

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Faith:

"By Faith"

Relying on Grace

Baptism:

Bodee Robert Zarek

Song of Praise: #470 (WC)

"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

Prayer

Song of Worship:

"For You Are Holy"

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

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Faith Youth Group

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Judges 4:11, 17-24 (p. 237)

Sermon:

GOD'S WORD: STINGS LIKE A BEE, SWEETER THAN HONEY (II)

Prayer

Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #498 (WC)

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Benediction

Doxology: #946 (LH)

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Organ:

Jan Slinkman

Flutes:

Morgan Hoving, Leah Tornow, Nan Loerop

Violin:

Kristen Voss

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

Song of Praise: #575 (LH)

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith:

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

Prayer

Song of Worship: #563:1,3,4 (WC)

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Life on Wheels

God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

1 Peter 2:4-10 (*p. 1205*)

Sermon:

LIVING STONES LIKE THE LIVING STONE

Prayer

We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #452:1,2 (PH)

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Benediction

Doxology: #452:4 (PH)

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

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

Today at Faith

This morning we continue in our sermon series on the book of Judges: *Silver Linings in Dark Ages*, with the fourth judge, Deborah. As we saw the tremendous impact of the Word of God on Barak last week, this week we'll see the impact on Jael.

Also this morning we look forward to celebrating the sacrament of Baptism.

This evening our *Hope for the Journey* series continues with 1 Peter 2:4-10. This text calls us to be living stones like Jesus Christ, the great Living Stone.

Upcoming Worship Highlights

November 4, 6 PM: "Total Praise" in worship

November 11, 9:30 AM: Men's Chorus sings;

Veteran's Day Remembrance after worship

November 22, 10 AM: Thanksgiving Day worship

November 25, 6 PM: Dr. Derke Bergsma preaches

Offerings

Today: AM: Faith Youth Group. PM: Life on Wheels.

October 28: AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Back to God Ministries.

Prayer & Praise

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

Shirley Vroom went to be with her Lord last Saturday. We extend our Christian sympathy to her son, **Rich & Barb Vroom** and their family. A funeral was held on Wednesday.

Pray for good recovery for **Lambert Bronger** following ankle replacement surgery.

Jan Van Byssum has been undergoing radiation treatments recently for cancer. Please keep Jan in your prayers as she recovers from the treatments.

Please keep **Dirk and Florence Zaagman** in your prayers as Dirk's health continues to decline.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Evelyn Wettour** who lives in Saratoga Grove Retirement Home.

Faith GEMS Thank You! We are grateful for the church's support all year in GEMS, and particularly at the Spaghetti Dinner. Please keep GEMS in your prayers this year.

Upcoming Music Opportunities

Please take note of the following music opportunities for special services. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend and contact Jan or Donna if you have any questions.

Veterans Day (November 11) Rehearsals:

October 28: Men's Chorus (all ages), 11:00 AM

November 4: Men's Chorus, 11:00 AM

Thanksgiving Rehearsals:

November 11: Men's Chorus, 11:00 AM; Band/Orchestra, 4:00 PM

November 18: Men's Chorus, 11:00 AM; Band/Orchestra, 4:00 PM

Christmas Rehearsals:

December 9: Choir, 11:00 AM; Band/Orchestra, 4:00 PM

December 16: Choir, 11:00 AM; Band/Orchestra, 4:00 PM

December 23: Choir, 11:00 AM; Band/Orchestra, 4:00 PM

Announcements

Timothy Christian School 7th graders did a team building event here at Faith this past week. Part of the day included making kindness rocks that they chose to share with you. The display is outside the main entrance. Thank You!

Meeting Jesus in the Old Testament: At 11:00 this Sunday morning in rooms 1-3, Dr. Derke Bergsma will continue his course: *The Unfolding Mystery: Meeting Jesus in the Old Testament*. Dr. Bergsma will walk us through the key movements in the story arc of the Bible, and he'll share with us a little bit about his new book *Monday through Friday in the Word*.

The Faith Book Club has chosen *The Church in Babylon* for discussion at our meeting on Tuesday, October 23. Dr. Erwin Lutzer answers the question "How do we live faithfully in a country becoming more and more hostile to our faith in Christ?" We'll meet at 7:00 PM at Park Place of Elmhurst. As always, new members are welcome to join us.

The Evangelism and Shalom Committees will be meeting together this Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 PM.

Caring Network's Annual Banquet will be held at Drury Lane in Oakbrook on October 25 from 6:00 - 8:30 PM. The Right to Life Committee invites you to come hear keynote speaker Alistair Begg and enjoy a free (and delicious) dinner at this fundraiser. Please sign up in the back of church or in the Fellowship Hall if you haven't yet been contacted. Can't make it? Donations accepted at caringnetwork.com.

