

September 24, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

- Prelude
- *Welcome and God's Greeting
- *Songs of Praise: "10,000 Reasons"
"Blessed Be The Name"

God Renews Us By Grace

- Prayer of Confession
- Assurance of Pardon
- Prayer
- *Song of Worship: #578 (WC) "Come, All Christians, Be Committed"
(children ages 3 - Kindergarten are dismissed for Children's Church)
- Offertory Prayer
- Offering: Faith General Fund

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

- Scripture: Colossians 3:1-17 (p. 1167)
- Sermon: **BEING REFORMED: WHAT DO WE DO?**
- Prayer

God Blesses Us to Bless Others

- *Song of Response: #462:1,2,5,6 (PH) "Take My Life, and Let It Be"
- *Benediction
- *Doxology: #537:1 (WC) "Lord, Be Glorified"
- Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

- Worship Leaders: Pastors Lanser and Schuringa
- Sermon: Pastor Matthew Lanser
- Organ: Donna Erdman
- Guitars: Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

**Please stand if you are able*

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

We Enter His Presence

Prelude	
*Welcome and God's Greeting	
*Songs of Praise:	"We Fall Down" "He Knows My Name"
*Profession of Faith:	Apostles' Creed (<i>p. 3 in the back of the PH</i>)
Prayer	
Hymn Sing	Congregation's Choice
Offertory Prayer	
Offering:	PADS Du Page County

We Listen

Scripture:	Philippians 2:1-11 (<i>p. 1162</i>)
Sermon:	SURPRISING SERVICE
Prayer	

We Are Sent to Serve

*Song of Response: #653 (WC)	"Make Me a Servant"
*Benediction	
*Doxology:	"Step by Step"
Postlude	

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader:	Pastors Lanser and Schuringa
Sermon:	Rev. Mac Wiener
Organ:	Donna Erdman
Piano:	Jan Slinkman

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TODAY AT FAITH

This morning we're concluding our *Being Reformed* series with a sermon on how the Lord transforms what we do. Colossians 3:1-17 will challenge us to recognize the new identity that Christ gives us, and then to live out that new identity in our relationships with God, our neighbors, and ourselves.

This evening Rev. Mac Wiener will be preaching on *Surprising Service* from Philippians 2:1-11. This text shows us that, in Jesus, our acts of service should reflect unity, humility, and victory.

UPCOMING WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS AT FAITH

October 1, 9:30 AM: We'll begin a new sermon series on the *Pillars of the Reformation*. In this series, we'll reflect on some of the central teachings of the Christian faith, especially focusing on God's grace given to us in Jesus.

October 1, 6:00 PM: Seminarian Nathan Voss will be preaching for us. Nathan is a member of Faith who is attending Mid-America Reformed Seminary in preparation to serve as a pastor. We're looking forward to hearing Nathan preach here at Faith for the first time, and also to celebrating how God has worked in his life as he prepares for ministry.

PRAYER & PRAISE

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

Jerry Dykstra continues to undergo therapy at home following hip surgery. **Pearl Dykstra** continues to be under hospice care at Providence in Downers Grove. Please pray for healing for Jerry, and comfort for both of the Dykstras.

Pastor Greg Schuringa continues to be so appreciative of the support of the congregation during these challenging months of chemotherapy.

Karen Tazelaar was able to return home last week, but continues to undergo rehab for two broken ankles. Pray for good health and recovery for Karen.

Jack Vos was able to return home last week following some time in recovery for a stroke and heart attack. **Marlene Vos** continues to undergo rehab at Park Place for a number of issues. Please pray for strength for Marlene as she continues to recover, and for peace for both of them in this in-between time.

Peter Voss is undergoing rehab at Lexington Square in Elmhurst following a fall.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Grace Bolt** who lives in Providence Healthcare in Downers Grove.

OFFERINGS

Today: AM: Faith General Fund. **PM:** PADS Du Page County.

October 1: AM: Partners Worldwide. **PM:** New Leaf Resources.

October 8: AM: Faith Promise Missionaries. **PM:** Crossroads Prison Ministry.

October 15: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund.

PM: Roseland Christian Ministries.

October 22: AM: CareNet Pregnancy Services of Du Page.

PM: Lampstand Ministries.

October 29: AM: Faith General Fund. **PM:** Gideons.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fall Men's Breakfast will be next week Saturday, September 30 at 7:30 AM. We'll have our usual stellar breakfast to lead off. Ray Middel will be speaking on his work with Partners Worldwide in Africa, and some ways that we can wisely help people in need around the world. Sign up in the narthex or online to help us know how many to prepare food for.

