

December 17, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Song of Advent: #135 (WC)

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Sunday School & Children's Church Singing

Sunday School Songs:

"Rejoice"

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

*Song of Worship:

"Angels from the Realms of Glory/Emmanuel"

(children ages 3 - Kindergarten are dismissed to prepare for singing)

Prayer

Song of Worship: #169 (WC)

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Children's Church Songs:

"Behold That Star"

"Joy to the World"

"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Faith General Fund

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture:

Luke 2:8-18 (p. 1014)

Sermon:

THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE OF GREAT JOY

Prayer

God Blesses Us to Bless Others

*Song of Praise: #339:1 (PH)

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

*Benediction

*Doxology:

"Angels We Have Heard on High Doxology"

Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Dr. Derke Bergsma

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Guitars:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Advent Candle Reader & Lighter, representing Sunday School:

Bob Wieringa, Teacher; Caleb Lindemulder, Student

**Please stand if you are able*

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

We Gather to Worship and Listen

Prelude

Candle Lighting

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Song of Worship:

"Come, O Redeemer, Come"

Scripture: Exodus 19:3-6, Malachi 3:13-18, 1 Peter 2:9-12 (*pp. 73, 951, 1201*)

Sermon:

WAITING ON THE LORD: TREASURED POSSESSIONS

Prayer

Offertory:

"Still a Bach Christmas"...Jay Althouse

Offering:

Elmhurst Walk-in Ministry

We Give Thanks for Jesus' Birth

1st Reading:

Luke 1:26-38

*Song of Worship: #161:1-4 (WC)

"Once in Royal David's City"

2nd Reading:

Luke 2:1-5

Song of Worship: #155:1-3 (WC)

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Ministry of Music:

"What Child is This?"

3rd Reading:

Luke 2:6-7

4th Reading:

Matthew 1:22-23

Song of Worship: #147:1-3 (WC)

"Away in a Manger"

5th Reading:

Luke 2:8-20

*Song of Worship: #166:1-4 (WC)

"While By the Sheep We Watched"

Ministry of Music:

"O Holy Night"

6th Reading:

Isaiah 9:2-7

Ministry of Music:

"Shine on Us"

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #164 (WC)

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader:

Rev. Greg Schuringa

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Guitars:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Violin:

Kristen Voss

Flutes: Morgan Hoving, Nan Loerop, Sarah Schuringa

Harp:

Sydney Bulthuis

Ministry of Music:

Kathy Greenfield, Randy Huisman, Carla Printz, Sandy Roelofs,

Readers:

Jimmy Allen, Charles Hooker, Nathan Printz,

Eric Vander Naald, Jonah Vander Naald

**Please stand if you are able*

(PH-Psalter Hymnal; WC-Worshiping Church)

TODAY AT FAITH

The four weeks before Christmas are called Advent. On this third Sunday of Advent we continue to meditate on Jesus' coming—remembering His first coming as a baby and waiting for His second coming on the clouds. In all of our Christmas preparations may we be preparing our hearts to meet Jesus this season! Don't miss our upcoming worship services to help us do just that.

In morning worship, Dr. Berke Bergsma will bring us a Christmas message and our Sunday School children (1st – 5th graders) and our Children's Church children (age 3 – Kindergarten) will bless us in worship by sharing special Christmas songs they've prepared.

In evening worship at 6:00 PM we'll celebrate Christmas with our annual Candlelight service. We'll read Malachi 3:13-18, which reminds us of how much the Lord values us.

UPCOMING WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS AT FAITH

December 24 AM: Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24 PM: No Worship Service

December 25, 10 AM: Christmas Day Worship

December 31 AM & PM: New Year's Eve Worship

PRAYER & PRAISE

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

Bill Bolt went to be with his Lord last Sunday morning. We extend our Christian sympathy to this family and friends. A funeral was held yesterday at Knollcrest Funeral Home.

Eric Johnson was able to return home last week after some time in rehab for a fall. Please pray that Eric continues to recover his strength.

Pastor Greg is thankful to have completed chemotherapy treatments last weekend. He requests prayers to regain strength in the weeks to come, and also for a good MRI scheduled for tomorrow that will continue to show stability where the brain tumor was removed a year ago.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Wilma Folkerts** who lives in Park Place of Elmhurst.

Theresa Folkerts has moved to a new address, 32 Queens Court, Westchester, IL 60154; 708-562-7353.

Gert Tazelaar (Mrs. Ray) has moved into Saratoga Grove Retirement Home, 3460 Saratoga Ave. #124, Downers Grove, IL 60515; 630-963-4345.

The congregation is invited to witness and celebrate the wedding ceremony of **Bonnie Van Dyk & Logan Van Proyen** on Friday, December 22, at 4:00 PM. We will celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness to our family in this joyous occasion.

