

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship:

“Hear, O Lord, and Answer”

Welcome and God’s Greeting

Song of Worship:

“Come, People of the Risen King”

Relying on Grace

Baptism:

Nora Ann Slinkman

Song of Dedication: #416 (PH)

“Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer”

Prayer

Song of Praise: #558:1,3,4 (LH)

“O Praise God’s Name Together”

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

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Faith GEMS Girls Club

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture:

Judges 3:12-31 (*p. 235*)

Sermon:

UNEXPECTED STRATEGIES IN DARK AGES

Prayer

Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #60 (WC)

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Benediction

Doxology: #95:1 (WC)

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Bass:

Carter Bulthuis

Guitars:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

(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

Songs of Worship:

#92:1,2,3 (WC)

"I Lift My Eyes Up"

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith:

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

Prayer

Song of Praise: #34:1,2,3 (WC)

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Bethshan

God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

1 Peter 1:3-12 (*p. 1200*)

Sermon:

RESURRECTION, REJOICING, REVELATION

Prayer

We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #262:1,2 (WC)

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Benediction

Doxology: #262:3,4 (WC)

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

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Piano:

Donna Erdman

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Today at Faith

This morning we continue in a sermon series on the book of Judges, *Silver Linings in Dark Ages*. Ehud and Shamgar are the 2nd and 3rd judges (or deliverers) in the book. Their accounts give us some key data about just how unexpectedly God sometimes works to help His people.

This evening we're reading 1 Peter 1:3-12 as we continue our *Hope for the Journey* series.

Offerings

Today: AM: Faith GEMS. PM: Bethshan.

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

The Deacons gratefully acknowledge the following offerings in August:

Faith General Fund	\$49,728	Chicago Westside School	\$338
Faith Promise Missionaries	\$3,650	Love, Inc.	\$387
Faith Benevolent Fund	\$1,737	Mission India	\$2,178
Faith Building Fund	\$375	Tapestries of Life	\$1,489
Faith Education Fund	\$822	Timothy Assistance Fund	\$9,391
Total offerings for August \$70,095			

Actual General Fund receipts from June 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018 totaled approximately \$161,000 compared to budgeted receipts of \$203,000 or a \$42,000 shortfall to budget. Actual accrued expenses for the same period totaled \$193,000 or a \$32,000 actual shortfall.

As of August 31, 2018, the Timothy Tuition Assistance obligation for the 2018-2019 school year was approximately \$89,000.

Prayer & Praise

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

Pray for a good recovery for **Winnie Van Tholen** following surgery last week Wednesday.

Elmer Vos continues to struggle with some heart issues. Please keep him and Wilma in prayer.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Kathy De Vries** who lives in Rolling Meadows, IL.

Byron & Cathy Plate have moved to a new home. Their new address is 991 S. Prospect, Elmhurst, IL 60126. Please update your church directory.

Announcements

Sunday School Students in grades 1-5 should go directly to their classrooms at 10:45 AM. 1st & 2nd Grades will meet in room 9 & 11; 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grades will meet in rooms 13 & 14. They will be dismissed from their classes at 11:45 AM today.

Catechism Classes meet today. Grades 6-8 will meet in room 3 with Lambert Bronger and Brad Wieringa, Grades 9 & 10 will meet in room 2 with Jonathan Barney and Dave Voss and grades 11 & 12 will meet in room 1 with Pastor Matthew.

The Missions Committee will meet in the Choir room following the morning worship service at 10:50 AM.

What's in the Bible? Family Small Group: Pastor Matthew and Laura Lanser will be hosting a *What's in the Bible?* group. Our first meeting will be this Tuesday, September 25 at 6:00 PM. 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. Contact Pastor Matthew or Laura Lanser for more information or if you plan to attend.

The Diaper Derby is one way in which Caring Network partners with churches to help alleviate some essential baby expenses by dispersing donations of diapers, wipes, and Walmart gift cards where needed in our community. **ONE MORE WEEK** for you to participate in the Diaper Derby! Please consider leaving a donation in the crib in the Fellowship Hall.

Seniors' Bible Study this fall will 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. Our next meeting is at 1:15 PM on Tuesday, October 2.

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 will be Friday, October 5.

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.