P.A.D.S., our ministry to the homeless in DuPage County starts October 7 and 8. If you are interested in donating food, helping to serve a meal, monitoring the site or being on the cleanup crew, you will find the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall. Our commitment this year will run from October through May. If you have any questions or would like additional information please call Lambert Bronger, 630-665-9422.

Complimentary Directory Photos have arrived! If you didn't receive yours in your home mailbox, please check the signup counter for your family photo.

The Music Committee will meet today in room 8 at 10:45 AM.

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

Welcome Team Meeting: The Welcome Team will be meeting today at 10:45 AM in the Choir room. We'll be talking about how our first few months of having this team went, and thinking about any improvements we can make. Contact Pastor Matthew with any questions.

Join the Welcome Team: Every Sunday morning, we have people assigned to actively welcome our guests here. This involves seeking out guests for about 20 minutes before and after the morning service, welcoming them to Faith, and helping them feel at home here. Each team member is responsible for about one Sunday every two or three months, and everyone picks their own schedule. If you're interested in joining this team going forward, contact Pastor Matthew.

The CareNet Diaper Derby has begun. Starting today through October 8 the Right to Life Committee will be collecting diapers, baby wipes, and Walmart gift cards for CareNet clients. Please place your donation in the baby crib in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Group: This group meets every week from 7:15 - 8:00 AM. This is a great opportunity to spend time in prayer for our church, for the world, and for a variety of other prayer requests. Lambert Bronger coordinates this group.

Mom2Mom is a group designed specifically for moms with young children. It meets twice a month at Faith CRC for fellowship, encouragement, discussion and mentoring. This year we'll be studying the book *Christ-Centered Parenting* for six of our meetings. Our other meetings will be a variety of topics, issues, and fun things like gardening, make and take meals, adoption, creation care, parenting, marriage, and nutrition. Moms can join at any time, and friends are always welcome to come to any meeting. Excellent childcare is provided for infants and toddlers. Children ages three through five can attend *Faith Kids*, a special class just for preschoolers. Our next meeting is this week Thursday, September 28, from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Subsequent meetings this year will be on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month through April.

Young Adult Small Group: All are welcome to join the small group which will meet biweekly on Saturdays at the Barney's house near church! Contact Jonathan Barney for more information.

Young Adult Discipleship Groups: Looking to go deeper in your faith? Groups meet by gender for encouragement, Bible study and prayer. Contact Jonathan Barney for more information.

Senior Bible Study will be studying the book of Ruth this fall. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, October 3 at 1:15 PM. We spend around an hour studying the Bible, and then have a time of fellowship and refreshments. If you're interested in being part of this group, you can pick up a copy of the study guide in the church office starting next week. Let Pastor Matthew know if you have any questions.

A Wednesday Evening Men's Group meets twice a month on the Wednesday evenings that Cadets meets from 7:15 - 9:00 PM. This group generally works through a book, and spends a lot of time talking about how to grow as Christian men with all the challenges that life throws our way. Steve David and Dirk Glaubke head this group up. The next meeting will be on October 4.

Generosity Small Group: Pastor Matthew & Laura Lanser will be leading a small group on generosity this year, using the study *Generosity: How God's Radical Grace Makes Us Givers*. Life often feels too stretched, and we want the reality of God's grace to encourage us to be more generous in different areas of our lives (relationships, hospitality, ministry, wealth, and power are some of the topics the study covers). This group will meet on the first Wednesdays of the month at 7:15 PM, beginning on October 4. Contact Pastor Matthew or Laura Lanser for more information.

Please mark your calendars for the annual GEMS Spaghetti Dinner. It will be held on Thursday, October 5 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Donations will be accepted to go towards our GEMS Counselor Conference fund.

What's in the Bible? Family Small Group: Join us on the second Tuesday of every month 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 on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00 PM. Contact Pastor Matthew or Laura Lanser for more information or if you plan to attend.

Faith Book Club has selected *The Wright Brothers* by popular historian David McCullough for their October discussion. It is the dramatic, behind the scenes story of the courageous brothers who taught the world to fly. We will meet on Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 PM at Park Place of Elmhurst.

Marriage Group: Pastor Greg & Sarah Schuringa will be leading a group study on *The Meaning of Marriage: A Vision for Married and Single People*. Whether you're married or single, this study from Rev. Tim Keller will help you better understand the reality and hope of marriage according to the Scriptures. The group will meet on the second Friday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 PM, starting on October 13. Contact Pastor Greg or Sarah with any questions.

Friday Morning Men's Bible study meets about two Fridays a month, beginning at 6:30 AM and ending promptly at 7:30 AM so people can get to work. Our next meeting will be on Friday, October 13. We're currently studying 1 Corinthians. Christopher Koopmans leads this study.

