

## **Gathered to Worship**

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise:

"Holy is the Lord"

## **Relying on Grace**

Song of Confession and Assurance:

"Have Mercy on Me"

God's Rule for Thankful Living

Children's Message

Prayer

Song of Thanksgiving: #375 (WC)

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

*(children ages 3 - Kindergarten are dismissed for Children's Church during this song)*

## **Giving with Thanks**

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Caring Network (formally CareNet)

## **Hearing God's Word**

Scripture:

Ephesians 1:15-23 (*p. 1156*)

Sermon:

**PRAYING DEEP AND WIDE:**

**HOW ARE YOU SPENDING YOUR INHERITANCE?**

Prayer

## **Blessed to Serve**

Song of Response: #859:1,3,4 (LH)

"Be Thou My Vision"

Benediction

Doxology: #374:3 (WC)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Postlude

## **Leading us in Worship**

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Organ: Donna Erdman

Piano: Jan Slinkman

Bass: Carter Bulthuis

Guitar: Matt Bulthuis

Percussion: Ryan De Boer

Vocalists:

Randy Huisman, Janna Piersma, Carla 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 and Thanks:

"It is Good to Give Thanks"

## We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Prayer

Hymn Sing:

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

*Congregation's Choice*

Ebenezer CRC

## God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Sermon:

Prayer

Psalm 116:12-19

**A PRIMER ON PRAYER**

## We Go Out with God's Blessing

Benediction

Doxology: #491 (PH)

Postlude

"Glory Be to the Father"

## Leading us in Worship

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Sermon:

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Piano: Jan Slinkman

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## Today at Faith

**This morning** we continue in our prayer series, “Praying Deep and Wide” to see what God’s Word wants us to know about the Christian’s “inheritance,” and especially, what to do with it.

**Tonight** we’ll look to the Heidelberg Catechism to gain a better understanding and framework for what the Bible teaches about prayer. Also this evening, the congregation is invited to select songs for our Hymn Sing.

## Upcoming Worship at Faith

November 24, 6:00 PM: Congregational Prayer Requests  
November 28, 10:00 AM: Thanksgiving Day Worship Service  
December 1, 9:30 AM: Christmas Sermon Series Begins (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)  
December 8, 9:30 AM: Celebration of The Lord’s Supper  
December 15, 9:30 AM: Children’s Church & Sunday School Christmas Songs  
December 15, 6:00 PM: Christmas Congregational Hymn Sing  
December 22: 6:00 PM: Christmas Candlelight Service  
December 25, 10:00 AM: Christmas Morning Worship Service

## Offerings

Today AM: The Caring Network (CareNet)  
November 24 AM: Benevolent Fund

PM: Ebenezer CRC  
PM: Bethshan

The Deacons gratefully acknowledge the following **offerings** in October:

General Fund	\$46,401	Life on Wheels	\$501
Benevolent Fund	\$3,564	Building Fund	\$460
Missions	\$3,532	Chicago West Side School	\$383
Timothy Christian Schools	\$3,310	Calvin Seminary	\$341
Faith Youth Group	\$1,509	Lampstand Ministries	\$310
Education Fund	\$525		

Total Offerings for October:     **\$60,836**

**Actual General Fund** receipts from June 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019 totaled approximately \$271,000 compared to budgeted receipts of \$335,000 or a \$64,000 shortfall to budget. Actual accrued expenses for the same period totaled \$339,000 or a \$68,000 actual shortfall.

## Prayer & Praise

To lift up the morning worship service in prayer, join the **Sunday Morning Prayer Team** from 9:10 – 9:20 AM in Room 1/2, on the north side of our facility.

**If you have prayer needs**, please visit Room 14 on the south side of the sanctuary after the morning service. You may also send prayer requests at any time to [prayer@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:prayer@faithelmhurst.org). All requests are kept confidential by the pastors.

