

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 20, 2015
Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.**

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Psalter Hymnal 335 **Come Thou Long-expected Jesus**
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Psalter Hymnal 331 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

The Law of God
 *Psalter Hymnal 121 **O God, To Us Show Mercy**
 Assurance of Pardon
 Ordination of Deacons
 Signing of the Form of Subscription

Congregational Prayer
 Offering Restoration Ministries
 *Psalter Hymnal 343 *Brightest and Best of the Sons*

Scripture 1 Timothy 3: 8 – 13 (pew Bible, p. 1847)
 Sermon OFFICEBEARERS IN CHRIST'S CHURCH
 Prayer of Application

*Psalter Hymnal 339 **Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**
 *Closing Prayer
 *Celebration Hymnal 270 **Joy to the World**
 *Postlude

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

Today at Cottage Grove

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Richard Blauw, preaching. Offering: Restoration Ministries. Installation of new deacons: Bob S, Tom V K, and Neil V.
- No Sunday School this week. We'll resume on January 3.
- **Praise Ensemble practice** in the sanctuary.
- 4:00 p.m. **Choir practice** at First CRC.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. **Combined Candlelight Carol Service** at First CRC.

This Week at Cottage Grove

- Tuesday, December 22**
- 7:00 p.m. **Consistory** meets.
- Wednesday, December 23**
- 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 24**
- 10:00 a.m. **Praise Ensemble practice** in the sanctuary.
 - 12:00 Noon. **Bulletin** deadline.
- Friday, December 25**
- 10:00 a.m. **Christmas Day Worship**. Seminarian Joshua Dykstra, preaching. Sermon title: IN THE BEGINNING... Offering: Elim Christian Services. Organist: Arlene VZ; Greeters: Dave & Gail VK; Nursery: Gail & Hannah W; Parking Lot: Jon K; Sound: Marv S; Usher: Tom V K; Video: Frank V.

Next Week at Cottage Grove

- Sunday, December 27**
- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Jeff De Boer, preaching. Sermon title: CHRISTMAS AFTERWARD. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund. Lord's Supper preparatory.
 - 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. **Combined service** at Cottage Grove. Rev. Jeff De Boer, preaching. Sermon title: HE COMES TO SET US FREE. Offering: Eastern Ukraine Theological Seminary.
 - 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. Dr. Joel Nederhood, preaching. Offering: Rehoboth Christian School. Pianist: Angela U;

Greeters: Tom & Cele B; Parking Lot: Dick S; Sound: Jon K; Usher: Tom V K; Video: Frank V.

Coming Events

- **Deadline** for the January/February **Profile** is January 3. 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. Articles received after the deadline will be published in the next issue. See Dave & Gail V K with questions.

Prayer Requests

- Tom B who was hospitalized for a heart procedure this past week.
- Phil C - pray for continued improvement.
- James K who is at His Mansion Ministry.
- John S is recuperating at home.
- Continue to pray for the Council as they seek to lead our church.

From Your Mission Committee

Neighbor Love Idea: Share your Christmas celebration with someone who is alone for Christmas.

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

Council is in the process of forming a **Pastoral Search Committee**. We are looking for 3 – 4 congregants to serve on this committee. Please contact an elder if you are interested. The **Journey of Joy Committee** expresses heartfelt thanks to all who participated in presenting this again this year. We saw many first time attendees who were very appreciative of this gift to our community. We are thankful for those who helped with set up and clean up, those who so lovingly baked cookies or served refreshments, as well as those who took active roles in the *Journey*. May our Lord and Savior be praised through our efforts. **Bells of Hope**. A sincere thank you to all who participated in the Bells of Hope project. Whether you bought gifts, or gave to the purchasing of food and other necessities, or both, you helped to brighten up the lives of a number of families at Christmas time. The families of the inmates at the prison were very grateful for the gifts and food delivered to their home. May we all continue throughout

the year to share the love of Christ with others who are in need.

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 20	December 27
Organist AM	Joanne H	Jan H
Pianist AM		
Organist PM		Justin R
Pianist PM		Beverly H
Greeters AM	Tom & Courtney VK	Frank & Chris V
Greeter-South AM	Doug B	Gene F
Greeters PM		Willard & Arlene V Z
Nursery AM	Candice D Y Dillon H	Beth H Dale H
Parking Lot AM	Doug B	Mike H
Parking Lot PM		
Sound	Jon K	Jon K
Ushers	Tom V K	Rich K Rick U
Video AM/PM	Doug B	Gene F
AM Cookies	Doris H	Joanne H
Holland Home Driver	Wally L	Rich 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

Deacons

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