



The HOPES and FEARS
of all the years
ARE MET IN THEE
tonight.

*He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*

ISAIAH 9:6B (CEB)

God's Invitation Gathers Us

Welcome

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

Allie and Graham Sowers

God's Greeting

Mutual Greeting

"Rejoice (A Christmas Song)"

God's Grace Claims Us

Profession of Faith

Isaiah 9:1-7

"You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

Congregational Prayer

"Go Tell It On the Mountain"

Children's Blessing & Dismissal

Offering: Elim Christian Services

God's Word Speaks to Us

Prayer

Matthew 2:1-12

pp. 956

The Real King

Prayer

God's Blessing Equips Us

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

#185:1-4 (WC)

Benediction

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

#185:5 (WC)

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Matthew Lanser

Praise Team:

Children's Church, Izzy David, Dave DeNazarie, Dan Roelofs,
Sandy Roelofs, Hank Vander Naald, Jonah Vander Naald, Kristen Voss,

(PH-Psalter Hymnal | WC-Worshipping Church | LH-Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal)

Prelude

Nora Kinnas, Finn Koopmans, Collin Speelman, Julia Feenstra
Mabel Kinnas, Alex Koopmans, Eva Speelman, Max Koopmans
Olivia Kinnas, Ethan Miedema, Grace Tobin

We Hear Jesus' Voice

Welcome

"Come, Oh Redeemer, Come"

*God's Greeting

*Isaiah 11:1-9 p. 686

The Beginning and the End

Prayer

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #331:1-3 (PH)

Offering: Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry

We Celebrate Jesus' Birth

1st Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

**"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* #173 (WC)

2nd Reading: Luke 1:26-38

"What Child is This" #150:1,3 (WC)

3rd Reading: Luke 2:1-7

"Away in a Manger" #147 (WC)

4th Reading: Luke 2:8-14

**"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"* #171:1-3 (WC)

**"Angels We Have Heard on High"* #152:1,3 (WC)

5th Reading: Luke 2:15-20

"One Small Child"

6th Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

"Mary Did You Know"

7th Reading: John 1:1-14

"O Holy Night" #160 (WC)

*Blessing

**"Silent Night"* #164 (WC)

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Worship Team:

Faith Men's Ensemble, Julia Feenstra, Mary Reitsma, Dan Roelofs,
Sandy Roelofs, Jan Slinkman, Eva Speelman Grace Veenstra, Kristen Voss

Scripture Readers:

Andrew Lumkes, Caleb Lindemulder, Will Hoving, Zach Miedema,
Lainey Folkerts, Colin Ferguson, Maggie Oldenburger,

(PH-Psalter Hymnal | WC-Worshipping Church | LH-Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal)

** you may stand*

This Week at Faith

Sunday Morning: we'll read Matthew 2:1-12 for our "Behold the King" series.

Sunday Evening: we'll have our annual Candlelight service with a number of Old and New Testament readings.

Next Week: Mac Wiener will be preaching in the morning on Exodus 19:16-26 & 20:18-21.

Upcoming Worship

Dec. 29 AM: Mac Wiener

Dec. 29 PM: No Service

Jan. 5 AM: George Tan

Jan. 5 PM: No Service

Jan. 12 AM: Matthew Lanser

Jan 12 PM: George Tan

Prayer Requests

Need prayer? If you have prayer needs, please contact your district elder or one of the pastors. Send prayer requests at any time to prayer@faithelmhurst.org.

Keep **John Harbaugh** in prayer following an aortic valve replacement surgery last Thursday.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Thank you Faith CRC for all the toys and clothes/coats donated to the **Ebenezer Toy Drive** this year! With your partnership we were able to serve over 80 families and 190 children! Each family was prayed for and given a Bible. Please pray that the Holy Spirit works.

Offering Schedule

Need support? If you are experiencing financial hardship, please reach out to your district deacon (the office can get you connected). They are eager to do what they can.

