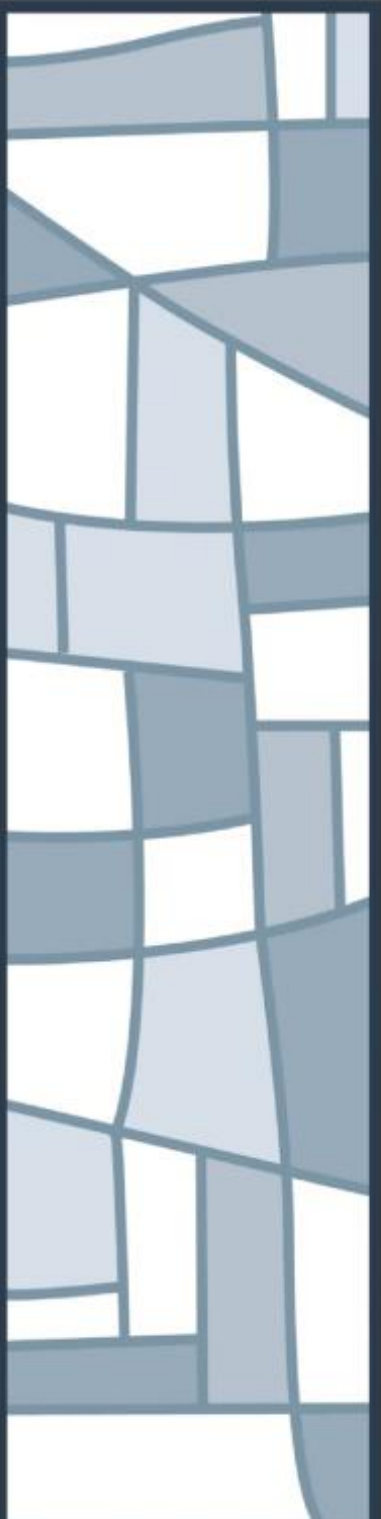




FAITH

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

Jon and Rachel Kinnas Family

God's Greeting

*"Come, Oh Redeemer, Come"*

*"For unto Us a Child is Born / Open The Eyes of My Heart"*

## God's Grace Claims Us

Congregational Prayer

Children's Blessing & Dismissal

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

#60 (WC)

Offering: Christian Education Fund

## God's Word Speaks to Us

Prayer

Matthew 1:1 & 2 Samuel 7:1-17

pp. 955 & 301

**The Ultimate King**

Prayer

## God's Grace Renews Us

*"Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"*

#155:1,2,4 (WC)

Celebration of Communion

*"Angels from The Realms of Glory"*

#340:1-4 (PH)

Benevolence Offering

## God's Blessing Equips Us

Benediction

*"Angels from The Realms of Glory"*

#340:5 (PH)

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Matthew Lanser, George Tan

Praise Team:

Maddie Boonstra, Izzy David, Lauren Miller,

Sandy Roelofs, Jan Slinkman, Kristen Voss

Welcome & God's Greeting

*"Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations"*

*#231 (PH)*

Responsive Reading

*Nicene Creed*

*pp. 4 (PH)*

Prayer

Offering: Zuni CRC

Matthew 1:1-17

*pp. 955*

**The Abrahamic, Davidic, Restoration King**

Prayer

Blessing

*"Joy to the World"*

*#337 (PH)*

## **Leading us in Worship**

Worship Leaders & Sermon:

Matthew Lanser

Accompaniment:

Chris Tang

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

## This Week at Faith

**Sunday Morning:** we're beginning a new Advent and Christmas sermon series: "Behold the King." We'll mostly be reading from the beginning of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke for this series, but we're starting with a reading from Matthew 1:1 and 2 Samuel 7:1-17 today. George Tan joins us this morning as we celebrate the Lord's Supper in this service. 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 read Matthew 1:1-17 for our "Behold the King" Advent series.

**Next Week:** we'll read Matthew 1:18-25 in the morning service, and Mo Pacheco will bring the message in the evening service.

## Christmas Services

Advent: Sundays at 9:30 AM

Candlelight: December 22 at 5:00 PM

Christmas Day: December 25 at 10:00 AM

## Upcoming Worship

Dec. 15 AM: Matthew Lanser

Dec. 15 PM: Mo Pacheco

Dec. 22 AM: Matthew Lanser

Dec. 22 PM: Matthew Lanser

Dec. 25 AM: Matthew Lanser

Dec. 29 AM: Mac Wiener

Dec. 29 PM: No Service

# 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. 15 AM:	Partners Worldwide	Dec. 15 PM:	Chicago Christian Counseling Center
Dec. 22 AM:	Elim Christian Services	Dec. 22 PM:	Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry
Dec. 25 AM:	All God's Children		
Dec. 29 AM:	Bright Promise Fund	Dec. 29 PM:	No Service

## 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](mailto:prayer@faithelmhurst.org).

**Mark Teune** spent some time in the hospital last week due to cellulitis. Please pray for healing for Mark.

## Praise and Thanksgiving

Next Sunday morning, **Christine Chen, Grant Ferguson, and Patrick Mallo** will make their public professions of faith and officially become members of our church family.

Thank you to my Faith CRC family for all the prayers and cards given after the passing of my father. It's wonderful belonging to the family of God! Nan Loerop

# Announcements

**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 registration counter.

**Christmas Day Instrumentalists (strings, winds, and brass):** You are invited to participate in the Christmas Day service! We will have a practice on Sunday, December 15 at 3:45pm and on Christmas Day at 8:45am. Please sign up today on the sheet at the registration counter, text your name and 'Instrument' to 330-223-5216, or contact Kristen Voss or Dan Roelofs this week.

