



FAITH

CHRISTIAN REFORMED

CHURCH

Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM & 6:00 PM

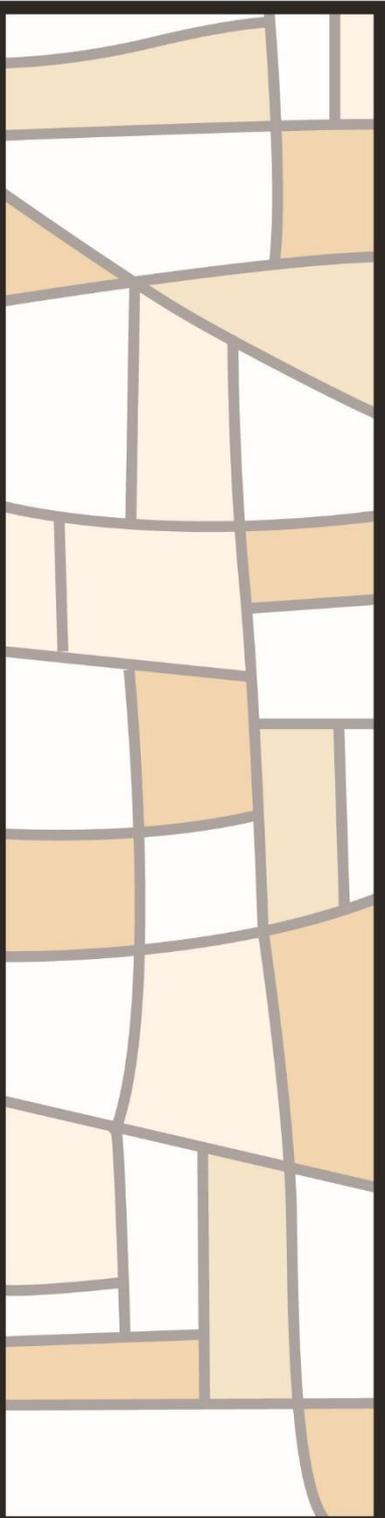
Dr. Greg Schuringa

Senior Pastor

Rev. Matthew Lanser

Pastor

EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD
EXPRESS GOD'S LOVE
EQUIP GOD'S PEOPLE



God's Invitation Gathers Us

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

God's Greeting

Song of Worship: #770 (LH)

"In Christ Alone"

God's Grace Claims Us

God's Will for Our Lives

From Deuteronomy 5

Song of Worship: #311 (WC)

"God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

Prayer

Offering Update

God's Word Speaks to Us

Song of Preparation:

"Hear O Lord (Psalm 86)"

Scripture:

Deuteronomy 6

Sermon:

HEAR

Prayer

God's Blessing Equips Us

Song of Response: #946:1,2 (LH)

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Benediction

Doxology: #946:3 (LH)

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader and Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Organ: Donna Erdman

Piano: Jan Slinkman

Flute: Kristen Voss

(PH-Psalter Hymnal | WC-Worshiping Church | LH-Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal)

disposable sheet music is provided

This Week at Faith

Sunday morning at 9:30 AM we're beginning a new, three-week sermon series called "Words at the Crossroads." This series will take us through the book of Deuteronomy, where Moses shares his last instructions with the Israelites on the edge of the Promised Land. Today we'll read Deuteronomy 6 for our sermon. In preparation for next week's sermon, you're invited to read Deuteronomy 12 – 26 (our sermon will focus on chapter 26.)

A live feed of this service will be streamed in the Fellowship Hall and outside at the church house (weather and technology permitting). To view this service at home at 9:30 AM on Sunday, [Click Here](#).

Sunday evening at 5:00 PM we're picking up our "Imperfect Conversations between Kings" with a reading from 1 Kings 8:31-53. This part of King Solomon's temple dedication prayer highlights how God responds when things go wrong.

