

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 • November 20, 2016**  
**Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.**

**God Calls Us to Worship**

\*Call to Worship  
\*Prayer  
\*Celebration Hymnal 224 *We Have Come into His House*  
\*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting  
\*Celebration Hymnal 214 *He Has Made Me Glad*

**God Renews Us with His Grace**

Lord's Supper Preparatory Psalter, p. 155  
Psalter Hymnal 462: 1, 5, 6 **Take My Life, and Let it Be**  
Profession of Faith of Cary and Karese Gephart Psalter, p. 132  
Baptism of Payton, Keagan, and Amarese Gephart Psalter, p. 129  
Psalter Hymnal 237 **How Shall the Young Direct Their Way?**  
Congregational Prayer  
Offering Cottage Grove General Fund

**God Speaks to Us in His Word**

\*Psalter Hymnal 456: 1 - 2 *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*  
Scripture Acts 2: 40 – 42 (pew Bible, p. 1694)  
Sermon THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES

**God Sends Us Out to Serve**

\*Psalter Hymnal 480: 1 – 2 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*  
\*Benediction  
\*Psalter Hymnal 493 **Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**  
\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

**Bold** denotes projected items.

**Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.**

Prelude  
\*Call to Worship  
\*Prayer  
\*Celebration Hymnal 329 *There is Power in the Blood*  
\*Declaration of Trust and Greeting  
\*Celebration Hymnal 794 **Let All Things Now Living**  
\*Confession of Faith - Lord's Day 26, Q + A 70 Psalter, p. 33  
(read by congregation)  
Responsive Reading Psalm 51 (pew Bible, p. 889)  
(Pastor and Congregation read every other verse)  
Congregational Prayer  
Offering Self Help Jobs Program  
\*Celebration Hymnal 337 *Nothing But the Blood*  
Scripture John 2: 1 – 12 (pew Bible, p. 1648)  
Sermon CHRIST TURNS OUR WATER INTO WINE  
\*Celebration Hymnal 336 **There Is a Fountain**  
\*Closing Prayer  
\*Celebration Hymnal 334: 1 *The Blood Will Never Lose its Power*  
\*Postlude

**Today at Cottage Grove**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Joseph Brinks, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund. We rejoice in the public profession of faith of Pastor Cary and Karese Gephart and the baptism of their 3 children, Peyton, Keagan, and Amarese.
- 10:45 a.m. – 12 noon. **Sunday School** for 4 year olds – 6<sup>th</sup> grade meets. Lesson 10. Homework due: lesson 9.
- 4:00 p.m. **Choir rehearsal** for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Cantata.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Intern Cary Gephart, preaching. Offering: Self Help Jobs Program whose mission is to assist individuals in finding ways to serve by means of employment, provide resources to them, and help them to use their gifts and talents for the benefit of themselves, the larger community, and God's glory.
- Praise Ensemble** practice after the evening service.

**This Week at Cottage Grove**

**Monday, November 21**

- 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. **Men's Bible Study** meets. Join us as we study Romans 9.

**Tuesday, November 22**

- 7:00 p.m. **Consistory** meets.

**Wednesday, November 23**

- 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** meets at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave., Dyer, IN).
- 7:00 p.m. **Praise Ensemble** practice.

**Thursday, November 24**

- 10:00 a.m. **Thanksgiving Day worship service.** Rev. Michael Fennema, preaching. Sermon title: SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR. Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes have been included in your budget envelope boxes. Please use the form that was placed in your mailbox to designate the offering causes of your choice. Extra envelopes and forms are available on the shelf by the library for those who don't have budget envelopes. Undesignated money will be used for the General Fund. **Greeters:** Wally & Arlene L; **Holland Home Driver:** Rich K; **Nursery:** Edie G, Lois B; **Sound:** Marv S; **Ushers:** Terry W, Rick U, Hank B.

**Friday, November 25.**

- We need YOU to help decorate the church for Christmas!** We start at 9:00 a.m. All skill levels and abilities are welcome. Some of the jobs can be done sitting on a chair to fluff the garland for the sanctuary. Others involve climbing a ladder. 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.

**Next Week at Cottage Grove**

**Sunday, November 27**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Joseph Brinks, preaching. Sermon title: ADVENT: JESUS THE MESSIAH. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund. Lord's Supper.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Intern Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon title: ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE. Offering: Multiplication Network.

