

Welcome to Cottage Grove Church and to our services of worship today. This morning we are celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This is the table of the Lord set for all who are trusting in the mercy of Christ for the forgiveness of sin and who are seeking to live according to his commandments. If you are visiting with us and are a professing member in good standing of an evangelical church, we cordially invite you to commune with us. Plan to stay for coffee and fellowship following the service. Recordings of our services are available on our website or on compact disk which can be ordered by calling the church office or by 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 22, 2015**  
**Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.**

Prelude  
 \*Call to Worship and Prayer  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 32 **Be Exalted, O God**  
 \*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting

The Law of God  
 Psalter Hymnal 70 *Thy Tender Mercies, O My Lord*  
 Assurance of Pardon  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Offering **Cottage Grove General Fund**  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 38 **The Lord's My Shepherd**

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 29 Psalter, p. 39  
 Scripture John 6: 25 – 40 (pew Bible, p. 1657)  
 Text John 6: 27  
 Sermon **FOOD WHICH ENDURES**

\*Psalter Hymnal 330 *O Jesus, We Adore Thee*  
 Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 233: 1, 7, 8 *Let All Exalt Jehovah's Goodness*

\*Benediction  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 493 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
 \*Postlude

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

Prelude  
 \*Call to Worship and Prayer  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 190 *Sing a New Song to Jehovah*  
 \*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting

Choir *Praise Canon*  
 \*Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed (Psalter, p. 4)

Choir *A Thanksgiving Prayer*  
 The Prayers of God's People  
 Offering Mid-America Reformed Seminary  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 449 **Fill Thou My Life**

Scripture Daniel 1 (pew Bible, p. 1369)  
 Text Daniel 1: 7  
 Sermon A CHANGE OF NAMES  
 Prayer of Application

\*Psalter Hymnal 462 **Take My Life, and Let It Be**  
 \*Benediction  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 470: 1, 3 *Abide with Me*  
 \*Postlude

**Today at Cottage Grove**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Richard Blauw, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund. Lord's Supper.
- 11:00 a.m. **Sunday School** for 4 year olds – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Lesson 9. Homework due: lesson 8.
- **Journey of Joy** costume pick up is today. All cast members are asked to go to classroom 1 to get your costume. Costumes need to be brought home, ironed and returned on December 7. Tour guides and assistant tour guides: Please stop by the coat rack near the Conference Room to pick out your robe and head wrap and put your name on it.
- 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearses to sing during the evening service.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Rev. Richard Blauw, preaching. Offering: Mid-America Reformed Seminary.
- **Hymn Sing and Fellowship** following the evening service. All are welcome. Please bring bread or buns, cold cuts, munchies, or dessert to share.

**This Week at Cottage Grove**

- Monday, November 23**
- 6:45 p.m. **Men's Bible Study** meets. Lesson: John 7:53-8:59.
  - 7:00 p.m. **Deacons** meet.
- Tuesday, November 24**
- 9:45 a.m. **Men's Coffee Break** meets. Lesson: John 9.

- 7:00 p.m. **Consistory** meets.
- Wednesday, November 25**
- 12:00 Noon. **Bulletin** deadline
  - 7:00 p.m. **Praise Ensemble** practice in the sanctuary.
- Thursday, November 26**
- 10:00 a.m. **Thanksgiving Day worship service.** Rev. Mark Prestriedge, preaching. Sermon: NO THANKS. Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes are included in your budget envelope boxes. Offering cause forms have been placed in your mailbox. Please use the form to designate the offering cause of your choice. Extra envelopes and forms are available by the library bulletin board for those who don't have budget envelopes. Undesignated money will be for Elim Christian Services. Greeters: Bob & Cheri S; Nursery: Beth B, Edie G; Parking Lot: Mike H; Sound: Jon K; Ushers: Rich K, Rick U; Video: Tim T.