The Tazelaar and Penczak families thank the congregation for their wonderful cards, visits and love shown to all of us, in the passing of Lee Tazelaar, mom and grandma. Thank you to Pastor Lanser for his several visits with Lee and to Pastor Schuringa for his hospital visits and calls and for his inspiring service at Lee's funeral. We take comfort in knowing she immediately was taken from our arms into the loving arms of Jesus, finally free from pain. We are comforted by the hope that we will all be united in heaven.

OFFERINGS

Today: 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Profession of Faith Class for high school students is being planned Sunday afternoons at 4:00 PM in February of 2018. Please reach out to Pastor Greg Schuringa (gschuringa@faithelmhurst.org) to participate or for more information.

The Christmas Choir will rehearse today in the choir room following our morning service, beginning at 11:00 AM. The **Instrumentalists** will rehearse following the Choir at 11:30 AM. This is our final rehearsal so please be sure to attend.

Cadets and Jr. Cadets should be at church & ready to leave at 6:30 PM this Wednesday. We will be going to Cosley Zoo in Wheaton. We will be back at church at 8:30 PM. Any Questions call Lambert, 630-665-9422 or 630-346-8324.

The Faith Book Club has selected *Martin Luther: The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World* by Eric Metaxas for discussion at their January meeting. The book is a human portrait of the man who boldly challenged the church. All are welcome to join us on January 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Park Place.

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 at 11:30 AM until 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. Don't miss out on this chance to hear fabulous lectures and experience a piece of Calvin College right here in Elmhurst!

January Series: The Adult Ministries Committee is looking for volunteers to set out the snacks and run the video feed for the January Series, either for one day or several days. Please contact Pastor Matthew or Bob Wieringa if you're interested in helping out.

Creative Connections: Ladies do you want to be more intentional in the new year about sending cards or greetings to family and friends for their birthdays and other special occasions? On January 11, 6:30 - 9:30 PM, you are welcome to join us to make a wooden perpetual calendar wall hanging (see signup sheet for pictures). Cost: \$7.00. Please sign up no later than January 7 and make sure to indicate which type of calendar you would like printed. Should you have any questions please feel free to call Susan Middel 630-656-2801 or email her at smiddel6@yahoo.com.

The 6th, 7th and 8th grade Catechism class is collecting aluminum cans, old Christmas lights, small broken appliances, and scrap metal. Proceeds will go to All God's Children/Hogar De Ninos. Items can be placed by the garage behind Church.

YOUTH NEWS

Winter Retreat: 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! Cost: \$89! **Registration is due today, December 17** and available online or pick up a form in the narthex.

The Gathering and Asylum are on break until January 7.

Youth Groups Unite! We're inviting local area youth groups to join us for a special event. 6-12th graders are invited to come for a meal, worship and activities from 7:00 – 9:00 PM on Sunday, January 7 at Faith CRC.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

TODAY

Children's Church, Sunday School & Catechism are taking a break for Christmas Vacation and will resume on January 7.

PADS signup sheets for January are available in the Fellowship Hall.

The Sermon Discussion Group will meet in room 4/5 at 10:45 AM.

Christmas Choir Practice in the Choir room at 11:00 AM.

Christmas Instrument rehearsal in the Choir room at 11:30 AM.

Christmas Candlelight Service at 6:00 PM.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:30 PM.

The Deacons will meet at 6:30 PM.

The Elders will meet at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

Cadets & Jr. Cadets will be going to Cosley Zoo at 6:30 PM.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Morning Worship at 9:30 AM.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Morning worship at 10:00 AM.

SERVING FAITH CHURCH

Welcome Team: Dave Printz

Next Week: Jen David

Saratoga Driver: Marv Tazelaar

Next Week: Ken Teune

Christmas Day: Darrell Stodola

Kitchen: Ed & Kim Biesboer*, Bob & Sharon Herlien

Next Week: Spencer & Rebecca Anderson*, Ted & Laurie Vander Naald

Library: Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa **Next Week:** Chuck Slinkman

Audio Visual: Dan Kooyenga, Al De Los Santos, Chris Slinkman

Next Week: Todd Lindemulder, Ryan Swanson, Adam Zarek

Christmas Day: Steve David, Mike Speelman, Ryan David

Nursery Hostess: Grace Harbaugh

Next Week: Sarah Schuringa

Infant Nursery: Susan Middel, Trudy Voss, Paige Hoving

Next Week: Chelsea Barney, Kim Kooyenga, Sam David

Christmas Day: Jayne Lindemulder, Grace Lindemulder

Toddler Nursery: Emily Frank, Joy Koopmans, Luke Miller

Next Week: Val Hoving, Kelly Rauwerda, Sophia Schuringa

Christmas Day: Emily Frank, Sharon Rozendal, Caleb Lindemulder

PM Nursery: Sharon Rozendal, Sarah Schuringa

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