

Gathered to Worship

Prelude
Welcome
Advent Reading and Candle Lighting
Advent Song: #67:1-2 (LH) "Blessed Be the God of Israel"
God's Greeting

Relying on Grace

Profession of Faith: Nicene Creed (*p. 4 in the back of the PH*)
Prayer
Songs of Worship: "Rejoice!"
"For Unto Us A Child is Born/Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer
Offering: Roseland Christian Ministries

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6, 7a (*p. 683*)
Sermon: **ISN'T THIS CHILD WONDERFUL? #4:
OUR PRINCE OF PEACE**
Prayer

Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #171:1,3 (WC) "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"
Benediction
Christmas Doxology (*to the tune of Angels We Have Heard on High*)
Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders: Pastors Lanser and Schuringa
Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
Organ: Donna Erdman Piano: Jan Slinkman
Advent Candle Lighters: Jonathan, Adeline and Eloise Huizinga
Bass: Carter Bulthuis Guitars: Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz
Vocalists: Ryan David, Janna Piersma, Carla Printz, Kaitlyn Tobin

We Praise God for Jesus' Birth

Call to Worship:	"Come, O Redeemer, Come" <i>(lighting of the candles during this song)</i>
Welcome and God's Greeting	
1st Reading:	Isaiah 9:2-7
Song of Worship:	"We Will Exalt You"
2nd Reading:	Luke 2:1-5
Song of Worship: #155:1,3 (WC)	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
3rd Reading:	Luke 2:6-7
Song of Worship: #169 (WC)	"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"
4th Reading:	Luke 2:8-14
Song of Worship:	"Angels from the Realms of Glory/Emmanuel"
5th Reading:	Luke 2:15-20
Ministry of Music:	"Mary Did You Know?"
6th Reading:	Matthew 1:22-23
Song of Worship:	"What Child is This?"
7th Reading:	Matthew 2:1-12
Song of Worship:	"Christmas Offering"

We Offer Jesus Our Gifts

Offering:	Daystar School
Ministry of Music:	"Humble King"

We Listen to Jesus' Voice

Scripture:	Revelation 12:1-12 (<i>p. 1223</i>)
Message:	THE CHILD
Prayer	

We Tell the Good News

Benediction	
Closing Song:	"Silent Night"
Postlude	

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:	Pastors Lanser and Schuringa	
Message:	Pastor Matthew Lanser	
Piano: Donna Erdman	Violin: Kristen Voss	Oboe: Olivia Schuringa
Bass: Carter Bulthuis	Guitars: Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz	
Vocalists:	Ryan David, Randy Huisman, John Lindemulder, Janna Piersma Carla Printz, Alyssa Ridder, Dan Roelofs, Sandy Roelofs, Kaitlyn Tobin Logan Van Proyen, Etta Veenstra, Grace Veenstra, Marta Veenstra	
Scripture Readers:	Stephanie Groenewold, Sharon Rozendal, Marv Tazelaar Randy Van Dahm, Justin Vander Naald, Linda Van Dyk, Barb Vroom	
Advent Candle Lighters:	Bob & Ruth Flikkema Family	

(WC-Worshiping Church Hymnal- in pews)

Today at Faith

Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent. Advent is a four week time period when we anticipate Christmas and celebrate Jesus' coming and birth. May we truly prepare room for Him in our hearts this season!

This morning the sermon series "Isn't this Child Wonderful?" focuses on the next name for Jesus in Isaiah 9:6, "Prince of Peace."

Tonight is our annual Christmas Candlelight Service filled with Scripture readings and songs of the season. We'll hear a brief message on Revelation 12, "The Dragon, the Woman, and the Child."

Next Sunday morning we'll resume the "Leviticus: Living in the Present" series with the theme of "Purification." You are invited to read Leviticus 16-17 in preparation for next week's sermon.

Upcoming Worship at Faith

December 22, 6:00 PM: Christmas Candlelight Service

December 25, 10:00 AM: Christmas Morning Worship Service

December 29: Old Year's Sunday Worship Services

January 5: New Year's Sunday Worship Services

Offerings

Today AM: Roseland Christian Ministries

PM: Daystar School

December 25 10:00 AM:

All God's Children

December 29 AM: Faith General Fund

PM: Unity Christian Schools

January 5 AM: Faith Promise Missionaries

PM: Back to God Ministries

Prayer & Praise

To lift up the morning worship service in prayer, join the **Sunday Morning Prayer Team** from 9:10 – 9:20 AM in Room 1/2, on the north side of our facility.

If you have prayer needs, please visit Room 14 on the south side of the sanctuary after the morning service. You may also send prayer requests at any time to prayer@faithelmhurst.org. All requests are kept confidential by the pastors.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Bill Tate** who lives at Park Place.

