

Welcome to Cottage Grove Church and to our worship services. If you are visiting, please sign a guest book at the back of the sanctuary or near one of the entrances and join us for coffee after the morning service so that we can get better acquainted. Recordings of our services are available on our website or on compact disk by calling the church office or using the order form located next to the guest book in the narthex. May the Lord bless you richly as you hear His word and join in worship.

The Lord's Day • November 8, 2015
Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Psalter Hymnal 159 **O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely**
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Psalter Hymnal 94 **God, Be Merciful to Me**

The Law of God
 Assurance of Pardon
 Congregational Prayer
 Offering Cottage Grove General Fund
 *Psalter Hymnal 391 **Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

Scripture 2 Timothy 2 (pew Bible, p. 1846)
 Text 2 Timothy 2: 8 - 10
 Sermon GOD'S WORD IS NOT CHAINED
 Prayer of Application

*Psalter Hymnal 467 **Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**
 *Benediction
 *Psalter Hymnal 488 **Now Blessed Be Jehovah God**
 *Postlude

*Please stand if able. **Bold** denotes projected items
Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Psalter Hymnal 315 **O Worship the King, All-glorious Above**
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Psalter Hymnal 318 **Holy, Holy, Holy!**
 *Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Psalter, p. 3)

*Psalter Hymnal 121 **O God, to Us Show Mercy**
 The Prayers of God's People
 Offering Pregnancy Aid South Suburbs
 *Psalter Hymnal 399 **Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

Scripture Acts 9: 1 – 19 (pew Bible, p. 1706)
 Text Acts 9: 10 – 12
 Sermon MISSIONS IN THE EARLY CHURCH
 Prayer of Application

*Psalter Hymnal 167 **Zion, on the Holy Hills**
 *Benediction
 *Psalter Hymnal 487 **May the Grace of Christ Our Savior**
 *Postlude

Today at Cottage Grove

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Bassam Madany, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- 11:00 a.m. **Sunday School** for 4 year olds – 6th grade. Lesson 7. Homework due: lesson 6.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Rev. Bassam Madany, preaching. Offering: Pregnancy Aid South Suburbs.
- Today is the deadline for the November/December **Profile**. Please e-mail the church office or place items in the mailbox by the church office. Your contributions of articles, news items and pictures will be most welcome. See Dave & Gail VK with questions

This Week at Cottage Grove

- Monday, November 9**
- 6:45 p.m. **Men's Bible Study** meets. Lesson: John 6:25-71.
- Tuesday, November 10**
- The church office will be closed.
 - 9:45 a.m. **Women's Coffee Break, Story Hour and Nursery** meet. Lesson 8: Romans 7:7-25. Nursery: Bonnie B, Betty S.
 - 9:45 a.m. **Men's Coffee Break** meets. Lesson: John 7:1-52.
 - 6:30 p.m. **Prayer walk** for our Council. Meet at the Fellowship House. This is a silent prayer walk. If you are unable to walk, the house will be open for prayer.

- 7:00 p.m. **Council** meets. A copy of the agenda is posted on the library bulletin board.

- Wednesday, November 11**
- 6:30 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** meets at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave., Dyer, IN).
 - 7:00 p.m. **Godly Women Class** meets in the Fellowship House.

- Thursday, November 12**
- 12:00 Noon. **Bulletin** deadline.
 - Remember **Sabbath Rest** in your prayers as we minister to the homeless. Pray that they may be refreshed by a warm welcome, a good lunch, a time of rest, and a time of Bible Study this week with members of our congregation. **A special need at this time:** White socks for men and women and \$5 or \$10 gift cards for Walgreens or McDonalds.

Next Week at Cottage Grove

- Sunday, November 15**
- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Dr. Cornel Venema of Mid-America Reformed Seminary, preaching. Offering: Christian Reformed World Missions for the support of Rev. Harold Kallemeyn.
 - 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Rev. Mark Beach of Mid-America Reformed Seminary, preaching. Sermon: LISTEN TO HIM! Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
 - **Praise Ensemble** practice in the sanctuary following the evening worship service.

- Wednesday, November 18**
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. **Midweek Fellowship Dinner**. Please sign up on the library bulletin board if you plan to attend.

Coming Events

Sunday, November 22. Hymn Sing and Fellowship following the evening service. All are welcome. Please bring bread or buns, cold cuts, munchies, or dessert to share. Questions: contact Mark & Angie at 708-955-5221. A flyer is in your mailbox and posted on the library bulletin board with more details.

Thursday, November 27, 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day worship service. Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes are included in your budget envelope boxes. Offering cause forms will be available soon. Please use the form to designate the offering cause of your choice. Extra envelopes and forms will be available by the library bulletin board for those who don't have budget envelopes. Undesignated money will be used for Elim Christian Services.

