

November 12, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship:

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

*Welcome and God’s Greeting

*Song of Praise: #560 (LH)

“We Praise You, O God”

God Renews Us By Grace

Prayer

*Song of Worship: #689:1,2,4 (WC)

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture:

1 Timothy 3:14-16 *(p. 1175)*

Sermon:

FAITH CHURCH AS PILLAR OF THE REFORMATION

Prayer

God Blesses Us to Bless Others

*Song of Response:

“O Church Arise”

*Benediction

Our Thanks for the Service of Our Veterans

Thanksgiving for Veterans

Song of Thanks: #423:1 (WC)

Ministry of Music:

*Closing Song: #416:1,3 (WC)

Postlude

“The Star-Spangled Banner”

“I Sing a Prayer for America”

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Guitars:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Harmonica:

Harry Boerman

Ministry of Music:

Men’s Chorus

**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

*Song of Praise: #400:1,2,4,5 (PH)

*Profession of Faith:

Prayer

*Song of Worship: #576:1-3 (WC)

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

“Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns”
Apostles' Creed (*p. 3 in the back of the PH*)

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Back to God Ministries

We Listen

Scripture:

Mark 4:1-20 (*p. 957*)

Sermon:

FOLLOW THE KING: THE SOWER, SOILS, AND SEED

Prayer

We Are Sent to Serve

*Song of Response: #325:2,3 (PH)

*Benediction

*Doxology: #316:3 (PH)

Postlude

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

“Now Thank We All Our God”

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Piano:

Donna Erdman

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TODAY AT FAITH

This morning we conclude our *Pillars of the Reformation* series by asking what it looks like for Faith CRC not only to continue in the teachings of the Reformation but also to **be** a “Pillar” of the Reformation.

Immediately following morning worship in the sanctuary we’ll have a time of remembering our veterans on this Veterans Day weekend.

This evening we’ll be reading Mark 4:1-20. In this first parable that Jesus tells in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus invites us to consider whether we’re truly receptive to His teaching, and also to reflect again on the grace of God in our lives.

PRAYER & PRAISE

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

Congratulations to **Nicole & Misael Perez** on the birth of their daughter, **Cassandra Lauren**, on Sunday, November 5.

Marilynn Smith returned home last week after recent lung surgery.

Please continue to pray for **Ron Tazelaar** as he undergoes cancer treatments.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Peter Voss** who lives in Lexington Square in Elmhurst.

OFFERINGS

Today: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. **PM:** Back to God Ministries.

November 19: AM: Faith General Fund.

PM: United Community Concerns Association.

November 26: AM: Elim Christian Services. **PM:** Love, Inc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the final day to provide names of individuals or families for our Giving Tree ministry. If you know of someone who may be struggling, and you would like to bless them with a gift, please contact Judy Bronger, 630-665-9422. Information will be kept confidential.

Our church is sponsoring a special Christmas gift-giving program to benefit members/friends of our congregation and local children of prisoners. You are invited to pick an ornament from the tree in the fellowship hall beginning today through November. Choose an angel gift tag for the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree program; non-angel tags are for members/friends of our congregation. Purchase & wrap the gift listed on the tag, (most gift requests should be around \$20.00) tape the paper ornament to the package, and place it under the tree before the morning service on **December 3**. The gifts will be distributed to the designated family by volunteers. Please register your chosen tag with a volunteer or by signing your name on the wall poster. If you have any questions you may contact Judy Bronger, (Giving Tree) 630-665-9422 or Karen Folkerts, (Angel Tree) 630-279-1776. May we all experience the joy of giving this Christmas season!

Christianity and Islam: Dr. Derke Bergsma is concluding a two-part class on Christianity and Islam today. Building on last year’s *Understanding Islam* course, today’s session will focus on discerning similarities and contrasts between Christianity and Islam, and reflecting on how we can interact with Muslims today. The course will meet at 10:45 AM in Rooms 1-3.

Men's Chorus rehearsal is today in the choir room following our morning service to prepare to sing on Thanksgiving. We will also rehearse on November 19. Meet in the choir room after you grab your coffee.

Thanksgiving Instrumentalists: Please look for your music packets in your mailbox. We will rehearse today and November 19 at 4:00 PM. See you there!

Today is the last day we will be collecting Christmas cards for Crossroads Prison Ministry's Send-A-Card program for prisoners. Please follow the guidelines provided by Crossroads. Your cards can be placed in the box on the piano in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Judy Bronger, 630-665-9422, should you have any questions.

Young Adult Discipleship Opportunities: Are you interested in learning to live out your faith with others? Join a gender based discipleship group or small group. Email Jonathan @Jbarney@faithelmhurst.org for more information.

Seniors' Event: Join us for a special seniors' event at church on Tuesday, November 21. This event will feature a presentation by historian Leslie Goddard on the life of Eleanor Roosevelt. A catered lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM, with the presentation following. Reservations are required. There is a sign-up sheet available in the narthex or you can call the church office to make reservations; **today is the deadline to sign up**. The cost for this event is \$22 and payment can be made to the church office or to Cathy Bulthuis. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Cathy Bulthuis, 630-935-1849. 'Senior' is loosely defined for this event; if you're interested, feel free to sign up. Remember to register today!

Addresses for College Students and Military: We're looking to send out College and Military Care Packages next month. Please send us the post office address of your child so we can make sure our records are up to date since they often change. Email Jonathan Barney or sign up in the narthex—please turn address in before November 27.

