

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 13, 2015
Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Psalter Hymnal 346: 1, 5, 6

Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn

*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Celebration Hymnal 271 **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You**

The Law of God
 *Celebration Hymnal 289 *Adoration*
 Assurance of Pardon
 Congregational Prayer
 Offering World Concern – Michael Madany
 *Psalter Hymnal 404 **Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak**

Scripture Luke 7: 36 – 50 (pew Bible, p. 1604)
 Sermon FREEDOM TO LOVE
 Prayer of Application

*Psalter Hymnal 389 **Not What My Hands Have Done**

*Closing Prayer
 *Psalter Hymnal 334 *Now May Thy Servant, Lord*
 *Postlude

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

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Celebration Hymnal 249 **O Come All Ye Faithful**
 Sunday School Children Luke 2: 11
Away in a Manger
Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven
What Can I Give Him?

*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Psalter, p. 3)

*Celebration Hymnal 278 **Angels We Have Heard on High**
 The Prayers of God's People
 Offering Cottage Grove General Fund
 *Psalter Hymnal 309 *Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

Scripture Psalm 150 (pew Bible, p. 983)
 Sermon PRAISE IN EVERY PART
 Prayer of Application

*Psalter Hymnal 449 **Fill Thou My Life**
 *Closing Prayer
 *Celebration Hymnal 282 *O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful*
 *Postlude

Today at Cottage Grove

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Seminarian Joshua Dykstra, preaching. Offering: World Concern for the support of our missionary Michael Madany.
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program practice for 4 year olds through 6th grade. No homework due.
- 4:00 p.m. **Choir practice** at First CRC.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Seminarian Joshua Dykstra, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.

This Week at Cottage Grove

Monday, December 14

- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Journey of Joy** take down. Volunteers are needed. Come for an hour or more – whatever you can spare. All help is welcome. We especially need men to help clean out the Cadet garage and the shed – bring along a rake.

Wednesday, December 16

- 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!
- **Godly Women Class** will recess until January 13.

Thursday, December 17

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

Next Week at Cottage Grove

Sunday, December 20

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Richard Blauw, preaching. Sermon title: OFFICEBEARERS IN CHRIST'S CHURCH. Offering: Restoration Ministries. Installation of new deacons: Bob S, Tom V K and Neil V.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. **Combined service** at First CRC.

Friday, December 25

- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship.

Coming Events

Sunday, December 27

- 5:30 p.m. **Combined worship service** here at Cottage Grove.
- 7:15 p.m. Organ & Piano Prelude
- 7:30 p.m. **One Last Christmas Carol Sing** with meditations by Dr. Joel Nederhood, featuring Men of A-Chord and instrumentalists, concluding with the *Hallelujah Chorus*. Invite your friends.

Thursday, December 31

- 7:00 p.m. **New Year's Eve Worship**. This service will include celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Prayer Requests

- Phil C - pray for continued improvement.
- Kelsey E in her continuing health struggles.
- James K who is at His Mansion Ministry.
- John S is improving at Community Hospital in Munster with heart and lung issues.
- Evan and Rich V Z in their various health concerns.
- Continue to pray for the Council as they seek to lead our church.

From Your Mission Committee

Neighbor Love Idea: Watch a young family's children so they can go Christmas shopping.

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

We will be making up the schedules for **Parking lot attendants** and **Holland Home Drivers** this week for the next 6 months. If you are willing to help in one of these areas please contact the church office.

Requested Announcements

Calvin College is pleased to announce a new \$4000 Legacy Award to support new students who have a historical connection to the college. The Legacy Award will be provided automatically to Fall 2016 incoming students who are members of a Christian Reformed Church and/or are children of alumni and will continue for up to five years. The Legacy Award combines the Denominational Grant-in-Aid and the Alumni Legacy Scholarship awards into one program for new students. For further details, please contact the Calvin College admissions or financial aid office. (www.calvin.edu).

In Service

	December 13	December 20
Organist AM	Arlene V Z	Joanne H
Pianist AM	Beth H	
Organist PM	Joanne H	
Pianist PM	Barb U	
Greeters AM	Paul & Janet V K	Tom & Courtney V K
Greeter-South AM	Frank V	Doug B
Greeters PM	Tim & Bethany T	
Nursery AM	Kathy K Daniel K	Candice D Y Dillon H
Parking Lot AM		Doug B
Parking Lot PM		
Sound		Jon K
Ushers	Carl E Mark U	Tom V K
Video AM/PM	Frank V	Doug B
AM Cookies	Edie G	Doris H
Holland Home Driver	Ken B	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

Deacons

Doug B
 Doug B
 Ken B
 Bob S
 Tim T
 Tom V K
 Neil V