

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship:

“Faith of Our Fathers”

Welcome & God’s Greeting

Song of Praise:

“O Church Arise”

Relying on Grace

Prayer

Song of Worship: #422:1,3,4 (WC)

“O God of Every Nation”

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

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Partners Worldwide

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture:

Judges 6:23-40 (p. 239)

Sermon:

THE PERFECT PATH TO PREVAILING PEACE (II)

Prayer

Blessed to Serve

Benediction

Doxology: #950 (LH)

“Go Now in Peace”

Thanking God for Our Veterans

U.S. National Anthem

“Star Spangled Banner”

Men’s Chorus:

“God of Our Fathers”

Thanking our Veterans:

Elder Peter Holtrop

Congregational Song: #416:1,3,4 (WC)

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

Prayer

Postlude:

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Viola:

Bonnie Van Proyen

Violin:

Kristen Voss

Bass:

Carter Bulthuis

Guitars:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Trumpets:

Greg Lanenga, Kayla Middel, Dan Roelofs

Ministry of Music:

Men’s Chorus

(PH-Psalter Hymnal; WC-Worshipping 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 Worship: #465 (WC)

"Out of the Depths"

We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith:

Canons of Dort, Chapters 3-4, Articles 2,3,6

(p. 102 in the back of the PH)

Prayer

Song of Worship:

"Our Father"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Unity Christian School

God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Psalm 51:1-5; Romans 3:10,11,23,24 *(pp. 562, 1114)*

Sermon:

DORT400: TOTAL DEPRAVITY

Prayer

We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #472 (WC)

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

Benediction

Doxology: #950 (LH)

"Go Now in Peace"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & 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 continue in Judges 6 seeing how God was making a perfect path to prevailing peace during the time of Gideon.

Today is Veteran's Day. Immediately after our morning worship service we'll have our annual time of giving thanks to God for our veterans.

This evening in the message we'll continue with the third part of our Canons of Dort series, reviewing what this confession of our church teaches us about the glorious sovereign grace of our God in salvation.

Upcoming Worship Highlights

November 18, 6 PM: Time of Sharing Prayer Requests

November 22, 10 AM: Thanksgiving Day worship

November 25, 6 PM: Dr. Derke Bergsma preaches

Offerings

Today: AM: Partners Worldwide. PM: Unity Christian School.

November 18: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance. PM: Resonate Global Mission.

November 22: Thanksgiving Day Offering - Various Causes.

November 25: AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Bible League International.

Prayer & Praise

Pre morning worship prayer time: The Faith CRC Elder Prayer Team invites anyone to join in praying for our worship services in Room 1, from 9:10 – 9:20 AM every Sunday. To pray that in our worship at Faith Church we would give glory to God, that people would be touched and changed through the faithful proclamation of God's Word, through music, prayer and giving our gifts, and that we'd go out, eager and equipped to serve the Lord and others in our world!

Post morning worship prayer time: Immediately after morning worship every Sunday an Elder and a Stephen Minister are available for prayer in Room 14. Exit the sanctuary at the south-east door which leads toward the children's ministry wing and you'll see Room 14 straight ahead.

Please pray for **Dr. Derke Bergsma** as he recovers from surgery last week.

Ken Teune is having hip surgery this Thursday. Please pray for a successful surgery and smooth recovery.

Karen Tazelaar recently moved to 450 Warrenville Rd, Unit 151, Lisle IL 60532. Please continue to keep Karen in your prayers as she mourns Ron's passing and makes this transition.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Ralph Van Kampen** who lives in Park Place of Elmhurst.

"Thank you to the family of Faith for the prayers, cards & expressions of kindness after my recent surgery."
Lambert Bronger

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. **Music has been placed in your mailbox.** If the musician in your family is away at college, please get the music to them and let them know of these upcoming services.

Thanksgiving Rehearsals:

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

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

Christmas Rehearsals:

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

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

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

Announcements

College exam and military care packages: Everyone is welcome to donate items for our young adults. Boxes will be sent out the week after Thanksgiving. To donate, please drop off items (such as snacks, pens, toiletries, candy, gum, post-its) to Jonathan's office by Sunday, November 25. Please contact Laura Miller at lauramiller289@comcast.net if you have any questions. Thank you!

This is the last day we will be collecting 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.

Order your Sub Sandwiches today! Pick them up on November 17, 10:00 AM – 11:30 PM. Come out and support the youth ministry! All funds collected not only go to the summer service trip but to all retreat and youth ministry events. Sub pick up will be from 10-11:30 AM (otherwise we'll put yours in the church fridge/freezer). Subs cost \$5. Buy 10 subs get 1 free, every 15, get 2 free! These sandwiches freeze very well and are great for lunches!