**Sue Heerdt** had vertebrae fusion surgery last week. Please pray for effective pain relief and recovery for Sue.

**Evelyn Johnson** had a heart procedure last week. Please pray for a good recovery for Evelyn, and for continued comfort as both she and Eric struggle with various health issues.

**Betty Klaassens** has moved into assisted living at Park Place. Her new address is 1150 S. Euclid, #252, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Marlene Vos** who lives in Elmhurst.

## Announcements

Attention all singers and musicians: Rehearsals for the **Thanksgiving Day Worship Team** begin today. Choir will meet at 10:45 AM in the Choir Room and Instruments will meet today from 4:30 – 5:30 PM in the Choir Room.

Last Sunday morning our Deacons distributed **Thanksgiving Envelopes**. This is a long-time Faith Church tradition for giving at Thanksgiving time. If you have not received an envelope, you may pick one up at the Registration Area or the Welcome Center. On the envelope, you'll see a list of suggested causes/funds to give to, as well as an area to add your own cause. We ask that you prayerfully and cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7) mark the amounts of your gifts in the spaces provided to assist the Deacons for counting. Place envelopes in the offering plate on Thanksgiving Day, or any Sunday before or after Thanksgiving through the end of the year. May God bless us all in our Thanksgiving and year-end giving.

To celebrate all of the blessings God has bestowed upon us this year, we will be creating a handmade display called **The Gratitude Chandelier**. To contribute, please write what you are grateful for on the paper provided in the Fellowship Hall and place it in the box (do not fold the paper). The more blessings, the better! The Chandelier will be on display in the fellowship hall over the holiday season.

Donations of bath soap, body wash and shower gel are being collected for the **United Community Concerns Association**. Today is the last day to place your donation in the boxes marked UCCA in the Fellowship Hall.

An updated **Faith Family (Non-Photo) Directory** will be printed in early 2020. Please check the table in the Fellowship Hall to confirm your information is correct. Write corrections and additional information on the sheets provided and check the box if everything is correct.

Today is the last day to submit names for our **Christmas Giving Tree**. Please contact Judy Bronger at 630.665.9422 if you know of someone to include in this gift giving program.

**Seniors' Bible Study** will meet this Tuesday, November 19 at 1:15 PM. We'll be studying Lesson 5 in our study guide.

**Faith Book Club** has selected "Radical Gratitude: Discovering Joy Through Everyday Thankfulness" by Ellen Vaughn. Join us on November 19 at 7:00 PM at Park Place of Elmhurst.

All Faith men are invited to join the **Men's Wednesday Evening Bible Study**. Our next meeting is November 20 and follows the Cadet schedule. We meet at 719 Fairview in Elmhurst from 6:45 PM – 8:20 PM (drop off your Cadet and join us!) For more information, call Dirk Glaubke at 312.375.6431 or Matt Builthuis (matt@smartgate.com).

The **Discipleship Committee** will be meeting this Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 PM.

**Young Adults:** you are invited for an evening of bocce ball, bowling and appetizers at Pinstripes in Oak Brook on Thursday, November 21 at 7:00 PM. Space is very limited so please RSVP to kaylamiddel@gmail.com or natemiddel87@gmail.com as soon as possible. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening!

**College and Military Care Package donations** are still needed! Salty snacks and non-food items (stress balls, gift cards, bookmarks, socks, pens, etc) can be donated now through November 24. Please be sure to sign up your college or military son/daughter at the Registration Area to receive a package (sign-ups must be done each year, even if addresses haven't changed). For more information, contact Laura Miller (lauramiller289@comcast.net).

Faith CRC is joining with Ebenezer Church again this year for their **Annual Christmas Toy Drive** to be held on Friday, December 6. Drop your donations of new and like-new toys and games for toddlers through teens as well as gently used hats, coats, and scarves on the table in the Fellowship Hall now through December 1.

