made or would like to make to share and inspire others. Crafting is more fun with friends, so bring your neighbor, coworker or anyone else who would enjoy a night out with other women. Sign up begins next week Sunday, September 16. Please call Susan Middel, 630-656-2801, if you need more information.

Pastor Greg and Sarah Schuringa are planning on leading a small group in their home this church year on the second Friday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, starting on October 12. The topic will be a DVD series and discussion on the idea of biblical generosity. Please let us know if you'd like to join in! gschuringa@faithelmhurst.org; sschuringa@sbcglobal.net.

Young Adult Meal: Join us for food, fellowship and discussion on Sunday, October 28 at 7:15 PM. Please RSVP to Jonathan, jbarney@faithelmhurst.org with a main dish or side.

Young Adult Discipleship Groups: Looking to become a more cross-exalting, gospel-saturated disciple of Christ with other like-minded people? Join a discipleship group. Groups meet by gender for encouragement, Bible study and prayer. The men will finish David Platt's *Radical* this fall. Contact Jonathan Barney for more info.

Young Adult Small Group: All are welcome to join the Barneys' small group which meets every other week at 10:00 AM on Saturdays at the Barney's house near church! Join us for a brunch treat, coffee, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. Contact Jonathan for more information.

Caring Network serves moms-to-be and new moms who have made the life-saving decision to continue a pregnancy, but often the costs of baby supplies are a huge expense in a limited budget. All diapers, wipes, and Walmart gift cards you donate benefit Caring Network's baby programs. Join the Diaper Derby and drop off your donation in the crib in the Fellowship Hall.

Updated College and Military Addresses: If you have not already emailed Jonathan this year, please fill out the updated address on the sheet in the narthex. Thank you!

The 7th & 8th Grade Catechism Class will be collecting aluminum cans. The money from the cans will be donated to *Feed My Starving Children*. Please help us by saving your cans and dropping them off in tightly tied bags at the house.

Youth News

Asylum Returns: Our middle school youth group begins tonight from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Join us for a meal, Bible study, games and small groups!

Asylum Kickoff Event: 6th – 8th graders are invited to join us on September 14 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at Laser Quest in Downers Grove for pizza and two games of laser tag. Invite your friends, especially non-Christians! Cost: \$32 (includes Asylum sweatshirt, two games and pizza snack). Cost without sweatshirt: \$17.

Big Night of Worship: Join us to meet with seven local church youth groups at Elmhurst CRC to begin the school year unified in Christ in worship, fellowship and prayer. We'll meet from 7:00 – 9:00 PM on Sunday, September 16. No meal provided.

Press Pause Youth Fall Retreat at Lake Geneva on October 12-14: All 6th - 12th graders are invited to join us to "press pause" for a time of fellowship, rest, worship and prayer. No teaching. No cell phones. It's time to unplug, slow down and be with the Lord. We will be joining four other Elmhurst church youth groups (Cityview, Pathway, West Suburban and Grace). Registration due September 28.

This Week at Faith

Today, September 9

The Welcome Team will meet at 10:45 AM in room 4-5.
Asylum will meet from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at church.

Monday, September 10

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:30 PM.
The Deacons will meet at 6:30 PM.
The Elders will meet at 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, September 12

Men's Prayer Group will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 AM.
Bible Study Fellowship will meet at 9:00 AM.
The Evangelism Committee will meet at 7:00 PM.

Thursday, September 13

Mom2Mom will meet at 9:00 AM.

