

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 • January 3, 2016**  
**Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.**

Prelude

**We Begin Worship**

\*Call to Worship and Prayer  
\*Celebration Hymnal 97 *Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above*  
\*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting  
\*Song *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

**We Confess Sin**

The Law of God  
Psalter Hymnal 410 *Come to the Savior Now*  
Assurance of Pardon

**We Pray and Give**

Congregational Prayer  
Offering Cottage Grove General Fund  
\*Psalter Hymnal 407: 1 – 3 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**Sermon**

Scripture Psalm 23: 1 – 6 (pew Bible, p. 862)  
Text Psalm 23: 4 – 6  
Sermon THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD  
Prayer of Application  
\*Celebration Hymnal 549 *Higher Ground*

**We End Church Worship**

\*Benediction  
\*Psalter Hymnal 450 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*  
\*Postlude

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

Prelude

**We Begin Worship**

\*Call to Worship and Prayer  
\*Celebration Hymnal 719 *Children of the Heavenly Father*  
\*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting

**We Confess Our Faith**

\*Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Psalter, p. 3)  
\*Song of Praise • Psalter Hymnal 361 *Praise the Savior*

**We Pray and Give**

The Prayers of God's People  
Offering His Mansion Ministry  
\*Psalter Hymnal 406:1-3 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

**Sermon**

Scripture Isaiah 40: 1 – 8 (pew Bible, p. 1119)  
2 Corinthians 1: 1 – 11 (pew Bible, p. 1794)  
Text 2 Corinthians 1: 3  
Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 1, Question and Answer 1  
Psalter, p. 8  
Sermon OUR ONLY COMFORT  
Prayer of Application  
\*Psalter Hymnal: 470:1-5 *Abide with Me*

**We End Church Worship**

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song  
• Celebration Hymnal 748: 1, 3, 4 *I am His and He is Mine*  
\*Postlude

**Today at Cottage Grove**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Joseph Brinks, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- 11:00 a.m. **Sunday School** for 4 year olds – 6th grade. Lesson 10. No homework due.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Rev. Joseph Brinks, preaching. Offering: His Mansion Ministry, a residential program in Hillsboro, New Hampshire, for those struggling with life-crippling issues such as substance abuse, eating disorders, sexual addiction and depression. His Mansion promotes deliverance and healing through the power of the gospel of Jesus in the context of a caring Christian community.

- Deadline** for the January/February **Profile**. 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. See Dave & Gail V K with questions.

**This Week at Cottage Grove**

**Monday, January 4**

- 9:00 a.m. **We need YOU to help take down the Christmas decorations** at church. All skill levels and abilities are welcome. Can we count on YOU? The more help we get, the quicker the work gets done. Talk to Gail or Ria if you can help.
- 6:45 p.m. **Men's Bible Study** meets. Invite a neighbor or friend and join us to study The Gospel of John. Lesson: John 9.

**Tuesday, January 5**

- 9:45 a.m. **Women's Coffee Break, Story Hour and Nursery** meet. Lesson 1: Romans 8:18-39. Invite a neighbor or friend to join us for Bible Study. Nursery: Bonnie B, Betty S.
- 9:45 a.m. **Men's Coffee Break** meets. Lesson: John 10. Invite a neighbor or friend and join us for Bible Study.
- 7:00 p.m. **Executive Committee** of Council meets.

**Wednesday, January 6**

- 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. **Calvinette Gems** meets.
- 7:00 p.m. **Cadets** meet.
- Godly Women Class** will recess until January 13.

**Thursday, January 7**

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

**Next Week at Cottage Grove**

**Sunday, January 10**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Joseph Brinks, preaching. Sermon title: "...IN ALL THINGS, GOD WORKS FOR GOOD...". Offering: Biblical Reformed Seminary.
- Please join the family of John & Betty S for cake and coffee in the Fellowship Hall following the morning service on January 10 as they celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Rev. Joseph Brinks, preaching. Sermon title: GOD'S PROVIDENCE. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.

**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.
- Rich V Z as he struggles with ongoing health issues.

- Continue to pray for the Council as they seek to lead our church.

### From Your Mission Committee

**Neighbor Love Idea:** After taking prayer requests from the neighbors, pray for a different neighbor each day of the week, throughout the year and let them know this.

### Announcements

**Budget envelopes** for 2016 are available for all those who are over 18 years of age or who have made profession of faith. Please pick yours up from the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions or would like to request a set of budget envelopes, please contact Ken Brink.

**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.

### In Service

	January 3	January 10
Organist AM	Arlene V Z	Joanne H
Organist PM	Joanne H	Joanne H
Greeters AM	Mark & Ria B	Ken & Bonnie B
Greeter-South AM	Luke S	Doug B
Greeters PM	Doug & Beth B	Willard & Arlene V Z
Nursery AM	Bethany T Bethany W	Judith E Bonnie B
Parking Lot AM		
Parking Lot PM		
Sound		
Ushers	Bob S Bob T	Carl E Mark U
Video AM/PM	Luke S	Doug B
AM Cookies	Eileen H	Arlene L
Holland Home Driver	Wally L	Dick S

### 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