

December 31, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Song of Worship: #2:1,3,4 (WC)

"Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty"

God Renews Us By Grace

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

2017 Milestones at Faith CRC

Prayer

*Songs of Worship:

"Be Unto Your Name"

"Blessed Be The Name"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Life on Wheels

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture:

Mark 4:35-41 (p. 994)

Sermon:

FOLLOW THE KING: WHO IS THIS???

Prayer

God Blesses Us to Bless Others

*Song of Response: #459:1,3 (PH)

"Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult"

*Benediction

*Doxology: #459:4 (PH)

"Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult"

Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Violin:

Kristen Voss

**Please stand if you are able*

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

We Enter His Presence

Prelude

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: #320:1,3,4 (PH)

"Safely Through Another Week"

*Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1 (*p. 8 in the back of the PH*)

We Bring Our Prayers and Offerings

Prayer

*Song of Worship: #475 (PH)

"Another Year is Dawning"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Chicago Christian Counseling Center

We Listen

Scripture:

Joshua 1:1-9 (*p. 208*)

Sermon:

FACING AN UNKNOWN FUTURE

Prayer

We Are Sent to Serve

*Song of Response: #840:1-2 (WC)

"God Be with You"

*Benediction

*Doxology: #840:3 (WC)

"God Be with You"

Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Sermon:

Rev. Gerry Erffmeyer

Piano:

Donna Erdman

**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

This morning we'll be reading Mark 4:35-41. This passage shows us how God's people can experience the storms in our world and the power of God. In this service, we'll also remember a number of 2017 milestones at Faith CRC.

This evening Rev. Gerry Erffmeyer will be preaching for us on Joshua 1:1-9. As we draw near to the end of this year, we'll reflect together on how we can faithfully face an unknown future.

PRAYER & PRAISE

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

Jack Vos had a pacemaker put in last week. Please pray for a quick recovery. Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Annette Klein** who lives in Alden Poplar Creek in Hoffman Estates.

Pastor Greg Schuringa returns this week from a week of vacation.

OFFERINGS

Today: AM: Life on Wheels. **PM:** Chicago Christian Counseling Center.

January 7:AM: Faith Promise Missionaries. **PM:** Horizon Community Church.

January 14: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund.

PM: Grace & Peace Community Church.

January 21: AM: Faith General Fund. **PM:** Ebenezer CRC.

January 28: AM: Faith Cadets. **PM:** Chicago West Side Christian School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 mailbox of Don Miller, Clerk of Council, or please speak with any deacon or elder.

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.

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 soon (no later than January 7) as there are only 20 spots available. 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. You are always welcome to join us and work alongside us on your own project.

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

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@faithelmhurst.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 place by the garage behind Church.

YOUTH NEWS

Asylum resumes this Friday, January 5 at 7:00 PM at church.

The Gathering is on break until next week.

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.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

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

The Calvin January Series presents Mary Hulst: *Why Millennials Are the Hope of the Church* at 11:30 AM.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Women's Bible Study will meet at 9:00 AM.

The Calvin January Series presents David R. Williams: *Unnatural Causes: is Inequality Making Us Sick?* at 11:30 AM.

Women's Bible Study will meet at 7:00 PM.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

The Calvin January Series presents Randy Lewis: *No Greatness without Goodness: How a Father's Love Changed a Company and Sparked a Movement* at 11:30 AM.

Asylum will meet at 7:00 PM.

SERVING FAITH CHURCH

Welcome Team: Sharon Rozendal **Next Week:** Sandy Turnbull

Saratoga Driver: Bob Nicodem **Next Week:** Corey Van Dyk

Kitchen: Brad & Kathy Miedema, Bruce & DeDe Terpstra*

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

Library: Chuck Slinkman

Next Week: Nancy Boer, Sharon Herlien

Audio Visual: Steve De Boer, Mary Huizinga, Ryan De Boer

Next Week: Dan Kooyenga, Al De Los Santos, Chris Slinkman

Nursery Hostess: Joy Koopmans **Next Week:** Mindy Slinkman

Infant Nursery: Sue Boonstra, Mary Huizinga, Liz Tabb

Next Week: Diana De Boer, Jill Groenewold, Grace Lindemulder

Toddler Nursery: Allison Sowers, Laurie Vander Naald, Emma Dillon

Next Week: Sara Swanson, Cindy Vander Naald, Leah De Boer

PM Nursery: Joy Koopmans, Marta Veenstra

Next Week: Julie Speelman, Hannah Schuringa

2017 – 2018 ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS

Church Members:

1. A– Bo
2. Br– D
3. E – G
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8. S – Taz
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- 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.