**Coming Events**

**Saturday, December 10**

- 1-6 p.m. **Journey of Joy.** We still need several refreshment helpers. Sign up or talk to us today if you can help out.
- We will distribute costumes on Sunday morning, November 27.
- Rehearsal** is Monday, December 5.
- If you love to **bake cookies**, please bake a few extra batches and bring them to church to share with our guests.
- Three sizes of flyers** are available in the Fellowship Hall for you to use to invite friends, neighbors and co-workers to the *Journey of Joy.* Please take as many as you can use.
- Pray** that the Lord will use this outreach event to bring glory to our Lord Jesus and to touch the hearts and lives of our neighbors with the story of the Savior's birth. Be sure to sign up today. Questions - see Gail V K, Ria B or Bonnie B.

**Friday, December 16,** 6:00 p.m. Dinner, 7:00 p.m. Movie. The Fellowship Committee Cordially Invites You to **CHRISTMAS DINNER & A MOVIE NIGHT** "It's a Wonderful Life". We will be providing a homemade Christmas dinner! (Turkey, Cranberry Relish, Casseroles, Potatoes, Dessert, Homemade Cider and Egg Nog, and More!) Questions? Contact Mark U at (708) 955-5221. Sign Up on the Bulletin Board by December 4.

**Prayer Requests**

- Paul E is at the Villa for rehab (Room 115).
- Dick S as he battles cancer.
- Faith S who is at Glenshire Nursing & Rehab Centre.

**Our Church Family**

- Congratulations to Eileen H who will celebrate her 83rd birthday on November 24.
- At his request the membership of Ethan K was transferred to Fellowship CRC, Albuquerque, NM.

**From Mission Committee**

**Neighbor Love Idea:** Invite a friend or neighbor to Thanksgiving Service and dinner with your family.

**Bells of Hope** project begins today. Here is an opportunity to share the love of God with family members of inmates at Cook County Jail. The need is very great this year. The bells are on the Mission board in the fellowship hall. When you take a bell off the board please sign your name on the appropriate line on the sheets provided. Gifts must be **returned** to church no later than **Sunday, December 4**. Please remember to **label** your gift with the **name and number** that is on the bell. Please keep the wrapping as simple as possible so the gifts can be sorted and packed easier. If there is anyone who would like to participate in this project but find it difficult to shop there are those willing to shop for you. If you have any questions please contact Joan F (708-333-0198).

**Announcements**

- **Nursery help is needed** for Sunday evenings. Please contact Bonnie Brink at 596-7774 or call the church office at 331-0391 if you are willing to help out.
- THANK YOU from Pastor Joseph Brinks to those of you who donated Bibles to the Gideon's in our honor during October Pastor appreciation month.

**Requested Announcements**

**Sunday December 4, 2:00 p.m. Illiana Oratorio Society** cordially invites you to attend their annual presentation of *Handel's Messiah*. The concert will be at First Christian Reformed Church (16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL). Please join us as we present this marvelous work to God's praise!

**Saturday, December 10, 7 p.m.** Come celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with song! The **Men of A-Chord** cordially invites you to join them in **A Festival of Nine Lessons in Carols for Christmastide** at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL. Come join the singing with the carols and songs of the Season celebrating Christ's birth! Justin Rich is the director, Beverly Hoitsma is the pianist, and Nancy Venema is the organist. Courtney Van Kley will be with us this year as soprano soloist. A free-will offering will be taken.

The board and director of Self-Help Jobs Program appreciate all the financial and prayer support we receive. It is our joy to help job seekers and employers in ways that give glory to God for his abundant gifts. Please remember us at this holiday time of year with financial gifts and prayer. To get practical help with a job search or to find a qualified employee, call the SHJP office at 708-633-6580 or email us at selfhelpjobs@sbcglobal.net. Our address is: Self-Help Jobs Program, 8383 W 171st St, Tinley Park, IL 60477.

**2017 CRWM Calendars** are available by the library bulletin board.

**In Service**

	November 20	November 27
Organist AM		Arlene V Z
Pianist AM	Joan F	
Organist PM	Joanne H	
Pianist PM		Angela U
Greeters AM	Willard & Arlene V Z	Pearl R
Greeter-South AM	Luke S	Ken B
Greeters PM	Joel & Mary Lou N	John & Betty S
Nursery AM	Beth B Doris B	Gail V K Joan F
Ushers	Terry W Rick U Hank B	John H Thomas V K Dave V K
Video AM/PM	Luke S	Ken B
AM Cookies	Mary Lou N	Carol S
Holland Home Driver	Rich K	Wally L
Sound Operator	Marv S	Jon K

**Elder Districts**

A – C	Rick U
D - H	Luke S
I – P	Gene F
R – T	Rich K
U – Z	Dick S

**Deacon Districts**

Tom V K
Neil V
Ryan S
Ken B
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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