

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 29, 2015
Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.

Prelude	
*Call to Worship and Prayer	
*Opening Song	<i>In Christ Alone</i>
*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting	
*Celebration Hymnal 727	<i>Faith Is the Victory</i>
The Law of God	
Psalter Hymnal 411	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>
Assurance of Pardon	
Congregational Prayer	
Offering	CHAIM – Rick Anderson
*Celebration Hymnal 539	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>
Scripture	1 John 5: 1 – 5 (pew Bible, p. 1903)
Sermon	VICTORIOUS FAITH
Prayer of Application	
*Psalter Hymnal 378	<i>I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace</i>
*Benediction	
*Psalter Hymnal 473	<i>God Be with You Till We Meet Again</i>
*Postlude	

*Please stand if able. **Bold** denotes projected items

Today at Cottage Grove

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Herman Schutt, preaching. Offering: CHAIM – Rick Anderson.
- 4:00 p.m. Combined **choir rehearsal** at First CRC. No rehearsal on Dec. 6. Rehearsal on Dec. 13 to sing at First CRC on Dec. 20
- 5:30 p.m. **Combined worship service** at First CRC.

This Week at Cottage Grove

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. Absentee ballots and envelopes are available on the piano in the fellowship hall. They will be accepted from professing members and must be signed and returned prior to the meeting. Unsigned envelopes will not be counted.

Tuesday, December 1

- 7:00 p.m. **Executive Committee** of Council meets.

Wednesday, December 2

- 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.
- **Gems** Christmas Party at First CRC.
- **Cadet** Christmas Party.

Thursday, December 3

- 12:00 Noon. **Bulletin** deadline

Next Week at Cottage Grove

Sunday, December 6

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. James Hollendonner, from First CRC, Crown Point, preaching. Sermon: UNSPEAKABLE JOY. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Rev. James Hollendonner, preaching. Sermon: DRESSED FOR CHRIST. Offering: Roseland Christian Ministry.
- **Journey of Joy** needs several men and women (high school age+, no children please) to begin set up following the evening service on Sunday, Dec. 6. We need help emptying the classrooms, Council Room, Nursery and Choir room in preparation for Monday set up. If you are willing to stay after church and lend a hand, please meet at the front of the sanctuary. We anticipate accomplishing this in less than 1 hour.

Monday, December 7

- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Journey of Joy** set up. Volunteers are needed. Come when you can, leave when you must, all help is welcome.

- 7:00 p.m. **Journey of Joy** rehearsal.
- Thursday, December 10**
- 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 with members of our congregation.

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.
- 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.

Coming Events

Sunday, December 13, 5:30 p.m. Sunday School children sing during the evening worship service.

Sunday, December 20, 5:30 p.m. Combined worship service at First CRC.

Friday, December 25, 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship.
Thursday, December 31, 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship.

Prayer Requests

- Phil C - pray for continued improvement.
- 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.
- Continue to pray for the Council as they seek to lead our church.

Our Church Family

- Congratulations to Wally L who will celebrate his 97th birthday on November 30.

From Your Mission Advocate

Neighbor Love Idea: Help a neighbor with a fix-it project.
Bells of Hope. There are still some bells available on the Mission board. Here is an opportunity to share the love of God with family members of inmates at Cook County Jail. 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 anyone would like to participate in this project but finds 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

- The Church Office will be closed on Monday, November 30 and Tuesday, December 1. Please leave a message on voice mail or by e-mail if you need to contact the office on either of those days. Please contact your district elder if you have a pastoral need.
- **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 TODAY.

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.

I n S e r v i c e

	November 29	December 6
Organist AM	Jan H	Arlene V Z
Pianist AM		
Organist PM		Joanne H
Pianist PM		Joan F
Greeters AM	Frank & Chris V	
Greeter-South AM	Dick S	Ken B
Greeters PM		Hank & Adele B
Nursery AM	Doris B Lois B	Gail V K Joan F
Parking Lot AM		Jon K
Parking Lot PM		Dick S
Sound	Jon K	
Ushers	Ryan S Hank B	Bob S Bob T
Video AM/PM	Dick S	Ken B
AM Cookies	Candy D Y	Joan F
Holland Home Driver	Dick S	Dave V K

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