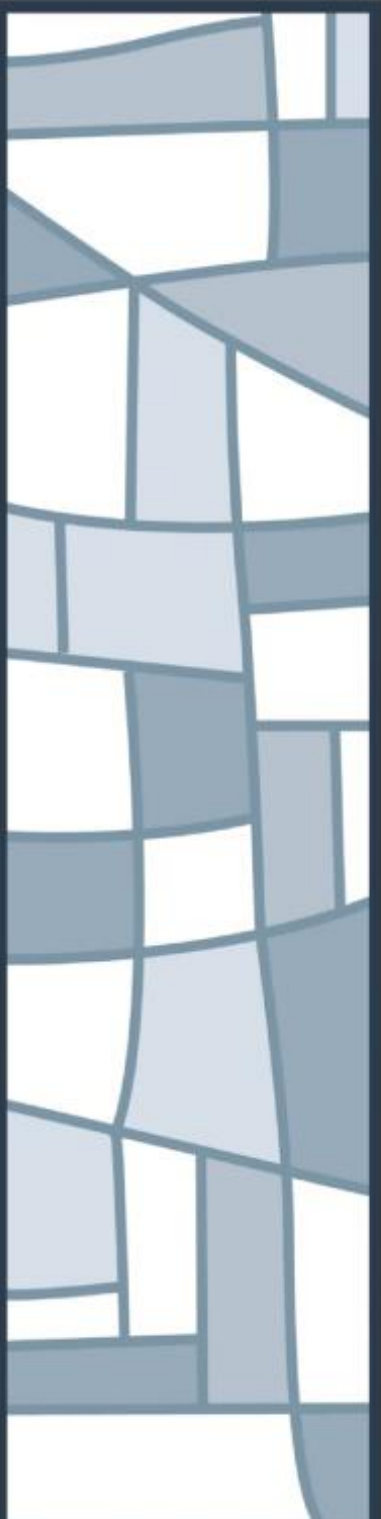




FAITH

CHRISTIAN REFORMED

CHURCH



EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

EXPRESS GOD'S LOVE

EQUIP GOD'S PEOPLE

EXPAND GOD'S KINGDOM

God's Invitation Gathers Us

Welcome

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

Calvin & Emily Hoving Family

God's Greeting

"Make Me a Servant"

"Let Your Kingdom Come"

"Make Me a Servant"

God's Grace Claims Us

God's Will for Our Lives

"Give Thanks"

#358 (LH) (sing twice)

Congregational Prayer

Children's Blessing & Dismissal

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#314 (PH)

Offering: Faith Promise Missions

God's Word Speaks to Us

Prayer

Jonah 4:1-11

pp. 917

Comfortable of Concerned?

Prayer

God's Blessing Equips Us

"Praise to The Lord, the Almighty"

#327:1-2 (PH)

Benediction

"Praise to The Lord, the Almighty"

#327:3 (PH)

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Matthew Lanser

Praise Team:

Dan Roelofs, Clement Tang, Chris Tang

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

This Week at Faith

Sunday Morning: We'll conclude "Jonah: A Mission from God" with a reading from Jonah 4:1-11.

Sunday Evening: We will not have a service due to the holiday.

Next Week: Sunday morning we're beginning this year's Advent/Christmas series: "Behold the King." We'll mostly be reading from the beginning of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, but we're starting with a reading from 2 Samuel 7 in the morning. We'll also celebrate the Lord's Supper in this service. In the evening we'll read Matthew 1:1-17.

Upcoming Worship

Dec. 8 AM: Matthew Lanser	Dec. 8 PM: Matthew Lanser
Dec. 15 AM: Matthew Lanser	Dec. 15 PM: Mo Pacheco
Dec. 22 AM: Matthew Lanser	Dec. 22 PM: Matthew Lanser

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. 8 AM: Christian Education Fund	Dec. 8 PM: Zuni CRC
Dec. 15 AM: Partners Worldwide	Dec. 15 PM: Chicago Christian Counseling Center
Dec 22 AM: Elim Christian Services	Dec 22 PM: Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry

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.

Please keep **Jim Van Kampen** in prayer following a recent bout with pneumonia.

Mary Baas had a couple stents put in following a heart attack last Sunday, and is recovering well.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Ebenezer CRC would like to thank Faith CRC for the clothing donations! Each month, they visit friends that live on the street and your donations were distributed during this past snow/rain storm. They covered and clothed 20 individuals. We praise God for our partnership.

December Missionary of the Month is **James and Sarah Zwier** with **Zuni Christian Reformed Church** and **Zuni Christian Mission School**. The Church and Mission School work together in bringing witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of Zuni, NM. The church and school also support and complement one another through shared facilities, inter-connected staff, pooled resources, and unified ministry programs. For more information, visit zunichristianmission.org.