College & Military Packages: Everyone is welcome to donate items for this year's mailing. Please drop off items (such as snack food, granola bars, candy, pens, goofy gifts) in or outside Jonathan Barney's office by November 26. Thank you!

Young Adult Sunday Evening Get-Together: We'll be getting together every month or so this year for a meal and discussion on Sunday evenings. Join us Sunday, December 10 around 7:00 PM (after the evening service). Future meetings: February 18 and March 4.

All God's Children, Honduras Service Opportunity: January 27 - February 3, 2018. James 1:27: *Pure religion is looking after orphans in their distress.* Do you like to hold little hands? Are you a Hugger? Well, we will have many opportunities to do just that while serving the children and ministries of All Gods Children in Comayagua, Honduras. Please prayerfully consider joining us for a week of Fellowship, Service and Fun. Please contact Bob Loerop, 630-988-2625 or gtobob@aol.com for details/questions or concerns.

YOUTH NEWS

The Gathering: High Schoolers are invited to join us for dinner, Bible study and small groups every Sunday from 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 this Friday, November 17. Drop off and pickup at church. Bring your Bible and a friend!

Summer Serve Trip: All current 8-12th graders are invited to join us for our service trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico from July 7-14, 2018. Registration is available online and due by November 12. Cost: \$450.

There will be a short Parent & Student Meeting on November 19, for those going on the Summer Serve Trip immediately following the morning worship service in the Choir room.

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.

Middle School Catechism will meet in room 8 at 10:45 AM.

9 & 10th Grade Catechism will meet in room 10 at 10:45 AM.

11th & 12th Grade Catechism will meet in room 12 at 11:00 AM.

Christianity and Islam Course in rooms 1-3 at 10:45 AM.

PADS signup sheets for December are available in the Fellowship Hall.

Instrumentalists will rehearse at 4:00 PM in the Choir Room.

The Gathering will meet at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

Bible Study Fellowship begins at 9:15 AM.

Cadets & Jr. Cadets will meet from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

Adult Ministries Committee will meet at 7:00 PM.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Women's Bible Study will meet at 9:00 AM.

Women's Bible Study will meet at 7:00 PM.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Asylum will meet at 7:00 PM.

SERVING FAITH CHURCH

Welcome Team: Sharon Rozendal **Next Week:** Dave Printz

Saratoga Driver: Ken Teune **Next Week:** Bob Nicodem

Kitchen: Spencer & Rebecca Anderson, Ted & Laurie Vander Naald*

Next Week: Brad & Kathy Miedema*, Bruce & DeDe Terpstra

Library: Jeri Cook, Laura Miller

Next Week: Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa

Audio Visual: Steve De Boer, Adam Zarek, Ryan De Boer

Next Week: Dan Kooyenga, Mike Speelman, Chris Slinkman

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

Infant Nursery: Nicole Huizinga, Mary Huizinga, Zavien Baron

Next Week: Becky Vander Naald, Lindy Oostman, Sam David

Toddler Nursery: Ruth Flikkema, Rachel Kinnas, Leah De Boer

Next Week: Laurie Van Dahm, Jessica Vander Naald, Jaci Van Dahm

PM Nursery: Joy Koopmans, Susan Middel

Next Week: Laura Lanser, Caleb Lindemulder

2017 – 2018 ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS

Church Members:	Elder/Deacon team:
1. A – Bo	Ron Tazelaar/Darrell Stodola
2. Br – D	Pete Holtrop/Spencer Anderson
3. E – G	Len Turnbull/Jonathan Huizinga
4. H - Huin	Matt Bulthuis/Matt Tazelaar
5. Huis – K	Rich Vroom/Peter Groenewold
6. L – Mie	Bob Wieringa/John Tazelaar
7. Mil – R	Greg Lanenga/Corey Van Dyk
8. S – Taz	Dave Voss/Adam Zarek
9. Taz – Van K	Ray Middel/Scott Piersma
10. Van T – Ve	Bern Slinkman/Chris Slinkman
11. Vos – Z	Jim Engel/Jon Kinnas
Out of Town	Don Miller/Al De Los Santos

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS

You're invited to join Faith CRC and Elmhurst CRC for the first of many youth worker gatherings! The event will be November 13 from 12:00 - 1:30 PM at Elmhurst CRC. Jonathan Barney from Faith CRC will be talking to us about good teaching, making sure that you are staying on your game as you communicate the truth of the gospel to teenagers! We will provide lunch and have some time to fellowship together! The best part is this event is totally budget friendly because it's free! Please [email Andrew.pasek@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:Andrew.pasek@elmhurstcrc.org) to RSVP.

Timothy Christian Schools Kitchen team is looking for an individual to join their team! The job would be 10-15 hours a week, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Please check the full information on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Interested individuals should contact Kathi Espinoza, 630-782-4034 or Espinoza@timothychristian.com.

Christmas Holiday Bazaar – Saturday, November 18 from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM (notice new time). Come and enjoy shopping and visiting with friends and family at our yearly event. Now is the time to buy your Bonket, Olebollen (made on site) and homemade treats for the holiday. We will be selling various items (jewelry, crafts, "granny's attic" items as well as items from the Boutique. Coffee and pastries will be served. Join us and bring a friend. This event is being held at Saratoga Grove, 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 3, 2017 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!

Come celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with song! The Men of A-Chord cordially invites you to join them for their annual Christmas Candlelight Concert on Saturday, December 9 at 7:00 PM at First CRC of South Holland. Come join the singing with the Carols and Songs of the Season celebrating Christ's birth! A free-will offering will be taken.