"For you knit me together in my mother's womb" (Psalm 139:13). The Right to Life Committee will be contacting you to sign-up for the CareNet Banquet on October 26, 2017 at Drury Lane. There is also a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Save the date for a Seniors' event at church on November 21 at 11:30 AM! Following a catered lunch, we will all enjoy a living history portrayal of Eleanor Roosevelt, one of the most fascinating and influential public figures of the twentieth century. Details to follow!

Safe Church Team: Faith CRC has a Safe Church Team that exists to raise abuse awareness, prevention and response. This team looks to build a community where the value of each person is honored; where people are free to worship God and grow without shame; and where we live out compassion and justice that fosters healing from abuse. Our team here is supported by the denominational Safe Church Ministry. For more information you can visit the denominational website at crcna.org/safechurch or contact Jonathan Barney, our Safe Church Team leader at jbarney@faithelmhurst.org.

From the United Community Concerns Association: On behalf of the Board of Directors for the UCCA, thank you for your generous donation. On September 9 we provided 71 local families with food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Food Pantry. These families also received the bars of soap or body wash donated by your congregation. Your donations mean a lot to our organization and to the families we serve. We feel very fortunate to have FCRC as a friend of the UCCA.

Getting involved at Faith: If you're interested in learning more about the range of activities and programs here at Faith, please check out the information on our website at faithelmhurst.org. If you're interested in joining a particular ministry, please contact one of the ministry leaders listed at the end of the bulletin or talk to one of the pastors.

Email Address Updates: Faith sends out a weekly email every Friday along with occasional prayer needs. If you're part of the Faith community, this is a great way to keep informed about events and needs in the life of the congregation. If you want to be added to this list, or if you need to update your email address, please let the church office know at office@faithelmhurst.org.

YOUTH NEWS

The Gathering: High Schoolers are invited to join us for dinner, Bible study and small groups every Sunday 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Bring your Bible and invite your friends!

Asylum: Middle Schoolers are invited to join us on select Fridays at church for games, Bible study and small groups. Our next meeting is Friday, October 6. Drop off and pickup at church. Bring your Bible and a friend!

SERVE Trip Reunion with Palos Heights CRC tonight! Join us for our evening service at 6:00 PM and then a meal and social gathering with the youth of Palos Heights CRC. All high school students are invited—whether or not you served on the team!

Youth Ministry Calendar: You can check out and print off our calendar here: <http://faithelmhurst.org/connect/youth>. If you have Google calendar you can upload it straight to your phone!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

TODAY

Sunday School meets in the sanctuary at 10:45 AM.

Catechism students meet in their classrooms at 10:45 AM.

PADS sign-up sheets will be in the Fellowship Hall for October. Please consider volunteering your time to serve the homeless in our community.

The Welcome Team will meet in the Choir Room at 10:45 AM.

The Music Committee will meet in room 8 at 10:45 AM.

The Missions Committee will meet in room 10 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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Men's Prayer Group will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 AM.

Bible Study Fellowship begins at 9:15 AM.

After Hours will meet at the Barney's at 3:15 PM.

GEMS Girls Club will meet from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Mom2Mom will meet at 9:00 AM.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30 AM.

GEMS Girls Club 7th & 8th graders to Blueberry farm.

SERVING FAITH CHURCH

Welcome Team: Sara Swanson **Next Week:** Dave Printz

Saratoga Driver: Marv Tazelaar **Next Week:** Ken Teune

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

Next Week: Spencer & Rebecca Anderson, Ted & Laurie Vander Naald

Library: Chuck Slinkman

Next Week: Nancy Boer, Sharon Herlien

Audio Visual: Sue Folkerts, Mike Speelman, Adam Zarek

Next Week: Steve David, Mary Huizinga, Ryan David

Nursery Hostess: Sarah Schuringa **Next Week:** Nicole Huizinga

Infant Nursery: Mary Huizinga, Laurie Vander Naald, Paige Hoving

Next Week: Chelsea Barney, Susan Middel, Sophia Schuringa

Toddler Nursery: Ashley Van Byssum, Laurie Van Dahm, Jaci Van Dahm

Next Week: Jen Bernahl, Jessica Vander Naald, Luke Miller

PM Nursery: Jill Veenstra, Marta Veenstra

Next Week: Laura Lanser, Caleb Lindemulder

2017 – 2018 FAITH CRC COUNCIL
Rev. Greg Schuringa, President
Rev. Matthew Lanser

ELDERS:

Matt Bulthuis - 2018 (Vicar)
Jim Engel - 2019
Pete Holtrop - 2020
Greg Lanenga - 2019
Ray Middel – 2018 (Vice Pres.)
Don Miller - 2019 (Clerk)
Bern Slinkman - 2020
Ron Tazelaar - 2018
Len Turnbull - 2020
Rich Vroom - 2018
Bob Wieringa - 2019
Dave Voss - 2020

DEACONS:

Spencer Anderson - 2020
Al De Los Santos - 2018 (Deacon Pres.)
Peter Groenewold - 2018
Jon Huizinga - 2019
Jon Kinnas - 2019
Scott Piersma - 2020
Chris Slinkman - 2020
Mike Speelman - 2018 (Treasurer)
Darrell Stodola - 2018
John Tazelaar - 2019
Matt Tazelaar - 2018
Corey Van Dyk - 2020
Adam Zarek - 2019

2017 – 2018 ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS

Church Members:

1. A– Bo
 2. Br– D
 3. E – G
 4. H - Huin
 5. Huis – K
 6. L – Mie
 7. Mil – R
 8. S – Taz
 9. Taz – Van K
 10. Van T – Ve
 11. Vos – Z
- Out of Town

Elder/Deacon team:

Ron Tazelaar/Darrell Stodola
Pete Holtrop/Spencer Anderson
Len Turnbull/Jonathan Huizinga
Matt Bulthuis/Matt Tazelaar
Rich Vroom/Peter Groenewold
Bob Wieringa/John Tazelaar
Greg Lanenga/Corey Van Dyk
Dave Voss/Adam Zarek
Ray Middel/Scott Piersma
Bern Slinkman/Chris Slinkman
Jim Engel/Jon Kinnas
Don Miller/Al De Los Santos

FAITH MINISTRY CONTACT INFORMATION

Adult Ministries	Bob Wieringa 312-623-9981 Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
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 Pete 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 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
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
Transportation	Darrell Stodola 630-833-5042
Ushers	Ray Rozendal 630-782-1998
Women's Bible Study	Sarah Schuringa 630-279-0016

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS

Timothy is looking to hire bus drivers either fully licensed or those who need training! We currently have 2 routes that need permanent drivers, and we are always looking for people to fill in as substitutes or sports team drivers. You can choose a little or a lot! The hours are good, and we have vacation when the students have vacation! No Saturdays or Sundays required! If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Sue Folkerts, Transportation Coordinator at: folkerts@timothychristian.com or 630-833-4616x105.

Cyclists: On Saturday, October 7, 2017, Roseland Christian Ministries will host a bike ride to raise funds for the Women's and Children's Transitional Housing program at RCM. The ride (40, 25, or 18 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 and check out the website at <http://www.roselandchristianministries.org/events/bike-ride/>.

Please join Roseland Christian Ministries for our First Annual Van Zanten Center Golf Outing to Fight Hunger in Roseland on Saturday, October 14, at Lincoln Oaks Golf Course in Crete, IL. Proceeds will support RCM food programs at the Van Zanten Center. The tournament, lunch & awards ceremony is \$100 per golfer. Check-in begins at 8:30 AM; the tournament begins at 9:30 AM. You can contact Jei Wilson, 773-264-5665 with questions or for additional information. You can register online at <http://www.roselandchristianministries.org/events/golf-outing>.

PrimeTime invites you to meet FBI Special Agent Phil Andrew. Agent Andrew will speak at a meeting open to all on Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 PM in the Garden Room of Elmhurst CRC. His topic will be "Negotiating for Life." With more than 20 years experience in hostage/kidnapping cases, counterterrorism, national security and other assignments, his life story will be an impactful presentation for our audience. At the end of his presentation there will be opportunity for questions. All are invited! To help us plan for refreshments call 630-530-2924 or email dejong66@comcast.net.

Illiana Oratorio Society will be starting rehearsals for its annual presentation of Handel's Messiah. Rehearsals will be held each Monday evening starting on October 16, 2017 at 8:00 PM until 9:30 PM. The concert will be on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 2:00 PM. Please join us at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL. Please consider joining us for singing this great work of music to God's praise!

Timothy Christian Basket Day is Wednesday, October 25 from 5:30 – 8:30 PM and Thursday, October 26 from 8:00 AM -4:00 PM. Basket is a traditional Dutch rolled pastry with almond filling. We need 36 volunteers to make Basket! Contact Joy at 630-780-9826 or joyhoving72@gmasil.com to sign up for a shift.

Want to order Almond Paste or Basket? Timothy Christian is selling 1 pound packages of almond paste for \$8. One package of 3 basket sticks is \$20. The basket comes frozen, ready to bake. Pick up is Thursday, October 26 from 12:00 – 6:00 PM. Contact Joy at 630-780-9826 or joyhoving72@gmail.com to place your order.