



FAITH

CHRISTIAN REFORMED

CHURCH

EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD
EXPRESS GOD'S LOVE
EQUIP GOD'S PEOPLE
EXPAND GOD'S KINGDOM

** Please Stand*

God's Invitation Gathers Us

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*"Goodness of God"

*"The Power of the Cross"

God's Grace Claims Us

Congregational Prayer

Children's Blessing

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

#444 (PH)

Offering: Christian Education Fund

God's Word Speaks to Us

Prayer

1 Samuel 17:12-30

pg. 279

Awkward Questions

Prayer

God's Grace Renews Us

*"Rejoice The Lord Is King"

#262 (WC)

Celebration of Communion

"The Church's One Foundation"

#689:1,2,4,5

Benevolence Offering

God's Blessing Equips Us

*Benediction

*"Glory Be to the Father"

#805 (WC)

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Matthew Lanser, George Tan

Praise Team:

Maddie Boonstra, Faith Praise Team, Mary Reitsma, Dan Roelofs

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

** Please Stand*

***Welcome & God's Greeting**

****"Like A River Glorious"***
#594 (WC)

Responsive Reading
(Psalms 8 & 20)

Prayer

Offering: Resonate Global Mission

1 Samuel 9:1-2, 16:6-7, 17:4-11, 17:20-37
pg. 269, 278, 279

Saul, Eliab, and Goliath vs. David

Prayer

****"Now Thank We All Our God"***
#374:1,2 (WC)

***Benediction**

****"Now Thank We All Our God"***
#374:3 (WC)

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders & Sermon:

Musician:

Matthew Lanser

Chris Tang

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

This Week at Faith

Sunday Morning: we'll read 1 Samuel 17:12-30. We'll also celebrate the Lord's Supper. If you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and are a professing member of a Christian church, we welcome you to join us. The center two rings of each tray have grape juice if you would prefer to partake of that rather than wine. A gluten free option will be available in the middle of the bread trays.

Sunday Evening: we'll explore how the Bible contrasts Saul, Eliab, and Goliath to David through readings from 1 Samuel 9.1-2, 16.6-7, and 17.4-11, 20-37.

Next week: we'll read Exodus 17:1-7 in the morning, and **welcome George Tan** in the evening.

Upcoming Worship

Sunday	Morning	Evening
October 18	Moe Pacheco	George Tan
October 25	Matthew Lanser	Ben Ribbens
November 1	Matthew Lanser	Ben Ribbens

Offering Schedule

Sunday	Morning	Evening
October 18	Caring Network	Calvin Seminary
October 25	Helping Hands, Helping Hearts	Bible League
November 1	Faith Promise Missions	

Go to **faithelmhurst.org/give** to give online to General, Benevolence, Building, Christian Education, and Faith Promise Missions funds.

Need support? If you're facing financial hardship, contact your district deacon (the office can connect you). They're ready to help!

Prayer Request

Sharon Hoekstra asks for prayers for courage and strength as she deals with some complicated heart issues. Please also pray for **Jim Hoekstra** as he's taking several medicines to deal with heart failure. Please pray for the medicines to be helpful for Jim.

Pete Van Tholen recently began chemo for stomach cancer. Please pray for effective treatment and minimal side effects.

Praise and Thanksgiving

A thanks from **Marilynn Smith**: "Thank you very much for your thoughts, prayers, visits and cards during my recent hospitalization and recovery. I greatly appreciate it all."

Announcements

Pastor Matthew will be out of the office this Tuesday, October 13, through next Monday, October 19.

Celebrate with us today! We'll be celebrating our new attendees at Faith and getting to know each other better! Everyone is invited for some cake and conversation in the Fellowship Hall! Please be sure to grab a nametag at each of the entrance doors before the service or just inside the Fellowship Hall doors after the service. The colors on the nametag have meaning – **blue** if you have attended Faith for less than a year, **red** if you've attended longer than a year, **green** for those who have been here their whole life, and **yellow** if you'd like to be a surprise-conversation starter.

Don't have a **photo to submit for the new church Directory**? No worries. We'll be taking photos after the Sunday morning service, during the Sunday school hour, on **October 11**. Stop by the Fellowship Hall for a quick picture. If you aren't able to make that date or if we aren't able to get everyone's picture during that time, let the office know and we can schedule another day to take photos.

The Right to Life Committee encourages you to sign up for Caring Network's **"Night for Life" Banquet** at Drury Lane 7:00pm on Thursday, October 22, 2026. **TODAY is the last day to sign up** to sit at a Faith table! It's a wonderful night to support women who have chosen life for their preborn baby! Doors will open at 5:30pm.

Exploring Faith: If you're newer to Faith, want to learn more, or are considering membership here, you're encouraged to consider our "Exploring Faith" class this month. We'll be scheduling the time around the group's availability, so contact Pastor Matthew if you're interested or have questions. We'll cover three topics—what it means to be Christian, what's distinctive about being Reformed, and how to connect at Faith Church—and we'll have time for conversation, discussion, and Q&A.

