

**November 26, 2017**

**MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM**

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**God Calls Us to Worship**

Prelude

\*Welcome and God's Greeting

\*Songs of Worship:

"Be Unto Your Name"

"Mighty to Save"

**God Renews Us By Grace**

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Song of Commitment: #297 (WC)

"Spirit of the Living God"

Prayer

\*Song of Worship: #379 (WC)

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

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

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Elim Christian Services

**God Speaks to Us Through His Word**

Scripture:

Mark 4:1-25 (p. 993)

Sermon:

**FOLLOW THE KING: HIDDEN AND REVEALED**

Prayer

**God Blesses Us to Bless Others**

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

"Now Thank We All our God"

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: #374:3 (WC)

"Now Thank We All our God"

Postlude

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**LEADING US IN WORSHIP**

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Guitars:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Violin:

Kristen Voss

*\*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: #677 (WC)

"Soon and Very Soon"

\*Profession of Faith:

New City Catechism Q & A 52

Prayer

\*Song of Worship: #222:1,2,3,6 (PH) "O Give the Lord Whole-Hearted Praise"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Love, Inc.

## **We Listen**

Scripture:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (*p. 1171*)

Sermon:

**THE DAY OF THE LORD**

Prayer

## **We Are Sent to Serve**

\*Song of Response: #368:1,2,4 (PH)

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: #469:3 (PH)

"By the Sea of Crystal"

Postlude

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### **LEADING US IN WORSHIP**

Worship Leader:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Sermon:

Rev. Dave Armstrong

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)*

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## TODAY AT FAITH

**This morning** we'll read Mark 4:1-25 and reflect on how the Kingdom of God is both hidden and revealed in Jesus' parables. During the morning service, we'll have a brief time of preparation for celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday.

**This evening** Rev. Dave Armstrong will be preaching on the Day of the Lord as it's described in 1 Thessalonians 5.

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## UPCOMING WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS AT FAITH

**December 3, 9:30 AM:** We'll begin an Advent series on the last book of the Old Testament, Malachi. The prophet Malachi calls God's people to turn to the Lord and to wait for the coming of His messenger. In the Advent season, as we prepare for Christmas, this book will call us to look again toward the coming of Jesus. In this service, we'll also celebrate God's grace and provision for us through the Lord's Supper.

**December 3, 6:00 PM:** Seminarian Nathan Voss will be preaching for us.

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## OFFERINGS

**Today: AM:** Elim Christian Services. **PM:** Love, Inc.

**December 3: AM:** Faith Promise Missionaries. **PM:** CenterPointe Church.

**December 10: AM:** Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. **PM:** Daystar School.

**December 17: AM:** Faith General Fund. **PM:** Elmhurst Walk-in Ministry.

**December 24: AM:** Rehoboth Christian School.

**December 25: AM:** All God's Children.

**December 31: AM:** Life on Wheels.

**PM:** Chicago Christian Counseling Center.

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

\$61,116	Faith General Fund	\$499	Gideons
\$4,067	Faith Promise Missionaries	\$402	Lampstand Ministry
\$1,685	Faith Benevolent Fund	\$407	New Leaf Resources
\$310	Faith Building Fund	\$1,375	Partners Worldwide
\$250	Faith Education Fund	\$325	Pearl Dykstra Memorial
\$71	All God's Children	\$372	Roseland Christian Ministries
\$1,072	CareNet Pregnancy Services	\$3,715	Timothy Assistance Fund
\$390	Crossroads Prison Ministries	<b>\$76,056</b>	<b>Total Offerings for October</b>

**Actual General Fund receipts** from June 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017 totaled approximately \$267,000 compared to budgeted receipts of \$338,000 or a \$71,000 shortfall to budget. Actual accrued expenses for the same period totaled \$321,000 or a \$54,000 actual shortfall.

**As of October 31, 2017,** the Timothy Tuition Assistance obligation for the 2017-2018 school year was approximately \$66,000.

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## PRAYER & PRAISE

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

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

**Pastor Greg** continues in a sixth and final round of chemotherapy and is on a weekend away. He plans to return to the office tomorrow.

Please continue to pray for **Ron Tazelaar** as he undergoes treatments for abdominal cancer. Pray especially that he'll be able to keep food and drink down, and that the treatments will be effective.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Grace Bolt** who lives in Providence Healthcare.