Giving Tree - We are looking for families or individuals that we can help this Christmas. They do not have to be part of our church family. They can be friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. Please provide their name and telephone number to one of our Deacons or Judy Bronger. All information will be kept confidential. We need this information by November 18. If you have any questions call Judy, 630-665-9422. Thank you.

Seniors' Bible Study will meet next on Tuesday, November 20 at 1:15 PM. We'll continue our *Generosity* study with Lesson 5: "Generosity and Wealth."

Faith Book Club has selected *The Magnolia Story* by Chip & Joanna Gaines for discussion at the next meeting. This book gives a detailed look at their life together from their very first renovation to the project that nearly cost them everything. Our next meeting will be November 20 at 7:00 PM at Park Place. Newcomers are welcome!

Creative Connections: Join us Thursday, November 29 from 6:30 - 10:00 PM. We will be making three rustic wooden Christmas trees. They are a fun set to add to your home this holiday season and are perfect for a little farmhouse touch. Each piece is approximately 4.25" x 13". Cost: \$5.00, sign up in the narthex. All women are welcome to join us for an evening of fellowship and crafting and are encouraged to bring a friend or neighbor. Please feel free to contact Susan Middel, 630-656-2801 should you have any questions.

Ebenezer Christmas Gift Drive: This year our church will be collecting children's Christmas gifts together with Ebenezer CRC in Berwyn. These gifts will go to the families who make use of Ebenezer's weekly food pantry. We'll be accepting new and used toys for a variety of age levels, and also clothes in new or good condition for infants through teenagers. Please do not wrap anything. All gifts need to be brought to Faith by Sunday, December 2. This is a great opportunity for Faith and Ebenezer to partner in ministry, so clean out your extra toys or buy something new to bless families in need. Contact Pete Holtrop, Evangelism Committee Chair, or Pastor Matthew with questions.

Each year, the ministries of All God's Children provide a home and necessary care for children that are orphaned, abandoned, abused or surrendered by parents in the country of Honduras. Monthly sponsorship is the primary way All God's Children fulfills the needs of these children but choosing to serve in person is an exceptional way to show the love of Christ and connect personally with a child in need. This year Faith CRC - Elmhurst is teaming up with Faith CRC - Tinley Park to serve the children and ministries of All God's Children in Comayagua Honduras. Please consider joining us for a week of fellowship, fun and an opportunity for personal spiritual growth while serving others. This year's dates are January 26-Feb 2, 2019. *Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.* Mark 9:37 For more information contact: Bob Loerop: 630-988-2625 – gtobob@aol.com or Clarence Klaassens: 708-334-2454 – clarence@accu-ray.com.

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!

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.

From Elim Christian Services: Your 2018 HOPE packs impact: over 8,000 HOPE packs of school supplies were distributed to local children in need - Elim adults were able to directly distribute HOPE packs to children in over 20 schools - 15 Elim mission partners distributed HOPE packs to children in over 20 additional schools. Over 500 individuals from 67 churches participated in this year's HOPE pack campaign. Your support is crucial to this effort and we thank you for your kindness and generosity! You can continue to support the HOPE packs program throughout the year by visiting www.elimcs.org/send-hope/ or glenn.spoolstra@elimcs.org.

Youth News

The Cadet & Jr. Cadet meeting scheduled for November 21, 2018 is cancelled.

Asylum Bowling, Arcade and Laser Tag @ Main Event on November 30: We will meet at the church at 6:30 PM for arranged rides. Return approx. 9:30 PM. Cost includes pizza snack & beverage: \$17. Release form required. Please RSVP by November 18.

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 extended—due December 2.**

This Week at Faith

Today, November 11

Sunday School & Catechism; 10:45 AM
Men's Chorus; Choir Room at 11:00 AM
Sermon Discussion Group; 11:00 AM in room 4/5
Orchestra; 4:00 PM
Asylum; 7:00 PM

Wednesday, November 14

Men's Prayer Group; 7:00 - 8:00 AM
Bible Study Fellowship; 9:00 AM
GEMS Girls Club; 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Thursday, November 15

Women's Bible Study; 9:00 AM
Faith Forward Committee; 7:00 PM
Women's Bible Study; 7:15 PM

Friday, November 16

Men's Bible Study; 6:30 AM

Saturday, November 17

Gathering Sub Sale; 10:00 AM – 11:30 PM

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Ted Vander Naald **Next Week:** Barb Vroom