Volunteers are needed for the **Ebenezer Toy Drive**. 2-3 people are needed on Wednesday, December 4 at 1:00 PM to load the toys at Faith for transport to Ebenezer. On Friday, December 6 we will need 6-7 people to set up, distribute and clean up at Ebenezer from 4:30 – 7:30 PM. Sign up at the Registration Area or by emailing office@faithelmhurst.org.

Everyone is welcome to join Faith CRC's serve trip to **All God's Children** in Comayagua, Honduras on February 1-8, 2020. AGC provides a safe home and necessary care for 200+ orphaned or abandoned children. Serving in person is an exceptional way to show the love of Christ while connecting personally with a child in need. Contact Bob Loerop (gtobob@aol.com) or Clarence Klaassens (klaassensc@yahoo.com) for information before December 1.

The **Cadet Breakfast** will be on Saturday, December 7 from 7:00 – 10:30 AM. Donations are welcome but not required. Join us for fellowship and enjoy a wonderful breakfast cooked and served by the Cadets and Counselors.

## Youth News

**For all current 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders:** If you are planning to attend the Youth Summer Mission Trip to Thunder Bay, Ontario, please complete the commitment form by November 24 and submit to Logan Van Proyen. Extra forms can be found at the Registration Area.

**The Gathering** (HS Youth Group) meets tonight at 7:00 PM.

**Cadets & Jr. Cadets** (1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boy's Club) meets this Wednesday, November 20 at church. Please turn in shirt order forms and other paperwork. We will be making plans for the Cadet Breakfast.

*Looking Ahead:*

**GEMS Girls Club** (1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls) will **NOT** meet on Wednesday, November 27 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The next meeting is scheduled for December 11.

**The Gathering** Christmas Party is Sunday, December 8 at 7:00 PM.

## Community News

You are invited to Timothy Christian Schools (188 W. Butterfield Road, Elmhurst) **Preschool Information Night** on Tuesday, November 19 at 7 PM. Simply stop by or you can pre-register at [timothychristian.com/open-house](http://timothychristian.com/open-house).

Illiana Oratorio Society invites you to their annual presentation of **Handel's Messiah** on Sunday, December 1st 2:00 PM at First CRC of South Holland.

The **Spirito! Singers Christmas Concert** is Saturday, December 7 at 4:00 PM and Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 PM at Elmhurst CRC. Details and tickets can be found at [spiritosingers.org/winter-concerts](http://spiritosingers.org/winter-concerts).

The **Men of A-Chord** invites you to their Christmas Candlelight Musicale on Saturday, December 14 at 7:00 PM at Oak Glen United Reformed Church. More details can be found at [menofachord.org](http://menofachord.org).

# This Week at Faith

## **Sunday, November 17**

Thanksgiving Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room | 10:45 AM  
Faith Foundations 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades | Room 3 | 10:45 AM  
Faith Foundations 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Grades | Room 2 | 10:45 AM  
Sunday School | Rooms 8-11, 13, 14 | 10:45 AM  
Faith In Context 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades | Pastor Matthew's Office | 11:00 AM  
Sermon Discussion Group | Room 4/5 | 11:00 AM  
Thanksgiving Instrument Rehearsal | Choir Room | 4:30 – 5:30 PM  
The Gathering (HS Youth Group) | Fellowship Hall | 7:00 PM

## **Tuesday, November 19**

BSF Leader's Meeting | 9:00 AM  
Seniors' Bible Study | Fellowship Hall | 1:15pm

## **Wednesday, November 20**

Men's Prayer Group | Room 4/5 | 7:00 AM  
Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) | 9:00 AM  
Sharing The Gospel Seminar | Sanctuary | 11:00 AM  
Cadets & Jr. Cadets | 6:30 PM  
Discipleship Committee | 7:00 PM

## **Thursday, November 21**

Women's Bible Study | Room 4/5 | 9:00 AM  
Young Adult Event | Pinstripes Oak Brook | 7:00 PM  
Women's Bible Study | Room 4/5 | 7:15 PM