Announcements

Seniors Bible Study will wrap up our Nehemiah study this Tuesday, December 3 at 1:00PM. We'll work through Lesson 8 in the study guide. From February-April, we'll be studying the second half of the Gospel of Luke.

Like pancakes? The annual Cadet Pancake Breakfast is this Saturday, **December 7!** Come any time from **7:00 - 10:00 AM** and enjoy delicious pancakes in the Fellowship Hall! The breakfast is free but donations to Cadets are welcome.

We will be collecting household items to put together World Relief kits that will go to arriving immigrants and refugees. We have a table in the Fellowship Hall with items available for purchase. Please drop off all items in the box in the vestibule no later than **December 8**. Contact Joy Hoving with any questions.

Young Instrumentalists (grade school age) are invited to play during the prelude for our **Candlelight Service** on December 22, at 5:00 PM. Similar to last year, they may choose their own Christmas music to play. Each instrumentalist then takes a turn playing their selection during the prelude to the service. If your young musician is interested in participating in this service, please sign them up at the information counter.

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.**

We have set the dates for **Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2025!** We hope you can save the date for your children, or as a volunteer, to join us from June 23 to June 27, 2025.

Community Announcements

We would like your help to collect **Christmas toys for Ebenezer** again this year to distribute on Saturday, December 14. You may donate new or gently used toys or use **Ebenezer's amazon list** to purchase something to donate. Visit www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/9VW618GO8IR3 for the list. Please put all donated toys in the donation box in the vestibule by Thursday, December 12. Contact Sandy Turnbull with any questions.

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts would like you to consider joining its next Serve Team scheduled for February 8-15, 2025 in Honduras. Opportunities next year will include working with children in the classroom, small projects in students' homes and food deliveries. Contact Nan Loerop if interested or with questions (630-607-8242).

Trinity Christian College welcomes you to **Christmastide** this December 7 at 4:00 p.m. in the Ozinga Chapel Auditorium. This annual Advent and Christmas concert includes performances by Trinity's student ensembles and music faculty. Please contact the box office at (708) 293-4537.

Celebrate the Christmas season with song! The **Men of A-Chord** cordially invites you to join them in their **Christmas Candlelight Musicale** on Saturday, December 14th at 7 p.m. at First Church of South Holland (16248 South Park Ave. in South Holland, IL). Come join the singing with the Carols and Songs of the Season celebrating Christ's birth! Betsy Archer will be our soprano soloist and the men will be telling the story of Christmas through Lessons and Carols. A free-will offering will be taken.

Handel's Messiah: Please join us on Sunday, December 8, at 2:00 p.m. at First Orthodox Presbyterian Church of South Holland (16248 South Park Ave.) for the **Illiana Oratorio Society's** presentation of Handel's Messiah. Visit illianaoratorio.org for more information.

Step into Bethlehem and experience the sights and sounds of the first Christmas. Explore the bustling marketplace, use shekels to create pottery, write a Hebrew scroll, sample authentic foods, and more. Then, journey to the stable for a live nativity that brings the Christmas story to life! Join us at **Christmas Wonder** on December 7, from 3:30-8:00 p.m. New Life Church, 500 Gougar Rd, New Lenox; www.newlifewlenox.org.

Youth Announcements

Sunday School & Faith Foundations do not meet today.

GEMS meets next on Wednesday, December 11. Email gems@faithelmhurst.org with any questions.

Jr. Cadets (1st – 3rd Grade Boys) meets this Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 PM. Questions? Email cadets@faithelmhurst.org.

Cadets (4th – 8th Grade Boys) meets this Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 PM. Email cadets@faithelmhurst.org with questions.

The Forge will meet again on Sunday, December 15 at 6:00. If you have questions email theforge@faithelmhurst.org.

The Gathering meets next Sunday, December 8, for our Christmas party at 6:00. If you have any questions, email thegathering@faithelmhurst.org.

