

# FAITH

CHRISTIAN REFORMED

# CHURCH

Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM & 6:00 PM

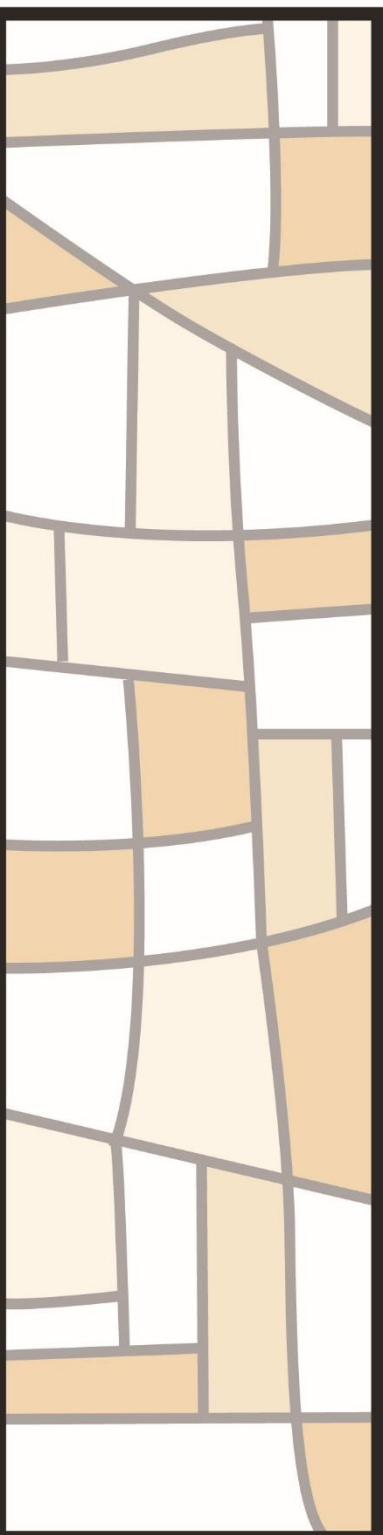
**Dr. Greg Schuringa**

Senior Pastor

**Rev. Matthew Lanser**

Pastor

**EXPERIENCE** GOD'S WORD  
**EXPRESS** GOD'S LOVE  
**EQUIP** GOD'S PEOPLE



## God's Invitation Gathers Us

Prelude

Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting and Reading

Song of Advent: #64 (LH)

God's Greeting

*The Koopmans Family*

"O Shepherd, Hear and Lead Your Flock"

## God's Grace Claims Us

Song of Confession and Assurance:

Prayer

Song of Worship:

"O Come to the Altar"

"Joyful"

## God's Word Speaks to Us

Scripture:

Song of Preparation: #375:1,3 (WC)

Sermon:

Prayer

Genesis 42:1 – 38

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

**THE JOSEPH STORY**

**OUR FATHER'S FOCUS ON HIS FAMILY #6:**

**The Father Begins To Refine His Family**

## God's Blessing Equips Us

Songs of Response:

Benediction

Doxology: #316:3 (PH)

Postlude

"O Come to the Altar"

#579:1,4 (WC)

"I Surrender All"

"Now Thank We All Our God"

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader and Sermon:

Organ: Donna Erdman

Bass: Carter Bulthuis

Vocalists:

Dr. Greg Schuringa

Piano: Jan Slinkman

Guitars: Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Carla Printz, Dan Roelofs, Sandy Roelofs

*(PH-Psalter Hymnal | WC-Worshipping Church | LH-Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal)*

## This Week at Faith

**This Sunday**, while it's Thanksgiving weekend yet, we are also at the very beginning of Advent. For generations, Christians have used four candles to represent four great themes that rise from our faith in Jesus: hope, peace, joy and love. Today we light the candle of hope. May the longings we experience and the great needs in the world around us point us to Jesus this season, who is our only hope.

**This morning** in worship, we continue in the account of Joseph in Genesis 42 when Joseph meets up with his brothers again after many years. Joseph does some strange things in our verses related to his brothers. What is he up to anyway?

*To view this service live at 9:30 AM on Sunday, [Click Here](#).*

For our **"Second Sermon"** this weekend, Rev. Heino Blaauw, CRC chaplain for Providence Life Services serving Providence West and Saratoga Grove, has provided the message. Thank you, Rev. Blaauw!