## **Friday, November 22**

Men's Bible Study | 6:30 AM

## **Sunday, November 24**

Thanksgiving Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room | 10:45 AM  
Faith Foundations 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades | Room 3 | 10:45 AM  
Faith Foundations 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Grades | Room 2 | 10:45 AM  
Sunday School | Rooms 8-11, 13, 14 | 10:45 AM  
Faith In Context 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades | Pastor Matthew's Office | 11:00 AM  
Sermon Discussion Group | Room 4/5 | 11:00 AM  
Thanksgiving Instrument Rehearsal | Choir Room | 4:30 – 5:30 PM

# Serving Faith Church

**Welcome Team:** Cathy Bulthuis

**Next Week:** Len Turnbull

**Kitchen:** Scott & Staci Bryant\*, Byron & Cathy Plate

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

**Library:** Laurie Wieringa, Kathleen Glaubke

**Next Week:** Chuck Slinkman

**Audio Visual:** Todd Lindemulder, Adam Zarek, Al De Los Santos

**Next Week:** Steve David, Amy Carlson, Logan Van Proyen

**Thanksgiving Day:** Steve De Boer, Chris Slinkman, Mike Speelman

**Nursery Hostess:** Janna Piersma

**Next Week:** Joy Koopmans

**Infant Nursery:** Laurie Van Dahm, Nicole Huizinga, Jacki Van Dahm

**Next Week:** Kelly Rauwerda, Val Hoving, Sam David

**Toddler Nursery:** Danielle Voss, Mindy Slinkman, Will Hoving

**Next Week:** Ashley Van Byssum, Laurie Vander Naald, Izzy David

**Thanksgiving Day Nursery:** Jayne Lindemulder, Janna Piersema,

Danielle Voss, Jacob Tazelaar, Liam Tazelaar

**PM Nursery:** Bethany Voss, Hannah Schuringa

**Next Week:** Sharon Rozendal, Joy Koopmans



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

**ELDERS:**

Al De Los Santos – 2022  
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

[elders@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:elders@faithelmhurst.org)

**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  
Mark Van Dahm – 2021 (Treasurer)  
Corey Van Dyk – 2020

[deacons@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:deacons@faithelmhurst.org)

## Faith Ministry Leaders

Asylum (grades 6-8)	Bethany Voss
Bible Study Fellowship	Jen Cozette
Cadets Boys Club	Lambert Bronger
Children's Church	Christy Hooker
Creative Connections	Susan Middel
Crossroads Prison Ministries	Ray Middel
Deacons/Finance	Steve David
Disability Advocates	Don & Laura Miller
Discipleship	Herm Vander Naald
Elders	Pastor Lanser
Evangelism	Dirk Glaubke
Fellowship	Peter Holtrop
GEMS Girls Club	Pastor Lanser
Hospitality/Meals	Spencer Anderson
Library	Peter Holtrop
Membership Classes	Flory Hoving
Men's Bible Studies	Spencer Anderson
Men's Prayer Group	Chuck Slinkman
Missions	Pastor Schuringa
Mom2Mom Ministry	Steve David
Music Ministries	Christopher Koopmans
Nursery	Lambert Bronger
PADS	Don Oostman
Profession of Faith Classes	Sarah Schuringa
Right to Life Committee	Len Turnbull
Safe Church Ministry	Joy Koopmans
Seniors' Bible Study	Lambert Bronger
Shalom Committee	Pastor Schuringa
Shoebox Ministry	Lambert Bronger
Stephen Ministry	Chris Kakabeeke
Strategic Team	Pastor Lanser
Sunday School	Ray Middel
Technology Ministries	Jill Veenstra
The Gathering (High School)	Grace Harbaugh
Transportation	Dirk Glaubke
Ushers	Joy Hoving
Women's Bible Study	Dan Kooyenga
Young Adults	Logan Van Proyen
	Corey Van Dyk
	Ray Rozendal
	Sarah Schuringa
	Nathan & Kayla Middel