*This service will be held on the southeast lawn, but if there's bad weather, we'll move to the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket. We'll send out a social media update by 4 PM Sunday to confirm our location. **Next week, we'll be moving the service inside to the Fellowship Hall for the next couple months, and we'll be going back to our usual 6:00 PM time.***

Upcoming Worship at Faith

The Faith Reopening Team met on Tuesday evening to discuss upcoming worship plans in light of Governor Pritzker's announcement regarding scaling back to Phase 3 in DuPage County. At this point we will **continue in-person worship on Sundays** (please note that Pritzker's mandate does not apply to houses of worship; we will continue to follow the suggested guidelines for houses of worship.) Since we reopened for in-person services in July, no positive cases have originated or spread at Faith. As always, we encourage you to worship however you feel most comfortable (on-site or online.) If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

On Sunday mornings, we'll meet in the Sanctuary with some capacity limitations. We'll also have a live feed in the Fellowship Hall. Along with that, we will offer a livestream outside at the church house back patio (weather and technology permitting.) We recognize that these more relaxed and socially distanced settings may be more comfortable for some. The service will be live-streamed and available online at faithelmhurst.org/listenwatch.

Please note that registrations to attend in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall are accepted on a first come, first served basis. If you attempt to register after the capacity is reached for that week, please fill out the wait list registration form, and you'll be secured a spot for the next week's service. If you do not have internet access, please call the office and leave a voicemail to register. Your reservation will be kept in the order it was received.

On Sunday evenings, beginning November 1, we will move our service back to 6:00 PM and gather in the Fellowship Hall through the winter.

As we continue to resume in-person worship, we encourage you to use your discretion in joining us. People of any age with certain underlying medical conditions are at a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. To review the list [Click Here](#) or visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov). In order to track and stop the spread of COVID-19, any persons who have been on church property within 14 days of testing positive for COVID-19 must let the office know immediately. Call 630.279.1776 or email Niki and Ashley at office@faithelmhurst.org. Your name will be kept confidential.

Offerings

As mentioned in the Sunday services, the deacons have decided to use the "Giving Boxes" located in the back of the sanctuary for collecting Sunday offerings. Also, instead of taking offerings for different ministries every week, we will collect for just one ministry per month and any undesignated funds collected will go towards that ministry. All the funds collected in October will go towards Faith Promise Missionaries, and in November all the funds collected will go towards the Timothy Fund obligation which stands at roughly \$55,000. Thank you for your continued giving and support.

If you are experiencing financial hardship these days, please reach out to your district deacon, or any deacon. They are ready and eager to do what they can to help you.

October Offerings:

Faith Promise Missionaries

November Offerings:

Timothy Christian Schools

Prayer & Praise

If you have prayer needs, please contact your district elder or one of the pastors. We also encourage you to send prayer requests at any time to prayer@faithelmhurst.org. All requests are kept confidential by the pastors.

Chuck Smith is at Elmhurst Hospital due to pneumonia and fluid retention. Please pray that doctors are able to identify what's causing these difficulties and treat them effectively. Pray too for energy and peace for Marilyn in these hard days.

Ron Vander Naald had an exploratory surgery earlier this week followed by a more extensive surgery on Thursday. He will have another surgery in a couple of weeks.

Please update your records to reflect the change of addresses below:

Ruth Kwarta

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Lombard, IL 60148
Home: 630.858.8541
Cell: 630.399.0226

Tara Kwarta

22W531 Juniper Lane
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
Cell: 331.645.1348

Happy Birthday to **Harry Boerman** (Nov 4), **Cindy Wishnew** (Nov 8), and **Dick Brichta** (Nov 10).

Announcements

Dr. Schuringa will be out of the office until Monday, November 9 for a vacation week and study week. Please contact Pastor Matthew or the office with your needs.

Our **rescheduled annual Congregational Meeting** will be after the Sunday morning service **next Sunday, November 1**. Since we were unable to have our regular annual meeting in May, we'll be picking up those matters (approving the budget, electing new office-bearers, and so on) at this meeting. Due to relatively low number of nominees, and all the COVID-related complications, we're asking the congregation simply to affirm the slates of elders and deacons this year. On the ballot, simply mark 'Yes' if you affirm the Council's nominees for elder and for deacon, or 'No' if you don't wish to affirm this slate.

Men of all ages are welcome to join the **Men's Prayer Group**. We are now meeting on Saturday mornings from 7 – 8 AM. If you have prayer requests for our group, please put them in the prayer box in the Lobby or email them to prayer@faithelmhurst.org. All requests are kept confidential.

There is still limited space available to attend **Creative Connections** on Thursday, Oct 29 from 7 – 9 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome to join us for the evening whether you want to bring your own craft, make a craft provided, or come to simply enjoy fellowship. A Thankful & Blessed craft kit can be purchased for \$5. Sign up soon at faithelmhurst.org/calendar/cc-signup.