*To view this service anytime, [Click Here](#).*

## Upcoming Worship at Faith

**Morning Worship:** in-person worship is suspended for the next two weeks. To watch Sunday morning worship services live at 9:30 AM or anytime thereafter, visit [faithelmhurst.org/listenwatch](http://faithelmhurst.org/listenwatch).

**Evening Worship:** A prerecorded "Second Sermon" video will be posted each week to our website and YouTube channel for viewing at your leisure.

## Offerings

Today is the last day to send in your **Thanksgiving offering**. Simply write a check payable to Faith CRC and place it in an envelope with the last page of the bulletin indicating your offering designations. Your envelope can be mailed to the church.

If you are experiencing financial hardship these days, please reach out to your district deacon, or any deacon. They are ready and eager to do what they can to help you.

November Offerings:

Timothy Christian Schools

## Prayer & Praise

**If you have prayer needs, please contact your district elder or one of the pastors.** We also encourage you to send prayer requests at any time to [prayer@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:prayer@faithelmhurst.org). All requests are kept confidential by the pastors.

**Dorothy Allen** is scheduled to have surgery on Monday, November 30 to do a biopsy of cancer that's been found on her tongue. We pray that this biopsy shows a way forward to healing.

**Annette Klein**, after a challenging year last year, and being under hospice care for a number of weeks, was called to glory early this past Monday morning. Services for the family were held this past Friday. We extend our sympathy to Annette's family and friends.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to this Church Family for all of your thoughts, prayers, and cards during Chuck's illness and his graduation to Heaven. Thank you.

**Marilynn Smith & family**

Happy Birthday to **Jerry Wieringa** (December 5), **Theresa Skrysak** (December 13), **Effie Dykstra** (December 15), **Evelyn Wettour** (December 20), **Janet Braun** (December 24), and **Jannie Vanderschoot** (December 27.)

## Announcements

Celebrate the season of Advent with **daily devotional videos**. Visit [faithelmhurst.org/listenwatch/advent](http://faithelmhurst.org/listenwatch/advent) each day to watch a short devotional video filmed by a member of your Faith family.

You're invited to read this thoughtful tribute to **Dr. Derke Bergsma**, written by a former colleague of his at Westminster Theological Seminary, California. Rev. Bergsma recently passed away and was a member of Faith CRC with his wife Doris. [Click Here](#).

**The New City Catechism** suggested reading for this week is Q&A 36-40.

Out of an abundance of caution, **in-person worship is suspended** for the next two weeks. Current data and the Reopening Team's recommendations will be reviewed at the December 7 Council meeting and plans for future services will then be decided. Please note that all **ministry meetings** have been suspended through at least January 10, 2021. Worship services will be streamed live at [faithelmhurst.org/listenwatch](http://faithelmhurst.org/listenwatch). If you need assistance setting up a Zoom meeting for your ministry, please contact [office@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:office@faithelmhurst.org).

The **church office** will be closed for the remainder of the year. You can always reach Niki and Ashley at [office@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:office@faithelmhurst.org) at any time, any day of the week.

If you are feeling **overwhelmed by stress** during this pandemic, you are not alone. We care about you, and we want to help. Most importantly, you should first contact a pastor or your elder. But we also suggest checking out COVID Coach. COVID Coach is a free app you can download onto your smartphone to support self-care and overall mental health during the coronavirus pandemic.

## Volunteer Opportunities

This **Advent and Christmas** season our Faith family will be sharing daily Scripture readings through video. We'll have families from Faith share videos for the candle-lighting times during our worship services, and we'll also have daily videos of different passages on YouTube. Contact the church office if you'd like to **volunteer to be one of our readers**. We can't get together as much as usual this year, but we can still gather around God's Word!

Please consider donating new or gently used toys, puzzles, games and sporting equipment for children (toddler through teen) for the **Ebenezer Gift Drive**. To have your donations picked up from you, please contact Sandy Turnbull at 630-941-8213. Volunteers are also needed help distribute the gifts at Ebenezer on December 10. Please contact Sandy Turnbull for more information.

