

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Worship: #2:1,2,4 (WC)

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Relying on Grace

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Song of Commitment: #53 (WC)

"Let All Things Now Living"

Prayer

Jonathan Barney, Director of Youth Ministries

Song of Worship: #146:1,3,4 (WC)

"Joy to the World"

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Faith General Fund

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Exodus 37:1-9 (p. 91)

Sermon:

GOD'S RE-CREATED PEOPLE

Prayer

Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #262:1,2 (WC)

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Benediction

Doxology: #262:3 (WC)

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader and Sermon:

Matthew Lanser

Organ:

Donna Erdman

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

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise: #314 (WC)

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith:

Apostles' Creed (*p. 3 in the back of the PH*)

Prayer

Song of Worship: #373:1,3,4 (PH)

"Beautiful Savior"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Chicago Christian Counseling Center

God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Hebrews 12:1-3 (*p. 1193*)

Sermon:

IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE UNTIL...

Prayer

We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #834:1 (WC)

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Benediction

Doxology: #834:2 (WC)

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Sermon:

Rev. Mac Wiener

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

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

Today at Faith

This morning we're concluding our *Who Are We?: God's Gift of Identity* series with Exodus 37:1-9. As this year draws to a close and we look toward next year, we'll reflect on our identity as God's Re-Created People.

This evening Rev. Mac Wiener, a Bible teacher at Timothy Christian Schools, will be preaching for us on Hebrews 12:1-3.

Upcoming Worship Highlights

January 6, 9:30 AM: New Year's Sunday, Gospel of Luke series begins

January 6, 6:00 PM: Prayer Service

Offerings

December 30: AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Chicago Christian Counseling.

January 6: AM: Faith Promise Missionaries. PM: Elmhurst Walk-in Ministry.

January 13: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund.

PM: Grace & Peace Community Church.

January 20: AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Love, Inc.

January 27: AM: Cadets International. PM: Centerpointe Church.

The Deacons gratefully acknowledge the following offerings in November:

Faith General Fund	\$64,496	Life on Wheels	\$1,650
Faith Promise Missionaries	\$1,900	Loerop, Honduras	\$125
Faith Benevolent Fund	\$7,270	Luke Society	\$433
Faith Building Fund	\$327	Mission India	\$4,475
Faith Education Fund	\$2,490	Missions	\$2,578
Faith Cadets	\$1,986	PADS	\$50
Faith GEMS	\$250	Partners Worldwide	\$2,030
Back to God	\$150	Rehoboth Christian School	\$20
All God's Children	\$1,605	Resonate Global Missions	\$668
Bethshan	\$845	Roseland Ministries	\$5,930
Bible League	\$272	Samaritan's Purse	\$100
Caring Network	\$2,010	Shoebox Ministry	\$1,105
Crossroads Prison Ministry	\$940	Tapestries of Life	\$1,845
Ebenezer CRC	\$550	Timothy Assistance Fund	\$7,857
Elim	\$1,700	Trinity Christian College	\$100
Kristen Tazelaar Fund	\$1,250	Unity Christian School	\$452
Lampstand	\$1,470	Westside Christian School	\$3,300
		World Renew	\$3,215

Total offerings for November: \$125,444

Actual General Fund receipts from June 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018 totaled approximately \$342,000 compared to budgeted receipts of \$400,000 or a \$58,000 shortfall to budget. Actual accrued expenses for the same period totaled \$398,000 or a \$56,000 actual shortfall. As of November 30, 2018, the Timothy Tuition Assistance obligation for the 2018-2019 school year was approximately \$61,000.

Prayer & Praise

Pre-morning worship prayer time: The Faith CRC Elder Prayer Team invites anyone to join in praying for our worship services in Room 1, from 9:10 – 9:20 AM every Sunday.

Post-morning worship prayer time: Immediately after morning worship every Sunday an Elder and a Stephen Minister are available for prayer in Room 14. Exit the sanctuary at the south-east door which leads toward the children's ministry wing and you'll see Room 14 straight ahead.

Judy Veldsema will be having shoulder surgery this Wednesday. Please pray that the surgery is successful in relieving Judy's pain.

Keep **Jack and Marlene Vos** in your prayers as Jack is at Elmhurst Hospital due to heart difficulties. Please pray for effective treatment and good recovery.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **George Vos** who lives in Lombard.

Announcements

The church office will be closed on Monday & Tuesday, December 31 & January 1.

Children's Church, Sunday School and Catechism continue on their winter break today and will resume January 13.

Membership at Faith CRC. If you are interested in learning more about membership at Faith or want to take steps toward membership, please contact Pastor Greg Schuringa.