Creeds in the Evening: For three Sundays, beginning on October 25, Dr. Ben Ribbens will be leading our evening services. Two beliefs form the foundation of Christianity: (1) the Trinity and (2) Jesus's identity as *both* divine and human. Yet, even though these are the most fundamental doctrines of Christianity, we often struggle to know how exactly to articulate them. In our three-week series on the Creeds, we will look at the events that led the church to formalize positions on these matters at the Councils of Nicaea and Chalcedon. In the process, we will get to know the wrong ways of expressing these doctrines (heresies), learn how to express them faithfully, and discuss how these doctrines help us grow in faith, hope, and love. We will meet in the fellowship hall, have some time for discussion and Q&A, and share dinner after the service. Nursery will be provided for these services. Please register at faithelmhurst.org/resources so we can make preparations.

Volunteer to Help with 'Creeds' in the Evening: For the upcoming dinners in the evening, we are offering opportunities to the congregation to sign up to help. If you are able to help in the nursery or kitchen, or able to bring food, please sign up at the Registration Counter. We ask that you sign up no later than one full week before each event so the Discipleship Team can make preparations for the remainder of the food needed. Thank you for your support!

Did you trot your Diaper Derby donations into church today? You have two more weeks to help Faith take first place by donating diapers (newborn, 4, 5, 6, pull-ups) and gift cards for Target or Walmart. Donation drop box is in the west entrance of church and gift cards in Nan Loerop's mailbox.

Seniors' Bible Study: will meet next on Tuesday, October 20 at 1:00PM. We'll finish up Lesson 2 and start Lesson 3 in the study guide.

Pray on Wednesday: will be beginning for this ministry year on Wednesday, October 28 at 1:00PM. You're welcome to join Pastor Matthew and a small group to pray for the church and kingdom.

The Faith book club will meet in the Library this Tuesday, October 13 to discuss "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi, an unforgettable novel about the power of generosity, the importance of connection, and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder.

We'll be serving at My Brother's Kitchen on October 31st from 8am-12pm and we need your help! This ministry and the service you help provide align with our mission of Expanding God's Kingdom. We are looking for food donations and 5-10 people to serve at My Brother's Kitchen in Lawndale. Please sign up at the Registration Counter if you can help. Contact Steve David with any questions.

Bible and Hymnals Update: The Worship Team, Music Team, and Elders have been working together to update the Bibles and hymnals in the sanctuary. The team has selected the CRC's most recent hymnal, *Lift Up Your Hearts* (which Faith has been using as a resource already for a number of years), to be placed in the pews, along with updated translations of the *Ecumenical Creeds and Reformed Confessions*. Please reach out to the Worship team with any questions about these new books. In August, the elders commissioned a team to review and recommend an updated translation of the Bibles in the sanctuary and the classrooms. While the current translation we're using (the New International/NIV from 1984) has served us well, it's been out of print for a number of years and is no longer available for purchase or use either digitally or in print. The team is considering two translations: the current English Standard Version (ESV) as well as the updated NIV (which underwent a significant revision in 2011). After a deep review, the team will present their recommendation at a future elder meeting for approval. You are welcome to reach out to team members with your thoughts. The team members are Jen David, Jon Kinnas, Christopher Koopmans, Pastor Matthew Lanser, Jayne Lindemulder, Al Miedema, Pastor Ben Ribbens and Chuck Slinkman.



← Scan to go to faithelmhurst.org/resources

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Youth Announcements

Sunday School will begin with singing in the sanctuary at 10:45 before heading to classrooms. 1st and 2nd graders meet in room 13/14, 3rd and 4th graders meet in room 8, and 5th graders meet in room 10.

Faith Foundations meets 10:45-11:30. Middle school meets in room 4/5 and high school meets at the church house.

The Forge meets tonight, **6-7:45PM**. Questions? email theforge@faithelmhurst.org.

The Gathering meets next Sunday, October 18. Email thegathering@faithelmhurst.org with questions.

GEMS (1st-8th grade girls) will meet next on Wednesday, October 28. Email gems@faithelmhurst.org with any questions.

Cadets (4th-8th grade boys) will meet next Wednesday, October 21, 7-9PM. Email cadets@faithelmhurst.org with any questions.

Jr. Cadets (1st-3rd grade boys) will meet next Tuesday, October 20, 6:30-8PM. Email cadets@faithelmhurst.org with questions.

Community Announcements

Cancer Care Discussion & Support Group — Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church invites you to join their Cancer Care Discussion & Support Group, which meets a couple of Thursday evenings each month. The group is open to those currently going through cancer, cancer survivors, caregivers, and anyone who has been affected by cancer. There is no cost or registration required, and each meeting stands alone, so come whenever you are able. Together, participants will explore faith, hope, and the challenges of a cancer journey using *Seeing God in Your Cancer Journey* by Karen Tripp of Cancer Companions. A book will be provided for you. Upcoming 2026 meeting dates are **October 15, November 12 & 19, and December 10 & 17**. Dates for 2027, January–May, will be announced before the end of the year. For more information and a short video about the group, visit bit.ly/3U6EYEZ or email jason.turner@elmhurstcrc.org.