**"Many thanks for the thoughts and prayers** during my recent surgery. Also thanks to Rev. Lanser and Rev. Schuringa for the visits. All were deeply appreciated."  
Marilynn Smith

**Thank you from World Renew:** Your donations to World Renew's response to hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria will go toward the long-term recovery of the individuals, families, and communities that were affected most. Your generosity not only provides tangible assistance like home repairs but also provides long-term recovery and other expertise to community leaders. World Renew is not the first on the scene, but often the last to leave. Every service World Renew provides is carried out by volunteers (known as Green Shirts) who serve disaster survivors with the love and hope of Christ. Learn more at [www.worldrenew.net/USHurricanes](http://www.worldrenew.net/USHurricanes).

**Happy Birthday** to **Thea Bakker** (84), **Chuck Smith** (81) and **Jerry Wieringa** (80) on December 5, **Theresa Skrysak** (92) on December 13, **Evelyn Wettour** (101) on December 20 and **Jannie Vanderschoot** (81) on December 27.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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!

**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.

**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 tomorrow.

**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 today.

**Senior Bible Study:** Our next meeting will be this 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 at the November 28 meeting.

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

**The Friday Men's Bible Study** will meet this Friday, December 1 at 6:30 AM. We'll be working through Lesson 3 in the study guide for 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians.

**Come one, come all to the Cadet Breakfast** on Saturday, December 9, 7:00 - 10:30 AM. Enjoy good food, service and fellowship. Donations will be accepted but not required.

**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.

**Jr. Cadets & all 1st - 3rd graders** are invited to attend the Father/Son outing to the Jelly Belly Factory on Saturday, December 16. We will leave church at 10:00 AM and stop at McDonald's for lunch on the way home. This is a Jr. Cadet activity that the Dads are invited to. If Dad can't make it Jr. Cadets are still invited to attend.

**You are invited to the Calvin College January Series** beginning January 3, 2018 and continuing weekdays through January 23 at Faith. Each lecture will be shown through live feed from Calvin College from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM and will cover topics ranging from millennials and faith, restorative justice, confident pluralism, radical generosity and so much more by top experts in their fields. Faith CRC is one of more than 50 remote webcast sites across the continent, joining a daily audience of about 3,000 people a day. For information on the speakers and topics, visit the January Series website at [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january). Don't miss out on this chance to hear fabulous lectures and experience a piece of Calvin College right here in Elmhurst!

**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](mailto:gtobob@aol.com) for details/questions or concerns.

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## 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! **Next meeting:** The Gathering Christmas Party on December 3! Bring a white elephant gift.

**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, paintball 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!

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## THIS WEEK AT FAITH

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### TODAY

**Sunday School & Catechism Classes** will not meet this week but will resume on December 3.

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

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### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

**Senior Bible Study** will meet 1:15 PM.

**The Evangelism Committee** will meet at 7:00 PM.

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### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

**Bible Study Fellowship** begins at 9:15 AM.

**GEMS Girls Club** will meet from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

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### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

**Mom2Mom** will meet at 9:00 AM.

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### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

**Men's Bible Study** will meet at 6:30 AM.

**Asylum** will meet at 7:00 PM.

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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

**Communion Sunday** in AM worship.

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## SERVING FAITH CHURCH

**Welcome Team:** Len Turnbull

**Next Week:** Lindy Oostman

**Saratoga Driver:** Corey Van Dyk

**Next Week:** Darrell Stodola

**Kitchen:** Bob & Linda Loerop, Gerrit & Lori Wieringa\*

**Next Week:** Jim & Kathleen Lindemulder\*, Byron & Cathy Plate

**Library:** Chuck Slinkman

**Next Week:** Nancy Boer, Sharon Herlien

**Audio Visual:** Sue Folkerts, Al De Los Santos, Ryan Swanson

**Next Week:** Steve David, Mike Speelman, Ryan David

**Nursery Hostess:** Jayne Lindemulder

**Next Week:** Nicole Huizinga

**Infant Nursery:** Chelsea Barney, Charis Engel, Savannah Baron

**Next Week:** Dorothy Allen, Sara Swanson, Paige Hoving

**Toddler Nursery:** Mindy Slinkman, Julie Speelman, Elias Baron

**Next Week:** Niki Tazelaar, Laurie Van Dahm, Jaci Van Dahm

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

**Next Week:** Jill & Grace Veenstra