

## Welcome

October 14, 2018

We're glad you're here! You are invited to fill out a blue welcome card from the pew rack and place it in the offering basket. Please don't feel obligated to donate during our offering. Join us for refreshments after church in the Fellowship Hall (go left as you exit).

## This Week

### Today:

8:45 am Morning Prayer - Rm 2  
9:30 am Worship  
10:55 am Choir  
11:00 am Church School  
11:10 am Adult Church School in the library

### Mon:

6:30 pm Prayer Group  
6:55 pm Women's Bible Study Fellowship

### Tues:

6:30 pm JOJ meeting  
7:00 pm Council

### Weds:

6:30 pm GEMS

### Thurs:

6:30pm JOJ Ornament Night  
7:00 pm Bible Study

**Prayer Commitment** - Steven K, Back to God Ministries Int'l

## Our Church Family

Happy Birthday to Joann M, who will celebrate her 81st birthday on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Joani V is scheduled for eye surgery tomorrow for 3 cataracts. Pray for successful surgery.

George Z's mom, Gelene, age 88, had a hemorrhagic stroke on Wednesday. Please pray for her well-being, and for George & Jane and family.

## Announcements

**Pastor Chris** will be on vacation this week. Call your district elder with any emergencies.

**Thank you** to all who helped, participated and donated to Trunk or Treat. We had another great day of sharing with the community!

**Fall Decor** left over from Trunk or Treat is available TODAY. Mums, straw bales, corn stalks, pumpkins, etc. are outside and can be taken home for a suggested donation of \$5 each. See Lindsey or Christi after church.

**Journey of Joy is Dec. 1 & 2!** JOJ committee members are making phone calls to see if you are willing to take a role. Pray now for a positive answer! We need everyone's participation to tell the story of Jesus birth - 50% of the folks on past tours are 1<sup>st</sup> timers!

**JOJ Ornaments** to give away will be made this Thursday at 6:30 pm. No experience needed! Bring a friend, (and a glue gun, if possible).

**Honduras Serve Trip:** Join us for this amazing opportunity to help at Hogar de Ninos, Nazareth. Applications are in the literature rack by the church office or see John or Elaine H. Deposits are due Oct. 21.

**T.R.I.P. orders** can no longer be placed in Chris S's mailbox. She retired as TRIP lady at Southwest Chicago Christian School last week. If you don't have someone to bring in your order, slip it between the crack of the WEST entrance door (facing 84th Ave.) during non-school hours. Or drop it off any time during school hours, but remember - they have to be in by 8:30 am on Mondays.

**Christmas Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child** are still available. Return your filled shoebox(es) by Nov. 4 to the large blue container in the library. Remember to enclose your personal information and check inside the box. If you took more than 1 shoebox, only 1 check is needed - just place it in 1 of the shoeboxes. Please do not tape the boxes shut. That will be done at the main Samaritan's Purse facility in North Carolina. Thank you so much! Questions? Ask Dawn T or Nancy T or any GEMS counselor.

**Worship Service: 9:30 am**

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Welcome

\*God Greet Us

\*We Greet Each Other

\*Call to Worship – Romans 12

\*Song of Praise: *Song for the Nations*

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Choir: *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* (Christ, be our Light)

This Time Tomorrow

Children's Message

(Children age 3-K leave for Walk-Out Worship downstairs;  
guests welcome!)

Bible Reading – Genesis 17 (page 22); Romans 6: 1-14 (page 1754)

Message: "Holy Children"

Heidelberg Catechism: Q&A 72, 73, 74

Prayer

\*Hymn of Response: *Baptized in Water*

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Offering: Chicago Christian Counseling Center – promotes health and wholeness through professional counseling, consultation and education from a Christian perspective

\*Blessing

\*Sending Song: *Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

Message: Pastor Chris P

## Message Notes

### Faith Formation: Holy Children

Genesis 17 (page 22); Romans 6: 1-14 (page 1754)

\*Why are rituals so important in our lives? What about sacraments?

+Baptism—is a corporate (community) event; “I am your God, you are my *people*”

+A good rule of thumb: God is the primary actor in sacraments. He is doing things for us more than we are doing something for God.

+The blessing with infant baptism is the God who loves us before we have “a say” in the matter. It isn't about our ability/capacity. It is about God who makes and keeps promises.

+The challenge for all of us (baptized in Christ) is growing and living out that identity. Baptism isn't magic or any guarantee.

\*How do listen the echoes of the promises of your baptism in your life with God today?

\*How can we as a church remind one another in these promises in our life with God together?

## Upcoming Worship Services

**Oct 21** "Who to Consult" 1 Kings 22:51 - 2 Kings 1  
Dr. Kyle D preaching

**Oct 28** "Sacraments: More than Ears" John 6:41-59

# Opportunities to Serve

## Today

### **Greeters & coffee servers**

Rich & Judy O  
Dave & Wilma P  
Sheryl R

### **Roving & after church**

Bob D  
Dave V  
Jan V

### **Ushers**

Dave L  
Neal M  
Dave P

### **Nursery**

Mitzee D  
Jan B  
Eva B

### **Walk-out worship**

Anna T  
Doug T

### **Librarian**

Norma D

### **Coffee setup – Oct**

Mitzee D  
Julie V

### **Open & close church –Oct**

John D  
Ken S

### **Offerings: Last week**

General Fund  
Providence Life Services

## Next week

Fred & Helene S  
Ken & Lois S  
Bernie & Sharon S

Bill G  
Sheryl R  
Glenda V

Morgan A  
Frank F  
Bill J

Amanda H  
Becky T  
Kelsey W

Tiffany S  
Eva B

Dawn T

### **Next week**

CRC Disability Concerns



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