Friday, September 14

Men's Bible Study will meet at 6:30 AM.
Asylum to play Lazer Tag at

Serving Faith Church

Kitchen: Bruce & DeDe Terpstra*, Ted & Laurie Vander Naald

Next Week: Pete & Barb Holtrop, Gerrit & Lori Wieringa*

Library: Jeri Cook, Laura Miller

Next Week: Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa

Audio Visual: Dan Kooyenga, Al De Los Santos, Chris Slinkman

Next Week: Todd Lindemulder, Logan Van Proyen, Adam Zarek

Nursery Hostess: Allison Sowers **Next Week:** Flory Hoving

Infant Nursery: Jen Bernahl, Julie Speelman, Hailey Bernahl

Next Week: Val Hoving, Mary Huizinga, Sophia Schuringa

Toddler Nursery: Nicole Huizinga, Kathy Miedema, Zach Miedema

Next Week: Rebecca Anderson, Diana De Boer, Leah De Boer

PM Nursery: Charis Engel, Etta Veenstra

Next Week: Grace Harbaugh, Hannah Schuringa

Faith Ministry Contact Information

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	Steve David 630-967-8672
Disability Advocates	Don & Laura Miller 630-279-0350
Discipleship Committee	Greg Lanenga 708-562-6697 Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Elders	Dirk Glaubke 312-450-4893
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	Spencer Anderson 630-853-9912
Library	Chuck Slinkman 630-730-4018
Membership Classes	Pastor Schuringa 630-279-1779
Men's Bible Studies	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
Safe Church Ministry	Don Miller 630-279-0350
Senior Bible Study	Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Shoebox Ministry	Evelyn Wieringa 630-495-8956
Shut-in Visitation	Bern Slinkman 708-492-0114
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
Transportation	Corey Van Dyk 630-917-1365
Ushers	Ray Rozendal 630-782-1998
Women's Bible Study	Sarah Schuringa 630-279-0016

2018 – 2019 ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS

Church Members:	Elder/Deacon team:
1. A– B	Mike Tornow/Mark Van Dahm
2. C– E	Pete Holtrop/Spencer Anderson
3. F – Hof	Len Turnbull/Jonathan Huizinga
4. Hol - J	Chris Kakabeeke/Dan Kooyenga
5. K – Li	Mike Hoving/Cal Boonstra
6. Lo – Ra	Don Oostman/John Tazelaar
7. Re – Taz	Greg Lanenga/Corey Van Dyk
8. Taz – Van D	Dave Voss/Adam Zarek
9. Van K – Vel	Bern Slinkman/Scott Piersma
10. Ven – Z	Jim Engel/Chris Slinkman
Out of Town	Don Miller/Steve David

Announcements from our ministry partners

Cyclists: Save the Date: Saturday, October 6, 2018. Roseland Christian Ministries will be hosting a bike ride to raise funds for the Women's and Children's Transitional Housing program at RCM. The ride (40, 25, or 19 miles) will begin at 8:00 AM on Trinity Christian College's campus in the parking lot of the Bootsma Bookstore Café and take place on the Cal-Sag and Tinley Creek trails. Registration fee is \$45. Interested cyclists please send your email address to pedal40@roselandchristianministries.org for information and updates.

Restorative Justice Conference, 9:00 AM - 3:40 PM, Saturday, October 6, 2018; Ozinga Chapel, Trinity Christian College, 6601 West College Dr., Palos Heights, IL. In our world, we experience social division, mistrust, and violence. One of the best new approaches to successfully counter these maladies in classrooms, juvenile justice courtrooms, and many other settings is called *restorative justice*. Trinity Christian College and Andrew Elliott Rusticus Foundation host our second conference on this faith-based perspective. We open with Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart's experiential keynote and close with an inspirational talk by school transformer Robert Spicer. Between them, we have a five-person panel and eight workshops from which to choose. They feature a judge, lawyers, crime victims, police officers, educators, and expert practitioners – all attempting to change attitudes and systems. Pastors, principals, teachers, police officers, counselors, and anyone interested in social harmony – join us! Registration fee, with lunch, is \$25 through September 8; \$30 after. Full-time students are free. There is also a waiver at online registration for those unable to pay. Register at: tccrestorativejusticeconference.eventbrite.com. For details, contact brad.breems@trnty.edu.

PrimeTime, October 11 - A year ago Phil Andrew visited PrimeTime to tell his amazing story as a FBI agent specializing in counter-intelligence and hostage negotiation. Now following his mandatory retirement, Phil begins a new role as the Director of Violence Prevention for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago. Join Primetime as Phil describes his new role and suggests how we as a Christian community can helpfully respond to the violence that has become so commonplace in our communities. All are welcome! 7:00 PM, Thursday, October 11 at the Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Rd. Want to know more? Call 630-630-530-2924.