Dec. 29 AM: Bright Promise Fund

Dec. 29 PM: No Service

Jan. 5 AM: Faith Promise Missions

Jan. 5 PM: No Service

Jan. 12 AM: Christian Education Fund

Jan. 12 PM: Calvin Seminary

Offering Report

The Deacons gratefully acknowledge the tremendously generous offerings made by the Congregation on Thanksgiving Day of 2024, which totaled \$123,662. Those funds were earmarked for distribution thusly:

Faith General Fund (Budget)	\$ 15,507	Faith Building Fund	\$ 1,076
Christian Education Fund (formerly "Timothy")	\$ 7,252	Faith Promise	\$ 1,050
Faith Benevolence Fund	\$ 8,377	Focus on the Family	\$ 75
All God's Children	\$ 6,435	Helping Hands, Helping Hearts	\$ 2,670
Bethshan	\$ 7,020	Lampstand	\$ 9,225
Bible League International	\$ 100	Mission India	\$ 7,250
Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)	\$ 500	Moody Radio	\$ 75
Brad and Ruth Eidson/ Camp Forest Springs	\$ 25	Pacific Island Ministries/ Rev. Schering	\$ 250
Cadets (Faith)	\$ 50	PADS (DuPage)	\$ 500
Calvin Seminary	\$ 50	Partners Worldwide	\$ 727
Caring Network	\$ 7,575	Rehoboth	\$ 50
Chicago West Side Christian School	\$ 7,551	Resonate Mission	\$ 1,000
Crossroad	\$ 1,000	Roseland Christian Ministries	\$ 10,900
Donna Venhousen Scholarship	\$ 75	Tapestries of Life	\$ 3,725
Ebenezer CRC	\$ 9,875	World Relief Chicagoland	\$ 50
Elim	\$ 10,600	World Renew	\$ 3,002
		Youth Group/ The Gathering (Faith)	\$ 45

Announcements

Pastor Matthew will be out of the office from Thursday, December 26 through Sunday, January 5. Please contact Pastor Dave Armstrong, Dirk Glaubke, or one of the elders for care needs during this time. For other questions, contact the church office.

Candlelight Scripture Readers are meeting in the sanctuary at 11:00 AM today to practice their order and selected scriptures for the Candlelight Service.

If you are a **young instrumentalist** signed up to play the prelude for the Candlelight Service, **meet Jan Slinkman** in the sanctuary **after the service this morning** for a short rehearsal.

The **Christmas Choir** will have a **rehearsal** after the morning services **today** at 10:45 AM in the choir room.

Christmas Day Instrumentalists (strings, winds, and brass): Next **practice** is on Christmas Day at **8:45am**. contact Kristen Voss or Dan Roelofs with questions.

Over the next few months we are organizing small groups of 10-15 people interested in attending a service together at **Mo Pachecho's** church, **Grace in Garfield CRC**. Their services are on Saturdays from 5:00 - 6:30 PM and are located at 3454 West Lake St., Chicago, IL. The Lansers have a group set to go on January 11 and Dirk Glaubke is putting together a group for February 8. Please talk to Dirk Glaubke or text your name(s) and 'Grace in Garfield' to 330-223-5216 if interested in going as a group on February 8.

Upcoming Grace/Truth Small Group: Starting in January, we're going to offer the Grace-Truth small-group course again. This course provides opportunities to wrestle with how we express biblical grace and truth in the areas of faith, gender, and sexuality. The group will be limited to eight people, but we anticipate continuing to offer other Grace-Truth opportunities as long as there's interest. A trailer for the course can be found online at ondemand.centerforfaith.com/courses/grace-truth. If you've got questions, feel free to get in touch with an elder, Pastor Matthew, or Dirk Glaubke. **Register at faithelmhurst.org/resources** or Text your name(s) and 'Grace/Truth' to 330-223-5216.