Everyone is welcome to join the **Christmas Choir** which will sing during the 10 AM service on Christmas Day. Rehearsals will be after the morning services on **Sunday, December 15 and 22** at 10:45 AM in the choir room. Please sign up on the sheet at the registration counter or text your name and 'Choir' to 330-223-5216.

**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](http://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](http://faithelmhurst.org/resources)** or Text your name(s) and 'Grace/Truth' to 330-223-5216.

**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.

## 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](http://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).

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.

Come end the Christmas Season and begin the New Year with song! 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** meet today. 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders meet in the South hallway after singing in the sanctuary at 10:45am. MS Faith Foundations will meet in room 1. HS Faith Foundations will meet next door in the church house. Classes begin at 10:45 AM.

**GEMS** meets this Wednesday, December 11, for their Christmas party! Email [gems@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:gems@faithelmhurst.org) with any questions.

**Jr. Cadets (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Boys)** meets next on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 PM. Questions? Email [cadets@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:cadets@faithelmhurst.org).

**Cadets (4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys)** meets next on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM. Email [cadets@faithelmhurst.org](mailto: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](mailto:theforge@faithelmhurst.org).

**The Gathering** meets tonight for our Christmas party at 6:00! If you have any questions, email [thegathering@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:thegathering@faithelmhurst.org).

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2025!** We hope you can save the date and join us June 23-27, 2025.



# This Week at Faith

## **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  
Mission Team Meeting | 10:45 AM | Room 4/5  
MS Faith Foundation | 10:45 AM | Room 1  
HS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Church House  
Sunday School (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) Singing | 10:45 AM | Sanctuary  
Sunday School (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) | 11:00 AM | South hall  
Evening Worship | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary  
The Gathering Christmas Party | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

## **Monday, December 9**

Elders' Meeting | 7:00 PM | Library  
Deacons' Meeting | 7:00 PM | Room 4/5

## **Tuesday, December 10**

Gathering Hangout | 3:00 PM | Church House  
Executive Meeting | 6:30 PM | Rauglas Home  
Discipleship Team Meeting | 7:00 PM | Library

## **Wednesday, December 11**

BSF Class Day | 9:00 AM | Church  
Gathering Hangout | 3:00 PM | Church House  
GEMS Christmas Party | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

## **Thursday, December 12**

Mom2Mom | 9:00 AM | Fellowship Hall  
Senior Men's Coffee Fellowship | 9:30 AM | Choir Room

## **Saturday, December 14**

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

# Next Sunday at Faith

## Sunday, December 15

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  
MS Faith Foundation | 10:45 AM | Room 1  
HS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Church House  
Sunday School (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) Singing | 10:45 AM | Sanctuary  
Sunday School (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) | 11:00 AM | South hall  
Evening Worship | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary  
The Forge | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

## Serving Faith Church

**Audio Visual:** Brett Harbaugh, Michael Speelman, Joy Hoving

**Next Week:** Niki Tazelaar, Matt Huizinga, Jon Veurink

**PM Sound:** Dirk Rauglas

**Next Week:** Bill Ridder

**Security Host:** Jim Engel

**Next Week:** Matt Sowers

**December Greeters:** Dirk Rauglas, Mike Oldenburger, Don Miller

**January Greeters:** Jim Engel, John Tazelaar, Len Turnbull

**Refreshments:** Mike and Joy Hoving

**Next Week:** Ruth and Zach Flikkema

**Children's Church:** Charis Engel, Mindy Slinkman, Lauren Miller

**Next Week:** Charis Engel, Mindy Slinkman, Andrew Slinkman

**Nursery:** Joy Koopmans, Laura Van Kampen, Alex Koopmans

**Next Week:** Cathy Plate, Bonnie Van Proyen

**Sunday School:** Mindy Slinkman, Joy Koopmans, Rebecca Anderson,  
Rachel Kinnas, Heidi Folkerts, Kathy Miedema

**Next Week:** Mindy Slinkman, Joy Koopmans, Rebecca Anderson,  
Julie Speelman, Chelsea Van Dyk, Bethany Voss

# Faith CRC Supported Missionaries

**All God's Children** – Honduras

[allgodschildrenhonduras.org](http://allgodschildrenhonduras.org)

**Mission India** – India

[missionindia.org](http://missionindia.org)

**Roseland Christian Ministries** - Chicago, IL

[roselandchristianministries.org](http://roselandchristianministries.org)

**Tom & Kristen Buursma** - World Team Agency – Philippines

[us.worldteam.org](http://us.worldteam.org)

**Jim & Ruth Padilla De Borst** - Costa Rica

[resonateglobalmission.org/missionaries](http://resonateglobalmission.org/missionaries)

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

[piministries.com](http://piministries.com)

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

[eastwest.org/missionaries](http://eastwest.org/missionaries)

**Tapestries of Life Ministries** - Mexico

[tapestriesoflifeministries.org](http://tapestriesoflifeministries.org)

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

[forestsprings.us/about](http://forestsprings.us/about)

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

[resonateglobalmission.org/missionaries](http://resonateglobalmission.org/missionaries)

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

[resonateglobalmission.org/missionaries](http://resonateglobalmission.org/missionaries)

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

[zunichristianmission.org](http://zunichristianmission.org)

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

[graceingarfield.com](http://graceingarfield.com)

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