**Next Week at Cottage Grove**

- Sunday, November 29**
- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Herman Schutt, preaching. Sermon: VICTORIOUS FAITH. Offering: CHAIM – Rick Anderson.
  - 5:30 p.m. **Combined worship service** at First CRC.
- Monday, November 30**
- 7:00 p.m. **Congregational meeting** to elect deacons for three open positions — one for an 18 month term and two for a two and a half year term for continuity as terms expire. The congregation will first vote for two deacons to serve the two and a half year terms and then vote for one deacon from the remaining nominees for an 18 month term. The nominees submitted to the congregation are: Terry H, Bob S, Tom V K, and Neil V.

**Coming Events**

- 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 for the second half of the day.
  - Rehearsal is Monday, December 7.
  - If you love to bake cookies, please bake a few extra batches and bring them to church to share with our guests.
  - Two sizes of flyers and posters are available in the Fellowship Hall for you to use to invite friends, neighbors and co-workers to the **Journey of Joy**. Please take as many as you can use.
  - 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 V K, Bonnie B, or Ria B.

**Prayer Requests**

- Phil C - pray for continued improvement with his speech.
- Kelsey E in her continuing health struggles.
- James K who is at His Mansion Ministry.
- Evan and Rich V Z in their various health concerns.

**Our Church Family**

- “We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of Cottage Grove for all the prayers, cards, and visits during John’s surgeries and recovery this past summer.” John & Barb V K.
- Elmer D Y has moved to Room 401 at Holland Home. His phone # is 225-6401.
- Congratulations to Eileen H who will celebrate her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on November 24.
- The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Dick and Judy S in the death of their brother-in-law Fred P. Visitation will be today from 2-6 p.m., at the Crete Church. The funeral will immediately follow at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**F r o m   Y o u r   M i s s i o n   A d v o c a t e**

**Neighbor Love Idea:** Invite a friend or neighbor to Thanksgiving worship and dinner with your family.

**Bells of Hope** project begins today. Here is an opportunity to share the love of God with family members of inmates at Cook County Jail. The need is very great this year. The bells are on the Mission board in the fellowship hall. When you take a bell off the board please sign your name on the appropriate line on the sheets provided. Gifts must be returned to church no later than Sunday, **December 6**. Please remember to label your gift with the name and number that is on the bell. Please keep the wrapping as simple as possible so the gifts can be sorted and packed easier. If you would like to participate in this project but find it difficult to shop there are those willing to shop for you. If you have any questions please contact Joan F (708-333-0198).

**A n n o u n c e m e n t s**

**We need YOU to help decorate the church for Christmas on Friday, November 27.** We start at 9:00 a.m. All skill levels and abilities are welcome. Some of the jobs can be done sitting on a chair to fluff the garland for the sanctuary. Others involve climbing a ladder. Can we count on YOU? The more help we get, the quicker the work gets done. Talk to Gail or Ria if you can help.

**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.

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

**R e q u e s t e d   A n n o u n c e m e n t s**

**Sunday, December 6**, 2:00 p.m. Illiana Oratorio Society performance of **Handel's Messiah** at First Christian Reformed Church (16248 South Park Ave, South Holland). This year's soloists are: Elaine DeYoung, Maria Bouwhamp-Luttjeboer, Jack Cotterell, and Douglas Anderson. All are welcome to attend!

**Saturday, December 12**, 7 p.m. 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.

<b>I n   S e r v i c e</b>		
	November 22	November 29
Organist AM	Arlene V Z	Jan H
Pianist AM		
Organist PM	Joanne H	
Pianist PM	Barb U	
Greeters AM	Terry & Gail W	Frank & Chris V
Greeter-South AM	Tim T	Dick S
Greeters PM	Ryan & Alecia S	
Nursery AM	Ria B Beth E	Doris B Lois B
Parking Lot AM	Phil C	
Parking Lot PM	Doug B	
Sound	Jon K	Jon K
Ushers	Rich K Rick U	Ryan S Hank B
Video AM/PM	Tim T	Dick S
AM Cookies	Bonnie B	Candy D Y
Holland Home Driver	John S	Dick S

**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