The **Discipleship Committee** will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00 PM.

Seniors' Bible Study will not be meeting in-person this fall. Hopefully we'll resume early in 2021. If you'd like something to work through personally, you could follow the New City Catechism readings we've suggested for our families with 6th-12th graders (See the 6th-12th Grade Faith Formation announcement below under 'Youth Announcements'), or contact Pastor Matthew for other suggestions.

If you'd like to stay connected, contact office@faithelmhurst.org to sign up for our weekly emails. Early in the week, "**Faith-Full Reflections**" will bring you some follow-up questions and applications from the most recent messages. On Fridays, "**Faith Forward News**" will be sent with links to the upcoming Sunday's live-stream feed, the bulletin and other announcements.

The **Right to Life Committee** encourages you to review the "Right to Life Voters Guide. Copies are available at the Registration Area in the Lobby and online.

We invite you to pray with us each week during **Faith Prayer Time**. Join us to pray for the needs of our congregation, neighbors and world every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM. Prayers are led by a pastor or elder. To join by phone, call 312-626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID: 270 403 498 **Passcode: 374473**
To join by video, [Click Here](#) or copy this link into your browser:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/270403498> **Passcode: Prayer**

Youth Announcements

GEMS (Grades 1 – 4) meets this week Wednesday, October 28 in the Fellowship hall.

Sunday School's start is delayed until January, but we're providing some resources to help families spend time together focused on the Bible and growing in the faith. Our Friday "Faith Forward News" emails will include a "Family Time" sheet you can use to go over Bible stories together. Additionally, on the last couple of pages of this week's bulletin, we've included a list of resources to help your family focus on God's Word together.

6th – 12th Grade Faith Formation classes will not be meeting until January 2021. Although these classes won't be happening, we want to encourage our students to continue to grow in their faith. As a substitute for our usual Sunday classes, we've put together a fall family devotional reading plan based on **The New City Catechism** (This is a recently written confession that draws from the Heidelberg Catechism and other significant Reformed and Presbyterian confessions.) The bulletin will have a list of readings for each week—usually five Q&As plus a brief Scripture passage. You can easily work through these readings in one sitting or space them out throughout the week. The New City Catechism is available online (newcitycatechism.com), as an Android or Apple app, and we've mailed a hard copy to our 6th-12th graders (Please contact the office if you haven't yet received your copy).

The New City Catechism suggested reading for this week is Q&A 10 – 15.

Cadets & Jr. Cadets are invited to a Father/Son fishing tournament the morning of Saturday, October 31. If you don't have fishing equipment, that can be provided. Fathers/Adults: you will need an Illinois fishing license which can be purchased [HERE](#). If the fishing does not look good because of weather, we will be playing Frisbee golf in Carol Stream. More information will follow via email or call Lambert at 630.665.9422.

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Lambert Bronger

Next Week: Lambert Bronger

Audio Visual: Steve De Boer, Adam Zarek, Al De Los Santos

This Week at Faith

Sunday, October 25

Morning Worship Service | 9:30 AM | [Click Here](#)

Evening Worship | 5:00 PM | southeast lawn or Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 27

Faith Prayer Time | 7:00 PM | [Click Here](#) (Passcode: Prayer)

Faith Reopening Team Meeting | 7:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 28

GEMS (Grades 1 – 4) | 7:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 29

Creative Connections | 7:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 31

Men's Prayer Group | 7:00 AM | Room 3

Cadet Father/Son Fishing Tournament

Sunday, November 1

Morning Worship Service | 9:30 AM | Sanctuary & [Click Here](#)

Congregational Meeting | 10:45 AM | Sanctuary & [Click Here](#)

Evening Worship Service | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

2019-2020
Faith CRC Council
Dr. Greg Schuringa, President
Rev. Matthew Lanser

ELDERS:

Dirk Glaubke – 2021 (VP)
Pete Holtrop – 2020
Mike Hoving – 2021 (Vicar)
Chris Kakabeeke – 2021 (Clerk)
Bern Slinkman – 2020
Mike Tornow – 2021
Len Turnbull – 2020
Randy Van Dahm – 2022
Herm Vander Naald – 2022
Ted Vander Naald – 2022
Dave Voss – 2020