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.

Seniors' Bible Study will meet next on Tuesday, November 6 at 1:15 PM. We'll continue our *Generosity* study with Lesson 3: "Hospitality and God's Grace." Pick up a study guide on the sign-up counter if you'd like to join.

Fall Men's Breakfast: Our fall men's breakfast this year will be on Saturday, November 10 at 7:30 AM. John H. Erickson will be speaking for us this year. John is the author of the book *What I Saw When I Went Blind*, and he'll be sharing with us his experience of vision loss, perseverance, and grace. Come for a time of good food and fellowship! Sign up in the lobby or online to help us plan how much food to make.

We will begin collecting Christmas cards for Crossroads Prison Ministries' Send-A-Card program. These cards are distributed to men and women in prison who are studying the Bible through courses offered by Crossroads. Please follow the guidelines issued from Crossroads. More information can be found on the sign up counter in the Narthex, or contact Judy Bronger, 630-665-9422 if you have any questions. Cards can be placed in the container on the piano in the Fellowship Hall. Cards will be collected from October 25 through November 11.

Attention Amazon Shoppers!!! How would you like every purchase you make from Amazon to support Faith CRC's general fund? Well, now you can! The deacons (with the help of our wonderful secretaries) have set up an Amazon Smile account for Faith CRC. With this Smile account, Amazon donates a portion right back to Faith CRC. It's that easy! You will have to set up an Amazon Smile account, which will then tie into your already-in-use Amazon or Amazon Prime account. In order for Amazon to donate back, you will need to open Amazon through the Smile website- <https://smile.amazon.com/>. When you open the site it will ask you which organization you would like to support... simply type "Faith Christian Reformed Church" in the search field, and then make sure to select the Elmhurst, IL location (as there are lots of different Faith Christian Reformed Churches!). Follow the rest of the directions, and you are good to go! (Just remember, if Steve David can set up this account, anyone can!!) Thank you for considering to support Faith CRC through AMAZON SMILE!

Three Soap Sundays! Today is the last day there will be boxes in the Fellowship Hall marked UCCA for your donations of bar soap and body wash. These items will be distributed to the clients of the United Community Concerns, the same organization that we have donated toothpaste to in the past. Their clients are deeply appreciative of our generous donations!

The 6th – 8th Grade Catechism Class will be collecting aluminum cans. Proceeds will be donated to *All God's Children*. Please help us by saving your cans and dropping them off in tightly tied bags by the garage.

Youth News

Catechism Classes: Catechism classes will be meeting in classrooms on the south side of church. Grades 6-8 will be meeting in Room 8. Grades 9-10 will be meeting in Room 14. Grades 11-12 will be meeting in Room 12.

Soup Kitchen: Join us to serve breakfast at My Brother's Kitchen in Berwyn on November 3, 8:30 AM. Parent chaperones wanted.

Summer Service-Learning Trip: All current 8th – 12th graders are invited to join us on a service trip to Memphis, TN the week of July 14-21. We will be staying at a church and ministering to an underserved Memphis neighborhood through home repair and leadership development. Registration details are coming this week and due November 4.

This Week at Faith

Today, October 21

Sunday School and Catechism; 10:45 – 11:45 AM
Adult Education; Room 1-3 at 11:00 AM
The Gathering; 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Monday, October 22

Worship Team Rehearsal; 7:00 PM

Tuesday, October 23

Faith Book Club; 7:00 PM at Park Place

Wednesday, October 24

Men's Prayer Group; 7:00 - 8:00 AM
Bible Study Fellowship; 9:00 AM
Shalom & Evangelism Committees; 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Len Turnbull **Next Week:** Sharon Rozendal
Kitchen: Bruce & DeDe Terpstra, Ted & Laurie Vander Naald*
Next Week: Pete & Barb Holtrop*, Gerrit & Lori Wieringa
Library: Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa **Next Week:** Chuck Slinkman
Audio Visual: Steve David, Mike Speelman, Ryan David
Next Week: Steve De Boer, Mary Huizinga, Colin Middel
Nursery Hostess: Janna Piersma **Next Week:** Cathy Bulthuis
Infant Nursery: Liz Boonstra, Heather Turner, Emily Turner
Next Week: Lindy Oostman, Mindy Slinkman, Sam David
Toddler Nursery: Nicole Huizinga, Cindy Tazelaar, Jenny Lumkes
Next Week: Allison Sowers, Laurie Van Dahm, Jacki Van Dahm
PM Nursery: Pat Tobin, Hannah Schuringa
Next Week: Sue Boonstra, Izzy David