

November 19, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: #77 (WC)

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

God Renews Us By Grace

Prayer

*Songs of Praise:

"Hosanna" (Praise is Rising)

"Forever"

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

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Faith General Fund

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture:

Matthew 6:19-21, 24-34 (p. 960)

Sermon:

HOW THANKFULNESS CONQUERS WORRY

Prayer

God Blesses Us to Bless Others

*Song of Response: #367 (WC) "Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment"

*Benediction

*Doxology: #316:1 (PH)

"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

Guitars:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

**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

Call to Worship: #556 (LH)

“A Song of Creation”

*Welcome and God’s Greeting

*Song of Praise: #53 (WC)

“Let All Things Now Living”

*Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 26 (*p. 16 in the back of the PH*)
Prayer

*Song of Worship: #380 (WC)

“Thanks to God for My Redeemer”

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

United Community Concerns Association

We Listen

Scripture:

Genesis 1:1-2:3 (*p. 1*)

Sermon:

LIGHT, WATER, SOIL

Prayer

We Are Sent to Serve

*Song of Response: #356:1-3 (WC)

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

*Benediction

*Doxology: #356:5 (WC)

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Sermon:

Rev. Mac Wiener

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

**Please stand if you are able*

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

TODAY AT FAITH

This morning our topic is worry. There is perhaps nothing greater than worry that can erode our Thanksgiving this week and so we'd do well to listen carefully to Jesus' words in Matthew 6.

This evening Rev. Mac Wiener from Timothy Christian Schools will be our guest preacher. He'll show us how Genesis 1:1-2:3 informs our need for, attitude toward, and prayers to the Lord.

UPCOMING WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS AT FAITH

Thursday, November 23 at 10:00 AM: We'll gather for our annual Thanksgiving Day service. Join us for a time of celebrating through song and giving thanks for God's gifts. We'll read Mark 4:26-34 together, and see how the Lord provides abundantly for us in so many ways.

November 26 AM: We'll read Matthew 4:1-25 and reflect on how Jesus both conceals and reveals the Kingdom of God in His parables.

November 26 PM: Rev. Dave Armstrong will be our guest preacher

OFFERINGS

Today: AM: Faith General Fund.

PM: United Community Concerns Association.

Thanksgiving Day: Various causes.

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

The Deacons want to remind you that we have a long-standing tradition of taking a special offering during our Thanksgiving morning service. We began passing out Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes last Sunday and you'll find more on the counters in the Narthex as you exit the sanctuary. There are various ministries to choose from on the envelope, or you can write in a ministry of your choosing to receive the offering. Please help us continue this tradition and join us in giving thanks to the Lord for all His grace and goodness.

PRAYER & PRAISE

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

Congratulations to **Steve Folkerts & Kathryn Locigno** who were united in marriage yesterday at Faith. May God bless them as they begin their life together at 1313 Elizabeth, Lombard, IL. 60148.

Al Tobin's father, Don Tobin, passed away on Wednesday, November 15. We express our Christian sympathy to **Al & Pat, Kaitlyn, Dan, Ben & Grace, Alyssa & Bill, Sumner & Maverick Ridder** and **Brooke & Mike Capozzoli**. Services will be held tomorrow.

Bill Bolt is at Good Samaritan hospital due to blood clots. Please pray for healing and strength for Bill.

Pastor Greg Schuringa is planning to begin a sixth and final round of chemotherapy tomorrow.

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

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Marge Stears** who lives in her home in Burr Ridge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin Announcements need to be in the church office by Tuesday afternoon due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Also, the church office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 24.

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 the end of 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 provided chart. 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!

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

Sign-up sheets for PADS can be found in the Fellowship Hall for December 2 & 3. If you have a couple of hours to spare, why not spend them helping out at PADS? If you have any questions contact Lambert & Judy Bronger at 630-665-9422.

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

Seniors' Event: If you signed up for the Seniors' Event, remember to join us this Tuesday, November 21, from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM. We'll share a catered lunch and then enjoy the presentation by historian Leslie Goddard on the life of Eleanor Roosevelt.

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 addresses 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!

Senior Bible Study: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 28 at 1:15 PM. We'll be finishing up the book of Ruth (Lesson 4 in the study guide). We'll spend about an hour in study, and then share in a time of fellowship and refreshments. Our next study will be in the Gospel of Luke; you can pick up a study guide in the church office or they'll be available at the November 28 meeting.

The Evangelism Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00 PM at church.

The Friday Men's Bible Study will meet next on December 1 at 6:30 AM. We'll be working through Lesson 3 in the study guide for 1st Corinthians.

The Cadet Pancake Breakfast will be held on December 9 from 7:00 AM to 10:30 AM.

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 are scheduled on 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 God's 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.

Thank you to all who participated in our Send-A-Card program for Crossroads Prison Ministries. This year we sent 1,235 cards to be distributed to prisoners this Christmas. They will be a blessing and very much appreciated.

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 December 1. Drop off and pickup at church. Bring your Bible and a friend!

Winter Retreat—Save the Date: Middle School and High School Students are invited to join us from January 12-14 for a Winter Retreat at Phantom Ranch in Wisconsin. There will be worship, Bible teaching, tobogganing, tubing, ice skating and more!

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 just for singing in the sanctuary and will be dismissed at 10:30 AM.

Catechism Classes will meet in rooms 1-3 at 10:45 AM.

Men's Chorus will rehearse in the Choir Room at 10:45 AM.

The Sermon Discussion Group will meet in room 4/5 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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Senior Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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

Bible Study Fellowship begins at 9:15 AM.

After Hours at the Barney's house at 3:15 PM.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving Day Worship at 10:00 AM.

SERVING FAITH CHURCH

Welcome Team: Dave Printz

Thanksgiving Day: Lindy Oostman

Next Week: John Veldsema

Saratoga Driver: Bob Nicodem

Thanksgiving Day: Darrell Stodola

Next Week: Corey Van Dyk

Kitchen: Brad & Kathy Miedema*, Bruce & DeDe Terpstra

Next Week: Bob & Linda Loerop, Gerrit & Lori Wieringa*

Library: Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa

Next Week: Chuck Slinkman

Audio Visual: Dan Kooyenga, Mike Speelman, Chris Slinkman

Thanksgiving Day: Todd Lindemulder, Mary Huizinga, Adam Zarek

Next Week: Sue Folkerts, Al De Los Santos, Ryan Swanson

Nursery Hostess: Flory Hoving

Next Week: Jayne Lindemulder

Infant Nursery: Becky Vander Naald, Lindy Oostman, Sam David

Next Week: Chelsea Barney, Charis Engel, Savannah Baron

Toddler Nursery: Laurie Van Dahm, Jessica Vander Naald, Jaci Van Dahm

Thanksgiving Day: Karen Folkerts, Emily Frank, Eric Vander Naald

Next Week: Mindy Slinkman, Julie Speelman, Elias Baron

PM Nursery: Laura Lanser, Caleb Lindemulder

Next Week: Bethany Voss, Olivia Schuringa