

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

Prelude  
 \*Call to Worship and Prayer  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 215: all *When Morning Gilds the Skies*  
 \*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 12: all **Praise Him! Praise Him!**

The Law of God  
 Celebration Hymnal 426: all *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*  
 Assurance of Pardon  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Offering *Cottage Grove General Fund*  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 328: all **My God, How Wonderful Thou Art**

Scripture *Philippians 4: 1 – 9 (pew Bible, p. 1829)*  
 Text *Philippians 4: 5*  
 Sermon **LET YOUR GENTLENESS BE EVIDENT TO ALL**

Prayer of Application  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 424: 1, 2, 4 *The Servant Song*  
 \*Benediction  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 424: 5, 6 *The Servant Song*  
 \*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

**Bold** denotes projected items.

**Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.**

Prelude  
 \*Call to Worship and Prayer  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 656: all **Take Time to Be Holy**  
 \*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting  
 Responsive Reading - Celebration Hymnal 608 *Keep His Commandments*  
 Celebration Hymnal 793: 1, 2, 5 **For the Beauty of the Earth**  
 \*Confession of Faith **The Apostles' Creed** (Psalter p. 3)

The Prayers of God's People  
 Song of Prayer - Celebration Hymnal 627 *Cares Chorus* (twice)  
 Offering *Illiana Christian High School*  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 437: all *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

Scripture *John 14: 15 – 21 (pew Bible, p. 1676)*  
 Text *John 14: 15*  
 Profession of Faith Form, Question 3 *Psalter, p. 132*  
 Sermon **IF YOU LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDS**  
 Prayer of Application

\*Celebration Hymnal 653: 1 – 3 **Whiter Than Snow**  
 \*Benediction  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 653: 4 **Whiter Than Snow**  
 \*Postlude

**Today at Cottage Grove**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Joseph Brinks, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- 10:45 a.m. – 12 noon. **Sunday School** for 4 year olds – 6<sup>th</sup> grade meets. Lesson 5. Homework due: lesson 4.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Rev. Joseph Brinks, preaching. Offering: Illiana Christian High School.

**This Week at Cottage Grove**

**Monday, October 10**

- The **Church Office** will be open.
- 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. **Men's Bible Study** meets. Join us as we study the Letter of Paul to the Romans. Lesson: Romans 4:13-5:11.

**Tuesday, October 11**

- 9:45 – 11 a.m. **Women's Coffee Break Bible Study** meets. Lesson 5: Isaiah 6. **Nursery** for infant – 3 year olds. Nursery: Bonnie Brink, Edie Gritter. **Story Hour** for 3 – 5 year olds.
- 9:45 – 11 a.m. **Men's Coffee Break Bible Study** meets. Lesson: Romans 5:12-6:14.
- 6:30 p.m. **Prayer** for our Council.
- 7:00 p.m. **Council** meets. A copy of the agenda is posted on the library bulletin board.

**Wednesday, October 12**

- 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** meets at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave., Dyer, IN).
- 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.
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. **Midweek Fellowship Dinner**. Sign up on the library bulletin board today if you plan to join us for this dinner. Suggested donation: \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. Following the dinner, plan to stay for a short video from the Ray Vander Laan series *That the World May Know, In the dust of the Rabbi – Becoming a Disciple*, beginning at 7 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. **Gems** meet
- 7:00 p.m. **Cadets** meet.

**Friday, October 14**

- The **Church Office** will be closed.

**Next Week at Cottage Grove**

**Sunday, October 16**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Intern Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon title: THE WORD IN THE WORLD. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Rev. Joseph Brinks, preaching. Sermon title: IN CHRIST JESUS, A NEW CREATION. Offering: Lansing Christian School.

**Coming Events**

**Wednesday, October 26**

- 4:45–7:30 p.m. **Calvinette Gems Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**. Everyone is welcome. All you can eat homemade spaghetti with choice of meat or meatless sauce, bread, salad, dessert & beverage. Donations at the door to support the Calvinette Gems. Carry outs available. See you there!

**Saturday, December 10**

- 1 - 6 p.m. **Journey of Joy**. A number of cast positions are still open for those who have always wanted a chance to be an actor. We need to know that we can count on you – so sign up today! Questions - see Gail V K, Ria B or Bonnie B.