Profession of Faith. If you are a baptized member of the church and interested in making profession of faith, please contact Pastor Greg Schuringa. For high school students interested in making profession of faith, our annual class will be offered in early 2019. Watch the bulletin for more details!

Jr. Cadets & Cadets do NOT meet this Wednesday. Our next meeting will be January 16. We will be going sledding, weather permitting.

Kids and Coffee: Are you expecting some cabin fever at the end of Christmas break? We can help. Bring your kids (babies through elementary-school age) and your coffee (or other favorite caffeinated beverage) to the fellowship hall for a casual time of letting kids run around and play together from 9:00 - 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 3. We won't have any planned activities; just an opportunity for kids and parents to hang out together at the end of Christmas break. Contact Laura Lanser with any questions.

The Faith CRC Council will be meeting on January 7, 2019 to initiate the elder-deacon nomination process for the service term starting in June 2019. The process starts with the Council selecting nominees for each office and culminates on May 5 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.

A fun series of projects are being organized with the hope of involving help from as many hands in the congregation as possible. Our first project will be to make a set of matching quilts. One quilt will hang here at church, and one will hang in the orphanage we support in Honduras as a gift made by our congregation. We hope to have the quilts finished for Mission Emphasis week on February 17. On Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30 PM we invite everyone of all ages willing to help, meet us in the Fellowship Hall. We will be measuring, cutting, pinning and sewing materials to prepare the quilt. You do not need to know how to sew or quilt to help. Please sign up at the signup counter if you are interested in helping! Contact Niki Tazelaar with questions NikiTazelaar@gmail.com or 773-332-0405.

Senior Bible Study will conclude the Generosity study on Tuesday, January 15.

Faith Book Club has chosen *Prague Winter* by Madeleine Albright for discussion at their next meeting. Drawing on her memory, her parents' written reflections and newly available documents, the author recounts a tale that is in turns both harrowing and inspiring. Newcomers are welcome to join us on January 15 at 7:00 PM at Park Place.

Roseland Breakfast and Worship: Serve breakfast at 9:00 AM and join in worship at 10:00 AM with Roseland Christian Ministries on January 27. Please RSVP to Jonathan at Jbarney@faithelmhurst.org.

The 2019 January Series: Join us for this award-winning series of free lectures this January! This year's topics include technology and faith, the church and disabilities, restorative justice, cancer research, the #metoo movement and much more. It all takes place weekdays January 3-23 from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM in the Garden Room at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church (149 W. Brush Hill Rd, Elmhurst). A full list of speakers, topics, and listening options available at calvin.edu/january/.

The 6th - 8th Grade Catechism Class will be collecting aluminum cans and used Christmas lights. Proceeds will be donated to *All God's Children*. Please help us by saving your cans and dropping them off in tightly tied bags by the garage.

Make all your shopping count! Don't forget to assign Faith CRC to your AmazonSmile account so that a percentage of everything you spend can be given back to Faith and we will put it towards our budget.

Faith CRC on Facebook, Twitter and now Instagram! Search for "faithelmhurst" on Instagram and follow us there!

Youth News

The Gathering will meet again on Sunday, January 6.

Asylum will meet on Sunday, January 13.

Winter Retreat: All 6-12th graders are invited to join us from January 18-20 for winter fun, horseback riding, paint ball, guest speaker and band and fellowship at Phantom Ranch, WI. Registration is available online and due by January 6. Cost: \$95.

Roseland Breakfast and Worship: Serve breakfast and join in worship at Roseland Christian Ministries on January 27, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Please RSVP to Jonathan at Jbarney@faithelmhurst.org.

This Week at Faith

Wednesday, January 2

Men's Prayer Group, 7:00 - 8:00 AM

Thursday, January 3

Kids & Coffee, 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Sharon Rozendal **Next Week:** Ted Vander Naald

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

Next Week: Pete & Barb Holtrop, Gerrit & Lori Wieringa*

Library: Chuck Slinkman **Next Week:** Nancy Boer, Sharon Herlien

Audio Visual: Steve David, Mike Speelman, Colin Middel

Next Week: Steve De Boer, Mary Huizinga, Chris Slinkman

Nursery Hostess: Joy Koopmans **Next Week:** Laura Lanser

Infant Nursery: Mindy Slinkman, Harma Slinkman, Trudy Voss

Next Week: Joy Koopmans, Julie Speelman, Paige Hoving

Toddler Nursery: Alyssa Ridder, Niki Tazelaar, Ben Murphy

Next Week: Nicole Huizinga, Melanie Lumkes, Andrew Lumkes

PM Nursery: Laura Lanser, Izzy David

Next Week: Joy Koopmans, Marta Veenstra