Love Christian Connection Center (Love, INC) is seeking a compassionate, enthusiastic, and organized leader to serve as a **part-time Connection Center Coordinator**. This 20-hour-per-week, onsite position oversees daily operations, supports client intakes, coordinates resources and financial assistance, and provides hands-on leadership and encouragement to approximately 20 volunteers. The schedule offers some flexibility and may be divided between two qualified candidates. The ideal candidate will have volunteer leadership or team-management experience, good Microsoft Office skills, and a compassionate, Christ-centered approach to serving clients and volunteers.

Serving Faith Church

Audio Visual: Micah Lanser, Sue Slinkman, Mindy Slinkman

Next Week: Logan VanProyen, Matt Huizinga, Dirk Glaubke

PM Audio Visual: Cal Hoving

Next Week: Matt Huizinga

Security Host: Steve David

Next Week: Chase Southwood

October Greeters: Bob Loerop, Chuck Slinkman, Mike Oldenberger

November Greeters: Ed Biesboer, Al Miedema, Matt Huizinga

Refreshments: Mike and Thelene Tornow

Next Week: Brad and Kathy Miedema

Children's Church: Whitney Ribbens, Joy Koopmans, Avery Rauwerda

Next Week: Mary Baas, Chelsea Van Dyk, Lainey Folkerts

Nursery: Chelsea Van Dyk, Rebecca Anderson, Summer & Maverick Ridder

Next Week: Bonnie Van Proyen, HELP NEEDED, Maggie Huizinga

Sunday School: Kathy Miedema, Mindy Slinkman, Julie Speelman,

Joy Koopmans, Bethany Voss, Rachel Kinnas

Next Week: No Sunday School

This Week at Faith

Sunday, October 11

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
New Attendees Celebration | 10:45 AM | Fellowship Hall
Directory Photography Sessions | 10:45 AM | Fellowship Hall / Room 3
Sunday School Singing | 10:45 AM | Sanctuary
Sunday School (1st-5th grade) | 11:00 AM | Classrooms 8, 10, & 13/14
MS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Room 4/5
Evening Worship | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary
The Forge | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 12

Executive Meeting | 6:30 PM | Library
Council Meeting | 7:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
Elders Meeting | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
Deacons Meeting | 8:00 PM | Room 4/5

Wednesday, October 14

BSF Classes | 9:00-11:30 AM | Church Building

Thursday, October 15

Senior Men's Coffee Fellowship | 9:30 AM | Room 1-3

Saturday, October 17

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

Sunday, October 18

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
Sunday School Singing | 10:45 AM | Sanctuary
Sunday School (1st-5th grade) | 11:00 AM | Classrooms 8, 10, & 13/14
HS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Church House
MS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Room 4/5
Evening Worship | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary
The Gathering | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

2026-2027
Faith CRC Council
Pastor Matthew Lanser

ELDERS:

Ray Middel '28 (President)
Mike Oldenburger '27 (Clerk)
Chuck Slinkman '29 (Vicar)
Ed Biesboer '29
Steve David '27
Scott Folkerts '28
Matt Huizinga '29
Bob Loerop '28
Al Miedema '27
Ted Vander Naald '29

DEACONS:

Jay Lumkes '29 (Chair)
Matt Sowers '27 (Treasurer)
Dave DeNararie '28
Cal Hoving '28
Jon Huizinga '27
Jon Kinnas '28
Byron Plate '29
Bill Ridder '27
Chris Slinkman '27
Chase Southwood '29

Elder/Deacon Districts

Districts were reassigned in 2022. Email the office for your district.

Districts:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- Out of Town

Elder/Deacon Team:

Ted Vander Naald/Chris Slinkman
Matt Huizinga/Byron Plate
Scott Folkerts/Chase Southwood
Ed Biesboer/Jon Huizinga
Steve David/Dave DeNazarie
Bob Loerop/Jon Kinnas
Chuck Slinkman/Cal Hoving
Al Miedema/Bill Ridder
Mike Oldenburger/Matt Sowers

Visiting Teams

Elder Visiting Teams:

Ted Vander Naald/Matt Huizinga
Scott Folkerts/Ed Biesboer
Steve David/Bob Loerop
Chuck Slinkman/Al Miedema

Deacon Visiting Teams:

Chris Slinkman/Byron Plate
Chase Southwood/Jon Huizinga
Dave DeNazarie/Jon Kinnas
Cal Hoving/Bill Ridder

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Faith Focus of the Week:

Women's Bible Study Groups

Faith offers two Bible study groups specifically designed for women to study God's word and support one another - one meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday mornings from 9-11am (childcare provided) while the other meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm. Both groups are multigenerational ranging from young moms and singles to empty-nesters and grandmothers. This year the morning group is studying *Revelation: Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom* by Jen Wilkin and the evening group is doing *1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ* by Jen Wilken. Our time together generally consists of discussing the week's materials, a video then recap discussion, and a time for prayer/praises. Please email the office@faithelmhurst.org if you're interested in learning more.

Sermon Notes:



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