Community Announcements

The **Men of A-Chord** and **Hope Community Church of Lowell** invite you to join them for **One Last Christmas Carol** on Sunday, December 29th at 6:30 p.m. at Hope Community Church located at 10505 W 181 St. Ave., Lowell, IN. Come join the singing with a variety of carols and hymns this year and learning about the history of some carols. A free-will offering will be taken.

Youth Announcements

Sunday School & Faith Foundations does **not meet** today or next week.

GEMS will meet next on January 8. Questions? Email gems@faithelmhurst.org.

Jr. Cadets (1st – 3rd Grade Boys) will meet next on January 14. Questions? Email cadets@faithelmhurst.org.

Cadets (4th – 8th Grade Boys) will meet next on January 15. Questions? Email cadets@faithelmhurst.org.

The Forge will meet again on January 19. If you have questions email theforge@faithelmhurst.org.

The Gathering will meet again on January 12. Enjoy your Christmas break! If you have any questions, email thegathering@faithelmhurst.org.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2025! June 23-27, 2025. From 9:00-11:30 AM.

Serving Faith Church

Audio Visual: Brett Harbaugh, Joy Hoving, Ethan Lindemulder

Christmas Day: Chris Slinkman, Chuck Slinkman, Robert Flikkema

Next Week: Liam Tazelaar, Sue Slinkman, Dirk Glaubke

PM Sound: Brett Harbaugh, Joy Hoving, Robert Flikkema

Next Week: Holiday – No PM Service

Security Host: Bill Hoving

Christmas Day: Gary Vander Naald

Next Week: Bern Slinkman

December Greeters: Dirk Rauglas, Mike Oldenburger, Don Miller

January Greeters: Jim Engel, John Tazelaar, Len Turnbull

Refreshments: Holiday – No Refreshments

Next Week: Holiday – No Refreshments

Children's Church: Charis Engel, Mindy Slinkman, Andrew Slinkman

Next Week: Chelsea Van Dyk, Melissa Biesboer, Grace Tobin

Nursery: Joy Koopmans, Emily Hoving, Maggie Oldenburger

Christmas Day: College Sitters™

Next Week: Mindy Slinkman, Mary Huizinga, Andrew Slinkman

Sunday School: Holiday – No Sunday School

Next Week: Holiday – No Sunday School

This Week at Faith

Sunday, December 22

Men's Bible Reading Fellowship | 8:30 AM | Room 4/5

Pre-Worship Prayer Time | 9:10 AM | Room 1

Morning Worship | 9:30 AM | Sanctuary

Young Instrumentalist Rehearsal | 10:45 AM | Sanctuary

Christmas Choir Rehearsal | 10:45 AM | Choir Room

Scripture Readers Rehearsal | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary

Christmas Candlelight Service | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Instrumentalist Rehearsal | 8:45 AM | Sanctuary

Christmas Day Worship | 10:00 AM | Sanctuary

Saturday, December 28

Men's Morning Prayer Group | 7:00 AM | Library

Sunday, December 29

Men's Bible Reading Fellowship | 8:30 AM | Room 4/5

Pre-Worship Prayer Time | 9:10 AM | Room 1

Morning Worship | 9:30 AM | Sanctuary



**Faith Focus' Ministry of the week:
Children's Church**

Children's Church offers children ages three through Kindergarten a place to worship at an engaging and age appropriate level. We begin with a little singing and use the curriculum from "Young Children and Worship" and "Following Jesus" for their Bible Stories. This curriculum uses wooden pieces and scenes to interactively bring the story to the children. The flow of the class has several aspects in it that mirror our church services and allows time and pauses for the children to reflect and allow the story to sink in. We also offer a small snack and a coloring page or craft relating to the story for children to do. If you have questions or would like to get involved email childrenschurch@faithelmhurst.org.

Sermon Notes:



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Sunday worship times:
9:30 AM & 5:00 PM