Remember **John Tazelaar** recovering at home after a stem cell transplant. As John's system recovers he continues to remain in near-isolation.

The Deacons gratefully acknowledge the following offerings in November:

Budget	56,438.35	Chicago West Side Chr	1,725.00
Benevolent Fund	10,803.00	Crossroads	1,560.00
Timothy Christian Schools	9,270.00	Missions	1,350.00
Roseland	6,455.00	Tapestries of Life	1,325.00
Helping Hands Helping Hearts	6,025.00	Resonate Global Mission	1,100.00
Building Fund	4,657.00	Shoe Box Ministry	915.00
The Caring Network	4,490.00	Pacific Garden Mission	500.00
Mission India	4,190.00	Ebenezer CRC	433.00
Elim Christian Services	3,835.00	Calvin University	346.00
Faith Promise Missionaries	3,368.00	Dordt University	311.00
Lampstand Ministries	3,000.00	Trinity Christian College	200.00
Mid-America Seminary	3,000.00	Reverend Gho	100.00
World Renew	2,450.00	Venhousen Scholarship	70.00
All God's Children	2,175.00	Kristen Tazelaar Fund	50.00
Partners Worldwide	2,150.00	Brenda Souleymane: WR	50.00
Life on Wheels	2,060.00	Rehoboth	50.00
Bethshan	1,892.00	Zuni	25.00
Education Fund	1,745.00		

Total Offerings for November: **\$138,113.35**

Actual General Fund receipts from June 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019 totaled approximately \$328,000 compared to budgeted receipts of \$403,000 or a \$75,000 shortfall to budget. Actual accrued expenses for the same period totaled \$408,000 or an \$80,000 shortfall.

Announcements

Faith Church office will be closed this week Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday as well as Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1 for the New Year's holiday. Bulletin announcements must be submitted by 9 AM the Thursday prior to the service.

A new **Bulletin Board** has been installed in the Fellowship Hall for community events and announcements. Prior to posting, please submit any announcements to the office for approval.

The **Wednesday Morning Prayer Group** will not meet on December 25 or January 1. You are encouraged to join them when they resume on January 8.

The 6th-8th Grade Faith Foundations class will be collecting **aluminum cans** and used **Christmas lights**. Cans and lights should be placed in tightly tied bags by the garage in the church parking lot.

Faith Book Club has selected "In the Secret Service: The True Story of the Man Who Saved President Reagan's Life" by Jerry Parr for discussion at their next meeting. This memoir is at times heart-pounding, at times heart-rending. It will first move you to the edge of your seat, then to the depths of your soul. Join us on January 21 at 7:00 PM at Park Place of Elmhurst.

Youth News

Sunday School, Faith Foundations and **Faith In Context** do not meet today. They will resume on January 5.

Looking Ahead:

The Gathering (HS Youth Group) will have their next meeting on January 5.

GEMS Girls Club (1st – 8th Grade Girls) will meet on Wednesday, January 8.

Asylum (6th-8th MS Youth Group) will meet on Sunday, January 12.

Cadets & Jr. Cadets (1st – 8th Grade Boys) have their next regular meeting on Wednesday, January 15. The swim party at Schaumburg Water Works is Friday, January 17 8:30 PM - 10:30 PM.

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Sharon Rozendal

Next Week: Len Turnbull

Kitchen: Nathan & Kayla Middel*, Jim & Kathleen Lindemulder

Next Week: Byron & Cathy Plate*, Scott & Staci Bryant

Library: Chuck Slinkman

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Audio Visual: Steve De Boer, Adam Zarek, Al De Los Santos

Christmas Day: Dan Kooyenga, Chris Slinkman, Logan Van Proyen

Next Week: Todd Lindemulder, Adam Zarek, Mike Speelman

Nursery Hostess: Joy Koopmans

Next Week: Jayne Lindemulder

Infant Nursery: Rebecca Anderson, Jill Groenwold, Emily Turner

Christmas Day: Melinda Slinkman, Caleb Lindemulder, Ethan Lindemulder
Grace Lindemulder

Next Week: Becky Vander Naald, Emily Hoving, Sophia Schuringa

Toddler Nursery: Heather Turner, Trudy Voss, Ben Murphy

Next Week: Danielle Voss, Kim Kooyenga, Hailey Bernahl

PM Nursery: Joy Koopmans, Linda Van Dyk

Next Week: Sharon Rozendal, Hannah Schuringa

This Week at Faith

Sunday, December 22

Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room | 10:45 AM

Instrument Rehearsal | Choir Room | 4:30 PM

Christmas Candlelight Service | 6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 24

Faith Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day Worship Service | 10:00 AM

Faith Church Office Closed