

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 • December 6, 2015**  
**Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.**

Prelude  
 \*Call to Worship and Prayer  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 249 **O Come, All Ye Faithful**  
 \*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 264

**Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light**

The Law of God  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 292 **Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne**  
 Assurance of Pardon  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Offering Cottage Grove General Fund  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 90 **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

Scripture Psalm 4 (pew Bible, p. 845)  
 Text Psalm 4: 7  
 Sermon UNSPEAKABLE JOY

\*Celebration Hymnal 270 **Joy to the World!**  
 \*Benediction  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 240 **Of the Father's Love Begotten**  
 \*Postlude

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

Prelude  
 \*Call to Worship and Prayer  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 245 **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**  
 \*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 139 **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**  
 \*Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Psalter, p. 3)

\*Celebration Hymnal 256 **Love Has Come!**  
 The Prayers of God's People  
 Offering Roseland Christian Ministries  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 294 **One Day**

Scripture Colossians 3: 1 – 17 (pew Bible, p. 1834)  
 Sermon DRESSED FOR CHRIST  
 Prayer of Application

\*Celebration Hymnal 147 **How Great Thou Art**  
 \*Benediction  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 275 **Sing We Now of Christmas**  
 \*Postlude

**Today at Cottage Grove**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. James Hollendonner, Pastor of Congregational Life at First CRC, Crown Point, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program practice for 4 year olds through 6th grade. Homework due: lesson 9.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Rev. James Hollendonner, preaching. Offering: Roseland Christian Ministries.
- **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 as well as bringing things in from the shed. 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.

**This Week at Cottage Grove**

- 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. All cast members, tour guides and assistant tour guides are needed at rehearsal. Talk to Gail today if you are not able to attend. Remember to bring your ironed costumes with you.

**Tuesday, December 8**

- 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, December 9**

- Men: What is in your Wednesday time slot, between 6:30 - 7:45 a.m.? If you are free, why not join our **Men's Prayer Breakfast** at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave.) in Dyer? It's a great and enriching way to start the day and develop rich relationships with the guys. We'd love to meet up with you there!
- 7:00 p.m. **Godly Women Class** meets in the Fellowship House.

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

**Saturday, December 12, 1 - 7 p.m. Journey of Joy.**

- All cast, tour guides and assistant tour guides should be here by 12 Noon. Kitchen Hostesses should be here by 12:15 p.m. Refreshment helpers should be here by 12:30 p.m. Minglers should be here by 12:45 p.m. All participants are asked to park at the back of our parking lot and enter through south doors ONLY.
- We still need 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.

**Next Week at Cottage Grove**

**Sunday, December 13**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Tim De Vries, who leads Vision 2:14, an international church planter training ministry, preaching. Sermon: YES WE CAN. Offering: World Concern for the support of our missionary Michael Madany.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Rev. Tim De Vries, preaching. Sermon: WHAT DO WE GAIN AT CHRISTMAS? Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund. Our Sunday School children will sing during this service.

### Coming Events

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

**Friday, December 25**, 10:00 a.m. **Christmas Day Worship.**

**Sunday, December 27**, 5:30 p.m. **Combined worship service** here at Cottage Grove.

**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 Rich V Z who will celebrate his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on December 9.

### From Your Mission Committee

**Neighbor Love Idea:** Take a friend or neighbor to the *Journey of Joy*.

**Bells of Hope.** All gifts for the **Bells of Hope** are due TODAY. Please remember to label your gift with the **name and number** that is on the bell. You can also attach the bell to the gift. Please keep the wrapping as simple as possible so the gifts can be sorted and packed easier. If you have any questions please contact Joan F (708-333-0198)

### Urgent Missionary Concerns

Stan Kruis, our missionary from the Philippines, needs our prayers in a special way right now. He is down with an intestinal parasite infection. The end of the semester at the Asian Theological Seminary is fast coming to a close and Stan has classes to prepare, papers and tests to grade, and plans to submit for the new semester. Please pray of complete healing, full recovery, and strength for each task. Thank You!

### Announcements

Bob S and Tom V K were elected for a two and a half year term as deacons and Neil V was elected for an 18 month term at the Congregational meeting last week.

### Requested Announcements

**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). All are welcome to attend!

**Saturday, December 12**, 7 p.m. The Men of A-Chord cordially invite you to their **Christmas Candlelight Musicales** 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

	December 6	December 13
Organist AM	Arlene V Z	Arlene V Z
Pianist AM		Beth H
Organist PM	Joanne H	Joanne H
Pianist PM	Joan F	Barb U
Greeters AM		Paul & Janet V K
Greeter-South AM	Ken B	Frank Venhuizen
Greeters PM	Hank & Adele B	Tim & Bethany T
Nursery AM	Gail V K Joan F	Kathy K Daniel K
Parking Lot AM	Jon K	
Parking Lot PM	Dick S	
Sound		
Ushers	Bob S Bob T	Carl E Mark U
Video AM/PM	Ken B	Frank V
AM Cookies	Joan F	Edie G
Holland Home Driver	Dave V K	Ken B

### 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