**Prayer Requests**

- Betty C is on hospice care at Manor Care (room 338) and welcomes any who wish to visit.
- Paul E who is at the Villa for rehab.
- Myrtis H has returned to her home.
- Dick S as he recuperates following cancer treatments. Pray for continued healing, strength, and ability to eat.
- Faith S who is at Glenshire Nursing & Rehab Centre.

**Our Church Family**

Will & Dorothy B want to thank the congregation for their prayers and concerns when Dorothy was in a weakened condition. We are so blest to belong to Cottage Grove CRC. God is so good!

"Mary and I are very grateful for the prayers offered on Elroy's behalf during his chemo treatments. We will be meeting with the doctors next week to go over a follow up plan to discuss if any further treatment will be needed and to address some of the side effects he now has from the chemo. Again thank you all so much for the love and concern shown to us during this time." Elroy & Mary H

**From Mission Committee**

**Neighbor Love Idea:** Offer to rake leaves for a neighbor.

**Requested Announcements**

**Monday, October 10, 7:30 p.m. Illiana Christian High School's** Association meeting at the school to vote on a plan to proceed with building the first phase of the new campus. The recommendation, background information and absentee ballot can be found online at buildingilliana.com or in the school office.

**Thursday, October 13. PASS banquet** "Through HIS Loving Eyes" at Odyssey Country Club. Speaker: Dr. George Scipione, Director of the Biblical Counseling Institute at Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA. **RSVP** to Tim Dilbeck at 614-9777x126 by October 1.

**Thursdays, October 13, 20, November 3 & 10, 7:30 p.m. Mid-America Fall Evening Class** led by Rev. Marcus Mininger, at Mid-America Reformed Seminary. The topic of the class will be "The Dwelling Places of God: Past, Present, and Future." The cost is free and registration is online at midamerica.edu.

**Monday evenings, starting October 17, 8:00 - 9:30 pm. Illiana Oratorio Society rehearsals** for its annual presentation of Handel's *Messiah*. The concert will be on Sunday, December 4, at 2:00 p.m. Please join us at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL (16248 South Park Ave.) Please consider joining us for singing this great work of music to God's praise!

**Friday, November 4, Torchlight Dinner**, a ministry celebration for Providence Life Services at the Art Institute of Chicago. Join us for an elegant dinner, access to select galleries, and complimentary valet parking. Make your reservations online at [www.providenceliveservices.com/events](http://www.providenceliveservices.com/events), or by contacting Joan Schutt: (708) 342-8108 or [jschutt@provlife.com](mailto:jschutt@provlife.com).

**Tuesday, November 15 & Wednesday, November 16. Mid-America Fall Lectures** led by Dr. Dennis Johnson, Professor of Practical Theology & Director of Field Education at Westminster Seminary California. Dr. Johnson will be speaking on the topic "Preaching the Scriptures Like Peter and Paul." The cost is free and registration is online at midamerica.edu.

**Hospice Volunteers Needed: Providence Life Services** is starting a hospice in NW Indiana and is looking for individuals to serve as hospice volunteers. The volunteer hours and days are flexible. All you need is a compassionate heart. For more information please contact Rev. Cal Aardsma or Shannon Hinko at (800) 509-2800.

In Service		
	October 9	October 16
Organist AM		Jan H
Pianist AM	Beth H	
Organist PM		
Pianist PM	Joan F	Angela U
Greeters AM	Rich & Kathleen D	Carl & Judith E
Greeter-South AM	Bob S	Ken B
Greeters PM	Dale & Beth E	Gene & Joan F
Nursery AM	Candy D Y Dillon H	Gail W Hannah W
Ushers	Ryan S Rich K Carl E	Terry W Rick U Hank B
Video AM/PM	Bob S	Ken B
AM Cookies	Joanne H	Eileen H
Holland Home Driver	John S	Ken B
Sound Operator	Bob T	Marv S

	Elder Districts	Deacon Districts
A - C	Rick U	Tom V K
D - H	Luke S	Neil V
I - P	Gene F	Ryan S
R - T	Rich K	Ken B
U - Z	Dick S	Bob S



Empowered by  
**GOD'S SPIRIT,**  
 we are called to

COMMUNICATE Christ in word and deed

CONNECT new and established believers in fellowship

COME together around God's word, His table, and in prayer

CULTIVATE disciples for His service.

We are Proclaiming  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
 in South Holland  
 and Beyond for the  
**GLORY OF GOD!**

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