DEACONS:

Spencer Anderson – 2020
Cal Boonstra – 2021
Steve David – 2021 (Deacon Chair)
Calvin Hoving – 2022
Dan Kooyenga – 2021
Jay Lumkes – 2022
Nathan Middel – 2022
Brad Miedema – 2022
Scott Piersma – 2020
Chris Slinkman – 2020
Corey Van Dyk – 2020

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2019 – 2020
Elder/Deacon Districts

Church Members:

1. A – B
2. C – E
3. F – Hof
4. Hol - J
5. K
6. L – O
7. P - Tam
8. Taz – Van D
9. Van K - Vander
10. Ven – Z
Out of Town

Elder/Deacon Team:

Mike Tornow & Jay Lumkes
Pete Holtrop & Spencer Anderson
Len Turnbull & Nathan Middel
Dan Kooyenga
Mike Hoving & Cal Boonstra
Herman Vander Naald & Brad Miedema
Randy Van Dahm & Corey Van Dyk
Dave Voss & Calvin Hoving
Bern Slinkman & Scott Piersma
Ted Vander Naald & Chris Slinkman
Chris Kakabeeke & Steve David

Family Faith Formation Resources

These are a few resources that families from Faith have found helpful to grow in their faith together. We're blessed to live in an age where we have an abundance of resources available to us, and this certainly isn't an exhaustive list (or an official church endorsement). We do hope that this provides you with some ideas for helping your family grow spiritually in this unusual season of church life.

- *The Bible in Pictures for Little Eyes*, Kenneth N. Taylor. A collection of Bible stories for very young children.
- Bibleproject.com. A website that provides animated video overviews of each book of the Bible, as well as extended video series about specific Scriptural books and themes.
- *The Big Picture Story Bible*, by David Helm. A Bible story book that focuses on seeing the whole Bible as one big story of God's love for His people. Written for children ages 2-7.
- *The Child's Story Bible*, Catherine F. Vos. Classis collection of Bible stories. Works well for elementary school children.
- *The Family Bible Devotional*, by Sarah M. Wells. A devotional book that includes Scripture texts, opening and closing thoughts, some questions, and a couple activities in each section. Useful for starting conversations about the stories, and having some action to go with them too. Probably best for upper elementary students.
- "Family Time." Our "Faith Forward" Friday emails will include these pages to help you as a family connect with the Bible stories we'd usually be studying in Sunday school.
- *Get Wisdom: 23 Lessons for Children about Living for Jesus*, Ruth Younts. Family devotional book focused on the qualities of wisdom and godliness. Aimed at children from kindergarten through fourth grade.
- *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, by Sally Lloyd-Jones. A Bible story book that shows how all the stories in the Scriptures are really about Jesus our Savior. Well-written and helpful for seeing how all the parts of the Old Testament and New Testament point us to Jesus.

- *Mighty Acts of God* and *Wondrous Works of God*, Starr Meade. Two sets of Bible stories that each work through the Old and New Testament. Each story is told in a way that highlights a specific aspect of God's character.
- "Pocket Bible Challenge Game," by David C. Cook. Bible trivia game that includes questions about biblical characters, events, number, and places. Good resource to develop Bible knowledge for the whole family.
- *Read and Share Bible*, by Gwen Ellis. A Bible story book that gives simple but accurate re-telling of about 200 Bible stories. Great for introducing very young children to much of Scripture's content.
- "What's in the Bible?" A video series that works creatively through each and every book in the Bible. Presents a lot of helpful information in a way that's engaging for the whole family.

Elder/Deacon Ballot

Please indicate if you affirm the nominees for elder and the nominees for deacons. Circle 'Yes' or 'No' for the full slate of elders, and also for the full slate of deacons. At the congregational meeting, we will select five elders and four deacons by lot.

Elder Nominees

(circle yes or no)

Deacon Nominees

(circle yes or no)

Yes No

Yes No

Ken Laning

Scott Boonstra

Bob Loerop

Bob Flikkema

Ray Middel

Byron Plate

Don Oostman

Dan Roelofs

Chuck Slinkman

Justin Vander Naald

Brian Voss

Brad Wieringa

Name: _____

(Please print clearly)

Signature: _____

*If you are NOT attending the October 11 Congregational Meeting
and voting in person,
this ballot must be received by the office on October 8, 2020*