Sunday, November 29, 5:30 p.m. Combined worship service at First CRC.

Saturday, December 12, 1 - 7 p.m. Journey of Joy.
 We still need a male servant to the king and a family to be in the manger scene. If you know of a family with an infant please ask them if they are interested in helping us out or let Gail know so she can contact them.

Pray that the Lord will use this outreach event to bring glory to our Lord Jesus and to touch the hearts and lives of our neighbors

with the story of the Savior's birth. Be sure to sign up today. Questions – see Gail VK, Bonnie B, or Ria B.

Prayer Requests

- Phil C - pray for continued improvement with his speech.
- Kelsey E in her continuing health struggles.
- Myrtis H in her continuing health struggles.
- Joanne H in her battle with cancer.
- James K who is at His Mansion Ministry.

Our Church Family

- Congratulations to Luke S who will celebrate his 84th birthday on November 11.
- “Thank you for all your visits, calls, cards, and especially prayers during my surgery and recovery to this point. I thank and praise God for His mercy shown through you, my brothers and sisters in Christ. As treatment follows, we rest in His promises and continued mercy.” Dick S.

From Your Mission Advocate

Neighbor Love Idea: Honor a Veteran in your church or neighborhood with a Thank you card and a small gift.

Food Drive for Chicagoland Prison Outreach “Angels of Hope” through November 15. CPO volunteers distribute hampers of food to needy families of prisoners and have a Bible study with them. Look for food sales early in the month to prepare your best gift. Please purchase only those items that are listed on the flyer in your mailboxes as these will be included in the food hampers. Thank you for your participation and prayers for this ministry of love!

Announcements

The Council would like to inform you, the congregation, that a family in our body has accepted the Council's offer for the short-term use of our parsonage, while preparing to move into the home they have purchased.

GEMS need short, wide-mouth glass jars (about 3 or 4" tall that some salsas come in) for a craft project. Please bring washed jars with lids to the bin on the GEMS table in the Fellowship Hall by November 29.

A hearty **"Thank You"** to all who made this year's Reformation Party a great success! So many of you helped in so many ways! We are overwhelmed and thankful for each of you. Our hearts have been encouraged and warmed by your support.

We are looking for trainees to run the **sound system and video system** for worship services. Dependable men or women volunteers welcome. Please contact Marv S or Carl E.

We also need **ushers and parking lot attendants**. If you are willing to help in one of these areas please contact the church office

Requested Announcements

Mondays, 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. Illiana Oratorio Society **rehearses for Handel's *Messiah*** at First Chr. Ref. Church (16248 South Park Ave, South Holland). The concert will be presented on Sunday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join!

November 10-11. Fall Lecture Series at Mid-America Reformed Seminary featuring Dr. Chad van Dixhoorn, speaking on *The Westminster Assembly and a Re-formed Ministry*. For more information or to register go to www.midamerica.edu or call Mid-America Reformed Seminary.

Saturday, November 21. Illiana Christian Silent and live auctions. Silent auction begins at 4:30 p.m. Live auction begins at 5:30 p.m. in the lower gym. We'll have great food, great fellowship and lots of great items to bid on. Proceeds will go to the Athletic Department and the Illiana Christian Aid Fund which is designed to help families in need in our community. If you have questions or would like to donate to the auction, please email IllianaChristianAuction@gmail.com.

Saturday, December 12, 7 p.m. Come celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with song! The Men of A-Chord cordially invite you to their **Christmas Candlelight Musicale** at Thorn Creek Reformed Church (1875 E 170th St.). Join in singing the carols and songs of the Season celebrating Christ's birth! Justin Rich, director, Beverly Hoitsma, pianist, Nancy Venema, organist. Betsy Archer will be the soprano soloist. A free-will offering will be taken.

In Service

	November 8	November 15
Organist AM	Arlene V Z	Arlene V Z
Pianist AM		
Organist PM	Arlene V Z	Joanne H
Pianist PM		
Greeters AM	Luke S	Dick & Judy S
Greeter-South AM	Doug B	Rick U
Greeters PM	John & Betty S	Marv & Carol S
Nursery AM	Bethany T Bethany W	Judith E Bonnie B
Parking Lot AM		Dick S
Parking Lot PM	Jon K	
Sound		Marv Schaap
Ushers	Carl E Mark U	Thomas V K Hank B
Video AM/PM	Doug B	Rick U
AM Cookies	Cele B	Lois B
Holland Home Driver	Rich K	Wally L

Elder Districts

- A – C Frank V
- D - G Rick U
- H – K Luke S
- L – R Gene F
- S – U Rich K
- V – Z Dick S