GEMS Annual Spaghetti Supper is earlier this year, Thursday, October 4 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Don't cook! Come and enjoy dinner and fellowship while the GEMS bless you with their very attentive service. Come hungry!

The Big Picture of the Bible: Need some perspective? In the midst of our day-to-day lives, we need continual reminders of how God's Word shapes our lives, and gives us a story to live into. This October, Dr. Derke Bergsma will be leading a Sunday morning course on the big picture of the Bible. The course will meet from 11:00 to 11:45 AM beginning on October 7. Dr. Bergsma will walk us through the key movements in the story arc of the Bible, and he'll share with us a bit about his new book *Monday through Friday in the Word*.

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 is in the narthex or if you need more information please call Susan Middel, 630-656-2801.

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.

Save the date! October 25, 2018: Caring Network's Annual Banquet will be held at Drury Lane in Oakbrook from 6:00 - 8:30 PM. Keynote Speaker: Alistair Begg. Expect a personal invitation from Faith's Right to Life Committee.

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.

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. Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Group.

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. We'll be using these to send care packages and keep in touch throughout the year. Thank you!

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

Youth News

GEMS Girls Club will begin on Wednesday, September 26. *Blessed* is our theme! We will meet from 6:30 - 8:30 PM for a time of praise, small group activities, games, and crafts. All 1st - 8th grade girls and their friends are invited! Please e-mail Diana DeBoer at dideboer@comcast.net if you did not get an e-mail with details.

Soup Kitchen: Join us to serve lunch at Breakthrough Urban Ministries' Men's Center on September 29. 9:15 AM – 1:00 PM. Parent chaperones wanted. **Limited spots—please RSVP by today!**

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 23

Sunday School and Catechism will meet from 10:45 – 11:45 AM.
The Missions Committee will meet in the Choir room at 10:50 AM.
The Sermon Discussion Group will meet in room 4/5 at 11:00 AM.
The Gathering will meet at 7:00 PM.

Tuesday, September 25

Senior Bible Study will meet at 1:15 PM.
Faith Book Club will meet at 7:00 PM at Park Place of Elmhurst.

Wednesday, September 26

Men's Prayer Group will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 AM.
Bible Study Fellowship will meet at 9:00 AM.
GEMS Girls Club will meet from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

Thursday, September 27

Mom2Mom will meet at 9:00 AM.

Saturday, September 29

Youth to serve at Breakthrough Urban Ministries Men's Center from 9:15 AM – 1:00 PM.

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: John Veldsema **Next Week:** Cathy Bulthuis

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

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

Library: Chuck Slinkman **Next Week:** Chuck Slinkman

Audio Visual: Steve David, Mike Speelman, Ryan David

Next Week: Steve De Boer, Mary Huizinga, Colin Middel

Nursery Hostess: Sarah Schuringa **Next Week:** Joy Koopmans

Infant Nursery: Mindy Slinkman, Bonnie Van Proyen, Grace Lindemulder

Next Week: Kelly Rauwerda, Heather Turner, Emily Turner

Toddler Nursery: Chelsea Barney, Ruth Flikkema, Luke Miller

Next Week: Sue Boonstra, Rachel Kinnas, Izzy David

PM Nursery: Bethany Voss, Caleb Lindemulder

Next Week: Joy Koopmans, Sam David

2018 – 2019 ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS

Church Members: Elder/Deacon team:

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| 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 |

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 630-488-8412 Peter Holtrop 630-953-2938
GEMS Girls Club	Flory Hoving 630-279-5294
Hospitality/Meals	Spencer Anderson 630-488-8412
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

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.

Timothy Christian School Apple Pie Days are October 15 & 16. If you would like to volunteer, you can sign up at www.timothychristian.com or call Cindy, 630-369-7991. Pies can be purchased for \$10 each and can be frozen or baked immediately. We will be making 900 pies this year so place your order early and avoid disappointment. Pies can be picked up on Tuesday, October 16 in the High School Cafeteria from 10:30 AM until 6:00 PM. Cash or check is accepted. If you would like to order a pie, please submit your orders at www.timothychristian.com. Click on the "parents" tab at the top of the page and look under Announcements and News for "Apple Pie Day". If you would prefer to order by phone or email, please contact Trudy at Trudy.munk@gmail.com or at 708-415-6846 and communicate your name, phone number, and pie order. Always remember to pre-order your pies in September as they sell out every year.