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

Next Week: Ed & Kim Biesboer*, Bob & Sharon Herlien

Library: Jeri Cook, Laura Miller

Next Week: Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa

Audio Visual: Todd Lindemulder, Logan Van Proyen, Adam Zarek

Next Week: Steve David, Mike Speelman, Ryan David

Nursery Hostess: Kelly Rauwerda **Next Week:** Emily Hoving

Infant Nursery: Karen Folkerts, Laura Van Kampen, Sharon Rozendal

Next Week: Melanie Lumkes, Jessica Vander Naald, Jenny Lumkes

Toddler Nursery: Diana De Boer, Nicole Huizinga, Leah De Boer

Next Week: Cathy Bulthuis, Rachel Kinnas, Luke Miller

PM Nursery: Laura Lanser, Bethany Voss

Next Week: Ruth Flikkema, Linda Van Dyk

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

Misc. Announcements from our Ministry Partners

Saratoga Grove Holiday Bazaar – Saturday, November 10, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Come to enjoy coffee & pastries (including oliebollen) and then shop for crafts, jewelry, knitting and other items. 3460 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove.

Illiana Oratorio Society cordially invites you to attend their annual presentation of Handel's Messiah. The concert will be on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 2:00 PM at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL. Please join us for the Christmas season as we present this marvelous work to God's praise!

Cedar Lake Ministries is having a *Merry and Bright* Christmas Concert Series on December 7 and 8. Each concert will begin at 6:00 PM with an exquisite buffet dinner, dessert, and a wonderful concert. On Friday, December 7, 2018 we are very blessed to have the Tribute Quartet, a premier musical entity in the Southern Gospel arena, singing songs of the season and music with a message that will leave you refreshed and uplifted. On Saturday, December 8, 2018 Mark Bishop, an award-winning singer, leading Gospel songwriter, and producer with 30+ years of Gospel music, will be here singing songs of the season and sharing captivating stories of love, faith, and family through his storytelling music. *Merry and Bright* ticket pricing for an exquisite buffet dinner, dessert, and a wonderful concert are as follows: Early-bird – \$40 per person (Expires 11/30); Standard – \$50 per person; Group of 6 or more – additional \$5 off. Purchase your tickets today by calling 219-374-5941 or by visiting www.cedarlakeministries.org. Groups are welcome!

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
Elders	Dirk Glaubke 312-375-6431
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

Council Notes: August – October

- The Church Property Committee gives thanks for the successful completion of the redecorating project over the summer and appreciates the encouraging comments about the updates.
- Council sent a deacon and pastor delegate to the September Classis (regional group of CRC's) meeting. Nathan Voss, seminarian, attended as an observer as part of his continued preparation for pastoral ministry.
- Council praises the Lord that in addition to Nathan Voss, William Roelofs, also a member of Faith CRC, has recently begun the process of seeking ordination in the Christian Reformed Church. Nathan is currently attending Mid-America Seminary in Dyer, Indiana and is feeling called toward pastoring in a local congregation; William is attending Vanderbilt Divinity School and is sensing a call toward chaplaincy ministry.
- Council has commissioned a Strategic Team made up of some church leaders and members at large. The team will begin meeting in November.
- Council has begun preparations for Elder-Deacon nominations in January of 2019 and election by the congregation on May 5, 2019.
- The Finance Committee is in the process of securing new and better church insurance.
- The Safe Church Team continues to make updates to Faith's Safe Church Policy. So far this update has included background checks on all volunteers who work with those under 18 and new requirements for volunteer training starting this past September. More updates will continue according to our new insurance policy requirements.
- The Deacons report generous giving from the congregation toward our church funds and many ministry partners beyond our congregation.
- The Shalom Committee's mandate has been extended for one year. The Ebenezer CRC partnership they've initiated continues to grow.
- The Church Property Committee is doing a Church Security analysis and plans to begin recommending updates and improvements to Council in the near future.
- Guests from Providence Life Services met with Council in October. They gave thanks for our partnership (currently we have church members at—and a close relationship with—Park Place in Elmhurst as well as Providence West and Saratoga Grove in Downers Grove). They also introduced a new service to help adult children make decisions with their elderly parents about health care, housing, etc.
- Reports from various committees indicate a positive start to this church year's ministries, with active and well-attended small groups, Bible studies, children and student programs, as well as successful one-time events like Fall Fest, the GEMS Spaghetti Dinner and Dr. Berksma's class on reading the Bible.
- Our Elders continue to receive and discuss monthly written reports from the pastors and our Director of Youth Ministries.
- Council is making plans for their annual review of the full-time staff in the new year.