

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 27, 2015
Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Psalter Hymnal 42 *Ye Gates, Lift Your Heads*
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Celebration Hymnal 286 *Once in Royal David's City*

The Law of God
 *Psalter Hymnal 190 *Sing a New Song to Jehovah*
 Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Prayer
 Offering *Cottage Grove General Fund*
 *Psalter Hymnal 343 *Brightest and Best of the Sons*

Scripture *Matthew 2: 13 – 23 (pew Bible, p. 1498)*
 Text *Matthew 2: 16 – 21*
 Sermon *CHRISTMAS AFTERWARD*
 Prayer of Application

Preparation for Holy Communion
 *Psalter Hymnal 448 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*
 *Benediction
 *Psalter Hymnal 492 *Glory Be to the Father*
 *Postlude

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

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Psalter Hymnal 345 *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Confession of Faith *The Apostles' Creed (Psalter, p. 3)*
 *Psalter Hymnal 347 *Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old*

The Prayers of God's People
 Offering *Eastern Ukraine Theological Seminary*
 Special Music – Carol Schaap *Welcome to Our World*
 (Chris Rice)

Scripture *Matthew 11: 1 – 19 (pew Bible, p. 1512)*
 Text *Matthew 11: 2 – 6*
 Sermon *HE CAME TO SET US FREE*
 Prayer of Application

*Psalter Hymnal 384 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*
 *Benediction
 *Psalter Hymnal 487 *May the Grace of Christ Our Savior*
 *Postlude

Today at Cottage Grove

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Jeff De Boer, preaching. Cottage Grove General Fund. Lord's Supper preparatory.
- No Sunday School this week. We'll resume on January 3.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. **Combined service** at Cottage Grove. Rev. Jeff De Boer, preaching. 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.

This Week at Cottage Grove

The **Wednesday Men's prayer Breakfast** will not meet this week. We'll resume on January 6

Thursday, December 31

- 9:00 a.m. **Bulletin** deadline.
- 7:00 p.m. **New Year's Eve Worship**. This service will include celebration of the Lord's Supper. Dr. Joel Nederhood, preaching. Sermon title: HIS BROKEN BODY. Offering: Rehoboth Christian School. Pianist: Angela U; Greeters: Tom & Cele B Parking Lot: Dick S; Sound: Jon K; Usher: Tom V K Video: Luke S.

Friday, January 1
 ▪ The Church Office will be closed.

Next Week at Cottage Grove

Sunday, January 3

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Joseph Brinks, preaching. Sermon title: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Rev. Joseph Brinks, preaching. Sermon title: OUR ONLY COMFORT. Offering: His Mansion Ministry.
- **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 as he recovers following a heart procedure.
- Phil C - pray for continued improvement.
- James K who is at His Mansion Ministry.
- John S as he recovers following hospitalization.
- Continue to pray for the Council as they seek to lead our church.

From Your Mission Committee

Neighbor Love Idea: Invite several families over for a New Year's Eve game night and begin by going to a New Year's Eve service together.

Urgent Missionary Concerns

Stan Kruis, our missionary from the Philippines, needs our prayers in a special way. He is struggling with an intestinal parasite infection. The end of the semester at the Asian Theological Seminary is 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 for 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.

I n S e r v i c e

	December 27	January 3
Organist AM	Jan H	Arlene V Z
Pianist AM		
Organist PM	Justin R	Joanne H
Pianist PM	Beverly H	
Greeters AM	Frank & Chris V	Mark & Ria B
Greeter-South AM	Gene F	Luke S
Greeters PM	Will & Dorothy B	Doug & Beth B
Nursery AM	Beth H Dale H	Bethany T Bethany W
Parking Lot AM	Mike H	
Parking Lot PM		
Sound	Jon K	
Ushers	Rich K Rick U	Bob S Bob T
Video AM/PM	Luke S	Luke S
AM Cookies	Joanne H	Eileen H
Holland Home Driver	Rich K	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
Ken B
Bob S
Tim T
Tom V K
Neil V