Are you looking for a new way to serve the church in 2020? The **AV Team** is looking for new members! Every Sunday three volunteers are needed to help run the worship service. The team supports the ministers, the worship team, and the livestream capabilities that were recently installed. Chances are if you can scroll on Facebook, you can help in the AV booth. Contact [office@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:office@faithelmhurst.org) if you're interested.

## This Week at Faith

### Sunday, November 29

Advent Daily Devotional | [Click Here](#)

Morning Worship Service | 9:30 AM | [Click Here](#)

Evening Worship | 6:00 PM | [Click Here](#)

### Monday, November 30

Advent Daily Devotional | [Click Here](#)

### Tuesday, December 1

Advent Daily Devotional | [Click Here](#)

Faith Prayer Time | 7:00 PM | [Click Here](#) (Passcode: Prayer)

Faith Reopening Team Meeting | 7:00 PM | Zoom

### Wednesday, December 2 – Saturday, December 5

Advent Daily Devotional | [Click Here](#)

### Sunday, December 6

Advent Daily Devotional | [Click Here](#)

Morning Worship Service | 9:30 AM | [Click Here](#)

Evening Worship Service | [Click Here](#)

## Serving Faith Church

**Audio Visual:** Steve David, Michael Speelman, Robert Flikkema

**Next Week:** Steve David, Al De Los Santos, Robert Flikkema

**2020-2021**  
**Faith CRC Council**  
**Dr. Greg Schuringa**  
**Rev. Matthew Lanser**

**ELDERS:**

Dirk Glaubke – 2021 (VP)  
Mike Hoving – 2021 (Vicar)  
Chris Kakabeeke – 2021 (Clerk)  
Ken Laning – 2023  
Bob Loerop – 2022  
Don Oostman – 2023  
Chuck Slinkman – 2023  
Mike Tornow – 2021  
Randy Van Dahm – 2022  
Herm Vander Naald – 2022  
Ted Vander Naald – 2022  
Brian Voss – 2023

**DEACONS:**

Cal Boonstra – 2021  
Scott Boonstra – 2023  
Steve David – 2021 (Deacon Chair)  
Bob Flikkema – 2023  
Calvin Hoving – 2022  
Dan Kooyenga – 2021  
Jay Lumkes – 2022  
Nathan Middel – 2022 (Treasurer)  
Brad Miedema – 2022  
Byron Plate – 2023  
Dan Roelofs – 2023

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**2020 – 2021**  
**Elder/Deacon Districts**

**Church Members:**

1. A – B
2. C – E
3. F – Hof
4. Hol - J
5. K – Li
6. Lo – Ra
7. Re - Tat
8. Taz – Van D
9. Van K – Vel
10. Ven – Z
- Out of Town

**Elder/Deacon Team:**

Mike Tornow & Jay Lumkes  
Don Oostman & Dan Roelofs  
Bob Loerop & Nathan Middel  
Ken Laning & Dan Kooyenga  
Mike Hoving & Cal Boonstra  
Herman Vander Naald & Brad Miedema  
Randy Van Dahm & Byron Plate  
Chuck Slinkman & Calvin Hoving  
Brian Voss & Scott Boonstra  
Ted Vander Naald & Bob Flikkema  
Chris Kakabeeke & Steve David

# Faith Christian Reformed Church Thanksgiving Offering

<b>Faith General Fund</b>	\$
<b>Timothy Tuition Assistance</b>	\$
<b>Faith Benevolent Fund</b>	\$
All God's Children (Hogar de Niños)	\$
Bethshan	\$
The Caring Network	\$
Chicago West Side Christian School	\$
Crossroad Prison Ministries	\$
Elim Christian Services	\$
Faith Education Fund	\$
Faith Promise (Missionary Support)	\$
Helping Hands Helping Hearts (Loerop Mission)	\$
Lampstand Ministries	\$
Life On Wheels	\$
Mission India	\$
Partners Worldwide	\$
Resonate Mission (World and Home Missions)	\$
Roseland Christian Ministries	\$
Shoe Box Ministries	\$
Tapestries Of Life (Ministry in Mexico)	\$
World Renew (CRWRC)	\$
Other Causes:	
_____	\$
_____	\$
_____	\$

Gifts may be given to any kingdom cause or causes by indicating the amount above. The deacons' suggested needs are highlighted in bold above. Additional space has been provided for your own selection of causes. Unlisted and loose contributions will go to the General Fund.

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO FAITH C.R.C.