Serving Faith Church

Audio Visual: Logan Van Proyen, Sue Slinkman, Adam Zarek

Next Week: Brett Harbaugh, Michael Speelman, Joy Hoving

PM Sound: Holiday – No Service

Next Week: Dirk Rauglas

Security Host: Marv Tazelaar

Next Week: Jim Engel

December Greeters: Dirk Rauglas, Mike Oldenburger, Don Miller

January Greeters: Jim Engel, John Tazelaar, Len Turnbull

Refreshments: Holiday – No Refreshments

Next Week: Mike and Joy Hoving

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

Next Week: Charis Engel, Mindy Slinkman, Lauren Miller

Nursery: Melissa Biesboer, Kelly Rauwerda, Avery Rauwerda

Next Week: Joy Koopmans, Laura Van Kampen, Alex Koopmans

Sunday School: Holiday – No Sunday School

Next Week: Mindy Slinkman, Joy Koopmans, Rebecca Anderson,
Rachel Kinnas, Heidi Folkerts, Kathy Miedema

This Week at Faith

Sunday, December 1

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

Monday, December 2

Elders' Grace-Truth | 7:00 PM | Library

Tuesday, December 3

Seniors' Bible Study | 1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
Gathering Hangout | 3:00 PM | Church House
Jr. Cadets Meeting | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 4

BSF Class Day | 9:00 AM | Church
Gathering Hangout | 3:00 PM | Church House
Cadets Meeting | 7:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
Women's PM Bible Study | 7:00 PM | Library

Thursday, December 5

Women's Bible Study | 9:00 AM | Library
Senior Men's Coffee Fellowship | 9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall
Re4m Meeting | 7:00 PM | Apple Lane

Friday, December 6

Men's Bible Study | 6:30 AM | Library

Saturday, December 7

Cadet Pancake Breakfast | 7:00 | Fellowship Hall
Men's Morning Prayer Group | 7:00 AM | Library

Sunday, December 8

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
District 4 Get-Together | 10:45 AM | Room 3
MS Faith Foundation | 10:45 AM | Room 1
HS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Church House
Sunday School (1st-5th) Singing | 10:45 AM | Sanctuary
Sunday School (1st-5th) | 11:00 AM | South hall
Evening Worship | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary
The Gathering Christmas Party | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Faith CRC Supported Missionaries

All God's Children – Honduras

allgodschildrenhonduras.org

Mission India – India

missionindia.org

Roseland Christian Ministries - Chicago, IL

roselandchristianministries.org

Tom & Kristen Buursma - World Team Agency – Philippines

us.worldteam.org

Jim & Ruth Padilla De Borst - Costa Rica

resonateglobalmission.org/missionaries

Rev. Eric & Penny Schering - Pacific Island Ministries: Papua, New Guinea

piministries.com

Ray & Angie De Lange - East West Ministries: United Kingdom

eastwest.org/missionaries

Tapestries of Life Ministries - Mexico

tapestriesoflifeministries.org

Brad & Ruth Eidsen - Camp Forest Springs - Westboro, WI

forestsprings.us/about

Mike & Victoria Van Der Dyke - Resonate Global Mission: Nigeria

resonateglobalmission.org/missionaries

Re. Jeong & Misook Gho – Resonate Global Mission: Tokyo, Japan

resonateglobalmission.org/missionaries

James & Sarah Zwier - Zuni Christian Reformed Mission - Zuni, NM

zunichristianmission.org

Mo & Erin Pacheco - Grace in Garfield CRC - Chicago, IL

graceingarfield.com

Faith CRC Staff Members

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Accompanist/Worship Planner: Jan Slinkman

Worship Leader: Dan Roelofs

Worship Leader: Kristen Voss

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

2024-2025
Faith CRC Council
Pastor Matthew Lanser

ELDERS:

Dirk Rauglas '26 (President)
Mike Oldenburger '27 (Clerk)
Don Miller '25 (Vicar)
Steve David '27
Jim Engel '25
Bill Hoving '26
Al Miedema '27
Bern Slinkman '26
John Tazelaar '25
Len Turnbull '26

DEACONS:

Corey Van Dyk '26 (Chair)
Marv Tazelaar '25 (Treasurer)
David Egan '26
Jon Huizinga '27
Bill Ridder '27
Chris Slinkman '27
Matt Sowers '27
Gary VanderNaald '25
Jonathan Veurink '26
Adam Zarek '25

Elder/Deacon Districts

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

Districts:

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Out of Town

Elder/Deacon Team:

Len Turnbull/Chris Slinkman
Bern Slinkman/David Egan
Jim Engel/Jonathan Veurink
Bill Hoving/Jon Huizinga
Steve David/Matt Sowers
Don Miller/Gary VanderNaald
John Tazelaar/Adam Zarek
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Visiting Teams

Elder Visiting Teams:

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**Faith Focus' Ministry of the week:
Senior Men's Coffee Fellowship**

This group of senior men meet every Thursday morning at 9:30 AM at church. It is a casual get together simply entailing just coffee and fellowship. Attend as frequently as your personal schedule allows and enjoy a refreshing morning filled with coffee and conversation, and an occasional coffee cake. We do our best to steer clear of politics. Everyone is welcome and no signup is needed, just bring yourself to church on a Thursday morning and enjoy the time.

Sermon Notes:



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