

December 24, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Advent Candle-Lighting and Reading

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship:

"Come, O Redeemer, Come"

"We Will Exalt You"

God Renews Us By Grace

Prayer

Song of Worship: #162 (WC)

"The First Noel, the Angel Did Say"

*Song of Praise: #340:1,2,4,5 (PH)

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Rehoboth Christian School

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture:

Malachi 4:1-6, Mark 1:1-8 (pp. 951, 990)

Sermon:

WAITING ON THE LORD: THE DAY IS COMING

Prayer

God Blesses Us to Bless Others

*Song of Response: #151 (WC)

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

*Benediction

*Doxology:

"Angels We Have Heard on High Doxology"

Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Violin:

Kristen Voss

Guitars:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Bass:

Cassidy Bulthuis

Advent Candle Lighter & Reader, representing Cadets:

Brad Wieringa, counselor; Ryan David and Ryan De Boer, Cadets

**Please stand if you are able*

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

TODAY AT FAITH

On this fourth 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!

This morning we conclude our Advent series with the final chapter of Malachi. This text renews the hope of God's people that His promised messenger will come.

This evening we will not have a service. See you tomorrow morning at 10:00 AM to worship on Christmas Day!

UPCOMING WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS AT FAITH

December 25, 10 AM: Christmas Day Worship

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

January 7 AM & PM: First Sunday of 2018

PRAYER & PRAISE

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

Congratulations to **Bonnie Van Dyk & Logan Van Proyen** who were united in marriage on Friday at Faith. They will begin their married life together at 407 Oak St., Elmhurst, IL 60126; Bonnie: 630-220-5453, Logan: 219-730-8537.

Pastor Greg is thankful to be completing a 6th and final round of chemotherapy soon and to have received a good MRI report this past Monday. The doctors are happy with how things look. Praise the Lord! His next MRI won't be until March. In the meantime, he asks for prayers to return to full strength as the chemo leaves his body.

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

Theresa Folkerts has a new phone number: 708-483-8722.

Faith Cadets want to thank the family of Faith for your support at the Cadet breakfast. Also, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

OFFERINGS

Today: 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 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!

The Faith CRC Council will be meeting on January 8, 2018 to initiate the elder-deacon nomination process for the service term starting in June 2018. The process starts with the Council selecting nominees for each office and culminates on May 7 at our annual Congregational Meeting with the congregation voting from among the Council nominees. In preparation, the Council asks the congregation to suggest names for each office. We value your thoughtful and prayerful consideration for those who would qualify as elders and deacons. We are guided in this process by the insight provided in God's word regarding the qualifications for each office found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9 (elders) and 1 Timothy 3:8-13 (deacons). To make a recommendation, please put the nominee's name and the office for which you are nominating him on a signed piece of paper and put it in the church mailbox of Don Miller, Clerk of Council, or please speak with any deacon or elder.

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.

Young Adult Sunday Evening Get-Together: We'll be getting together every month or so this year for a taco meal, dessert and discussion on Sunday evenings. Join us Sunday, February 18 at 7:00 PM (after the evening service). We will also meet on March 4.

VBS Save the Date: All four year olds through 4/5th grade are invited to join our church for a week of activities and Bible learning from 9:00 – 11:00 AM daily, June 18-21. Our thrilling theme this year is *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!* Mark your calendars—registration coming soon. Contact Youth Director, Jonathan at Jbarney@faithlmehurst.org for questions.

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

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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Morning worship at 10:00 AM.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

SERVING FAITH CHURCH

Welcome Team: Jen David

Saratoga Driver: Ken Teune

Next Week: Bob Nicodem

Kitchen: Spencer & Rebecca Anderson*, Ted & Laurie Vander Naald

Next Week: Brad & Kathy Miedema, Bruce & DeDe Terpstra*

Library: Chuck Slinkman

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Audio Visual: Todd Lindemulder, Al De Los Santos, Adam Zarek

Christmas Day: Steve David, Mike Speelman, Ryan David

Next Week: Steve De Boer, Mary Huizinga, Ryan De Boer

Nursery Hostess: Sarah Schuringa

Next Week: Joy Koopmans

Infant Nursery: Chelsea Barney, Kim Kooyenga, Sam David

Christmas Day: Jayne Lindemulder, Grace Lindemulder

Next Week: Sue Boonstra, Mary Huizinga, Liz Tabb

Toddler Nursery: Val Hoving, Kelly Rauwerda, Sophia Schuringa

Christmas Day: Emily Frank, Sharon Rozendal, Caleb Lindemulder

Next Week: Allison Sowers, Laurie Vander Naald, Emma Dillon

PM Nursery: **Next Week:** Joy Koopmans, Marta Veenstra

2017 – 2018 ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS

Church Members:

1. A– Bo
2. Br– D
3. E – G
4. H - Huin
5. Huis – K
6. L – Mie
7. Mil – R
8. S – Taz
9. Taz – Van K
10. Van T – Ve
11. Vos – Z
- Out of Town

Elder/Deacon team:

Ron Tazelaar/Darrell Stodola
Pete Holtrop/Spencer Anderson
Len Turnbull/Jonathan Huizinga
Matt Bulthuis/Matt Tazelaar
Rich Vroom/Peter Groenewold
Bob Wieringa/John Tazelaar
Greg Lanenga/Corey Van Dyk
Dave Voss/Adam Zarek
Ray Middel/Scott Piersma
Bern Slinkman/Chris Slinkman
Jim Engel/Jon Kinnas
Don Miller/Al De Los Santos

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS

Come end the Christmas Season and begin the New Year with song! The Men of A-Chord and Cottage Grove CRC invite you to join them for *One Last Christmas Carol* on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 7:30 PM at Cottage Grove Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL. Come join the singing with many of your favorite carols and hymns this year and Dr. Joel Nederhood providing meditations. If you've never attended and wanted to, maybe this is the year to join the evening. A free-will offering will be taken.

PrimeTime 2018 Tuneup is the opportunity for those 55+ to look at the physical, mental and spiritual issues that are impacted by the aging process. On Thursday, January 11 at 7:00 PM at Elmhurst CRC, PrimeTime will explore these issues. Dr. Keith Baird of Heritage Professional Associates, Personal Trainer Jennifer David and Pastor Bert DeJong will be the presenters. Questions and answers and a time of refreshments will end the evening. Please let us know you're coming by emailing dejong66@comcast.net or calling 630-530-2924.

Looking for a great preschool or kindergarten? Please join Timothy Christian Schools (188 W. Butterfield Rd, Elmhurst, IL) at their annual Preschool & Kindergarten Information Night on Thursday, January 18. All families will get an overview on a few exciting renovations in the grade school, as well as get the opportunity to hear from the teachers themselves about their specific programs. Registration and refreshments will begin at 6:45 PM; the presentation will begin at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Quist at quist@timothychristian.com.

FAITH MINISTRY CONTACT INFORMATION

Adult Ministries	Bob Wieringa 312-623-9981 Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Asylum (grades 6-8) (Middle School Youth Group)	Jonathan Barney 630-279-0420
Bible Study Fellowship	Jen Cozette 708-491-8241
Cadets Boys Club	Lambert Bronger 630-665-9422
Children's Church	Christy Hooker 630-832-5378
Crossroads Prison Ministries	Ray Middel 630-862-1861
Deacons/Finance	Al De Los Santos 630-592-1906
Elders	Ray Middel 630-862-1861
Evangelism	Peter Holtrop 630-953-2938 Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Fellowship	Spencer Anderson 630-853-9912 Peter Holtrop 630-953-2938
GEMS Girls Club	Flory Hoving 630-279-5294
Hospitality/Meals	Peter Groenewold 630-200-4035
Library	Chuck Slinkman 630-730-4018
Membership Classes	Pastor Schuringa 630-279-1779
Men's Bible Study	Steve David 630-485-0632 Christopher Koopmans 312-718-0293
Men's Prayer Group	Lambert Bronger 630-655-9422
Missions	Don Oostman 630-983-7239
Mom2Mom Ministry	Sarah Schuringa 630-279-0016
Music Ministries	Len Turnbull 630-941-8213
Nursery	Joy Koopmans 616-610-0259
P.A.D.S.	Lambert Bronger 630-665-9422
Profession of Faith Classes	Pastor Schuringa 630-279-1779
Right to Life Committee	Lambert Bronger 630-655-9422
Senior Bible Study	Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Shoebox Ministry	Evelyn Wieringa 630-495-8956
Shut-in Visitation	Bern Slinkman 708-492-0114
Small Groups	Greg Lanenga 708-562-6697 Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Stephen Ministry	Grace Harbaugh 630-624-9468
Sunday School	Joy Hoving 630-780-9862
Technology Ministries	Adam Zarek 312-434-0527
The Gathering (High School)	Jonathan Barney 630-279-0420
Transportation	Darrell Stodola 630-833-5042
Ushers	Ray Rozendal 630-782-1998
Women's Bible Study	Sarah Schuringa 630-279-0016