

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Worship:

"Here I Am to Worship"
"In Christ Alone"

Relying on Grace

God's Will for Our Lives

Prayer

Song of Worship: #295:1,2,4 (WC)

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

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Faith General Fund

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Sermon:

Prayer

Exodus 19:1-13 (p. 73)

GOD'S GUIDED PEOPLE

Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #374:1,2 (WC)

Benediction

Doxology: #374:3 (WC)

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Organ:

Bass:

Guitars:

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

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Donna Erdman

Carter Bulthuis

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise: #379 (WC)

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith:

Apostles' Creed

Prayer

Song of Worship: #375 (WC)

"Sing to the Lord of the Harvest"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Bible League International

God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Romans 1:1-8 (*p. 1112*)

Sermon:

CALLED TO BE SAINTS

Prayer

We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #523:1,2 (WC)

"Trust and Obey"

Benediction

Doxology: #523:4 (WC)

"Trust and Obey"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Sermon:

Dr. Derke Bergsma

Organ:

Donna Erdman

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

Today at Faith

This morning Exodus 19:1-8 leads us to truth that we are “God’s Guided People.”

This evening Dr. Derke Bergsma will be preaching from Romans 1:1-8.

For our Advent Sunday evening series, we’ll be reflecting on the traditional Advent themes of peace, hope, joy, and love. We’ll be using some resources from The Bible Project for this series. If you’re interested in looking ahead, you can view a video about our theme for December 2, ‘Peace,’ at <https://thebibleproject.com/videos/shalom-peace/>.

Upcoming Worship Highlights

December 2: Advent begins
December 9, 9:30 AM: Communion
December 23, 6:00 PM: Candlelight Service
December 25, 10:00 AM: Christmas Service

Upcoming Music Opportunities

Please take note of the following music opportunity for Christmas morning. 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 this upcoming service.

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

Offerings

Today: AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Bible League International.
December 2: AM: Faith Promise Missionaries.

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. We join each week 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.

We extend our Christian sympathy to **Jim & Kathy Lindemulder** on the death of Jim’s brother, **Richard Lindemulder**, last week in Michigan.

Jayne Lindemulder is having hip replacement surgery on Friday. Please pray that her surgery and recovery go well.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Grace Lanenga** who lives in Village Woods in Crete, IL.

Happy Birthday to **Chuck Smith** (82) on December 4, **Thea Bakker** (85) and **Jerry Wieringa** (81) on December 5, **Theresa Skrysak** (93) on December 13, **Effie Dykstra** on December 15, **Evelyn Wettour** (102) on December 20, **Janet Braun** (80) on December 24, and **Jannie Vanderschoot** (82) on December 27.

Announcements

College exam and military care packages: Everyone is welcome to donate items for our young adults. Boxes will be sent out this week. To donate, please drop off items (such as snacks, pens, toiletries, candy, gum, post-its) to Jonathan's office today! Contact Laura Miller if you have questions.

The congregation is invited to pick a paper ornament from The Giving Tree in the Fellowship Hall today. On the ornament will be listed a gift need. Please purchase the listed item, wrap the gift and tape the paper ornament to the package. Please return the present to the Giving Tree by the morning service of December 9. Volunteers will distribute the gifts before Christmas. If you have any questions you may contact Judy Bronger 630-665-9422.

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 gently 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. Gifts can be brought to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 25 and 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.

Creative Connections: Join us this 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.

The Evangelism Committee will be meeting this Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 PM.

The annual Cadet Breakfast will be on Saturday, December 1 from 7:00 – 10:30 AM. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast whenever it is convenient for your family and support the Faith Cadets.

Seniors' Bible Study's next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 4 at 1:15 PM here at Faith. We'll continue our *Generosity* study with Lesson 6, continuing the theme of "Generosity and Wealth."

Ebenezer Christmas Event: We're looking for a few volunteers to help with delivery and set up for the Ebenezer Christmas Gift Drive. We'll need to bring the gifts to Ebenezer, help to set them up at Ebenezer for parents to choose gifts for their children, and check people into the event. Help is needed on Thursday, December 6 at 6:00 PM and on Friday, December 7, starting at 3:30 PM. Please contact Sandy Turnbull or sign up if you can help out on either of those dates.

A Christmas Carol at Faith: Join us for a special event at church on December 20 at 10:00 AM, featuring a presentation by author Rochelle Pennington on the history and writing of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Pennington's narrative will offer factual perspective and behind-the-scenes insights into the epic influence of Dicken's characters: Ebenezer Scrooge, Jacob Marley, and the trio of Christmas ghosts. Light refreshments and coffee will be served, and reservations are required. There is a sign-up sheet available in the narthex or you can call the church office to make reservations. The cost for this event is \$10 and payment should be made to the church office. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Cathy Bulthuis, 630-935-1849.

Serve breakfast and join in worship at Roseland Christian Ministries on January 27, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Please RSVP to Jonathan at Jbarney@faithelmhurst.org.

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.

Faith CRC on Facebook. If you haven't give our church's Facebook page a review yet, please do! It will help spread the word out about our worship services, ministries, and special events. If you feel the page deserves a 5 star review, that will make our page more likely to get engagements so more people will know what we're all about. If you don't feel you can give a 5 star review, please let us know how to improve it! Thank you!

Youth News

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: \$15. Release form required. Please RSVP by November 18 for transportation purposes.

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.

Youth Winter Retreat: All 6-12th graders are invited to save the date for January 18-20 at Phantom Ranch! Activities will include a guest speaker, band, paintball, winter activities and more! Registration and more details soon.

This Week at Faith

Wednesday, November 28

Men's Prayer Group, 7:00 - 8:00 AM
Bible Study Fellowship, 9:00 AM
Gems Girl's Club, 6:30 PM

Thursday, November 29

Creative Connections, 6:30 PM
Evangelism Committee, 7:00 PM

Friday, November 30

Men's Bible Study, 6:30 AM
Asylum to Main Event, 6:30 PM

Saturday, December 1

Cadet Breakfast, 7:00 – 10:00 AM

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Sharon Rozendal **Next Week:** Herm Vander Naald
Kitchen: Spencer & Rebecca Anderson*, Brad & Kathy Miedema
Next Week: Bruce & DeDe Terpstra*, Ted & Laurie Vander Naald
Library: Chuck Slinkman **Next Week:** Nancy Boer, Sharon Herlien
Audio Visual: Dan Kooyenga, Al De Los Santos, Chris Slinkman
Next Week: Todd Lindemulder, Logan Van Proyen, Adam Zarek
Nursery Hostess: Jayne Lindemulder **Next Week:** Ruth Flikkema
Infant Nursery: Emily Hoving, Mary Huizinga, Sophia Schuringa
Next Week: Kelly Rauwerda, Laura Van Kampen, Jenny Lumkes
Toddler Nursery: Jen Bernahl, Joy Koopmans, Hailey Bernahl
Next Week: Sue Boonstra, Melanie Lumkes, Lauren Miller
PM Nursery: Joy Koopmans, Hannah Schuringa
Next Week: Joy Koopmans, Caleb Lindemulder