

Welcome to Cottage Grove Church and to our services of worship today. This morning we are celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This is the table of the Lord set for all who are trusting in the mercy of Christ for the forgiveness of sin and who are seeking to live according to his commandments. If you are visiting with us and are a professing member in good standing of an evangelical church, we cordially invite you to commune with us. Plan to stay for coffee and fellowship following the service. Recordings of our services are available on our website or on compact disk which can be ordered by calling the church office or by 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 27, 2016**  
**Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.**

Prelude  
\*Call to Worship and Prayer  
\*Hymn  
\*God's Greeting  
\*Celebration Hymnal 244

***Lord, You Were Rich Beyond All Splendor***

***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***

Expectation of Hope – First Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 64: 1 – 9

Advent Prayer

Advent Reading

\*Psalter Hymnal 376: 1, 4

*O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire*

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Cottage Grove General Fund

\*Celebration Hymnal 266

Scripture

Text

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 12, Q+A 31

Sermon

Prayer of Application

*That Beautiful Name*

Matthew 1: 1 - 17 (pew Bible, p. 1496)

Matthew 1:1

Psalter p. 19

ADVENT: JESUS THE MESSIAH

\*Celebration Hymnal 289

Lord's Supper

*Adoration*

**Communion Formulary**

To all of you who have confessed your sins and affirmed your faith in Christ, the promise of Jesus is sure: "Whoever eats my body and drinks my blood has eternal life and will not come into condemnation."

For on the night in which our Lord was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of me." After the same manner also he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

While remaining bread and wine, these sacred elements nevertheless become so united to the reality they signify that we do not doubt but joyfully believe that we receive in this meal nothing less than the crucified body and shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For all who live in rebellion against God and unbelief, this holy food and drink will bring you only further condemnation. If you do not yet confess Jesus Christ and seek to live under his gracious reign, we ask you to abstain. But all who repent and believe are invited to this sacred meal not because you are worthy in yourself, but because you are clothed in Christ's perfect righteousness. Do not allow the weakness of your faith or your failures in the Christian life to keep you from this table. For it is given to us because of our weakness and because of our failures, in order to increase our faith by feeding us with the body and blood of Jesus Christ. As the Word has promised us God's favor, so also our Heavenly Father has added this confirmation of his unchangeable promise. So come, believing sinners, for the table is ready. "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

**The Consecration**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who by the blood of your only begotten Son has secured for us a new and living way into the Holy of Holies, cleanse our minds and hearts by your Word and Spirit that we, your redeemed people, drawing close to you through this holy sacrament, may enjoy fellowship with the Holy Trinity through the body and blood of Christ our Savior. We know that our Ascended Savior does not live in temples made by hands, but is in heaven where he continues to intercede on our behalf. Through this sacrament, by Your own Word and Spirit, may these common elements be now set apart from ordinary use and through them may we be nourished with the body and blood of Christ.

**The Lifting of our Hearts to the Lord**

Let us now go to our Heavenly Table and receive the gift of God for our souls. By the promise of God this bread and wine are for us the body and blood of Christ.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation responds: We lift them up to the Lord.**

\*Benediction

\*Celebration Hymnal 240

\*Postlude

***Of the Father's Love Begotten***

\*Please stand if able.

**Bold** denotes projected items.

## In Service

	November 27	December 4
Organist AM	Arlene V Z	Justin R
Pianist AM		
Organist PM		
Pianist PM	Angela U	Beth H
Greeters AM	Pearl R	Marv & Carl S
Greeter-South AM	Ken B	Neil V
Greeters PM	John & Betty S	Dick & Judy S
Nursery AM	Gail V K Joan F	Kathy K Daniel K
Ushers	John H Thomas V K Dave V K	Bob S Mark U Bob T
Video AM/PM	Ken B	Neil V
AM Cookies	Carol S	Judy S
Holland Home Driver	Wally L	John S
Sound Operator	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

**Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.**

- Prelude
- \*Call to Worship and Prayer
- \*Psalter Hymnal 336 *How Bright Appears the Morning Star*
- \*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
- \*Hymn of the Month – Celebration Hymnal 794 **Let All Things Now Living**
  
- Parables of the Kingdom of God Mark 4:10-12; 21-32
- Discipleship Challenge Scripture Memory **Mark 4: 33 – 34**
- The Prayers of God's People
- Offering Multiplication Network Ministries
- \*Celebration Hymnal 319 *Near the Cross*
  
- Scripture John 2: 13 – 25 (pew Bible, p. 1648)
- Sermon ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE
- Prayer of Application
  
- \*Psalter Hymnal 388 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*
- \*Closing Prayer
- \*Psalter Hymnal 490 **Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Hosts Above**
- \*Postlude

## Today at Cottage Grove

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Joseph Brinks, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund. Lord's Supper.
- **Journey of Joy Costume pick up** is today. All cast members, tour guides and assistant tour guides are asked to go to classroom 1 to get your costume. Costumes need to be brought home, ironed and returned on December 5.
- 4:00 p.m. **Choir rehearsal.**
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Intern Cary Gephart, preaching. Offering: Multiplication Network Ministries, which equips local leaders who already understand their culture, language and social networks, enabling them to share the Gospel more effectively than someone from another country and culture. MNM currently has a presence in more than 30 countries in Latin America, Africa, Europe and Asia.
- 6:45-8:30 p.m. **SWAP (Youth group)** meets. Decisions; Concern for Others.

## This Week at Cottage Grove

### Monday, November 28

- 7:00 p.m. **Deacons** meet.

### Wednesday, November 30

- 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** meets at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave., Dyer, IN).
- 9:30 a.m. **Mission Committee** meets.
- 7:00 p.m. **Gems** meet.
- 7:00 p.m. **Cadets** meet.

## Next Week at Cottage Grove

## Sunday, December 4

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Joseph Brinks, preaching. Sermon title: ADVENT: JESUS THE MESSIAH. Offering: Education Fund.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Intern Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon title: ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- We are in need of several men and women (high school age+, no children please) to begin **Journey of Joy** set up following the evening service on Sunday, Dec. 4. We need help emptying the classrooms, Council Room, Nursery and Choir room in preparation for Monday set up. If you are willing to stay after church and lend a hand, please meet at the front of the sanctuary. We anticipate accomplishing this in less than 1 hour.

## Coming Events

### Saturday, December 10

- 1-6 p.m. **Journey of Joy**. We still need several refreshment helpers. Sign up or talk to one of us today if you can help out.
- **Rehearsal** is Monday, December 5.
- Cookie Bakers – we still need lots of cookies! Please bake and bring cookies to church by December 7. Please label them for **Journey of Joy** and label your containers if you want them returned to you. Thanks so much for all your help.
- **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.
- Set up continues on Monday, Dec. 5 beginning at 9 a.m. Please join us if you are willing to help, even for an hour or two.

**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.

### Sunday, December 25

First CRC will join us for evening worship.

### Sunday, January 1

We will join First CRC for evening worship.

### Sunday, January 8

First CRC will join us for evening worship.

## Prayer Requests

- Dorothy B as she struggles with weakness.
- Rose S is at Community Hospital for rehab following a fall.
- Dick S as he battles cancer.
- Faith S who is at Glenshire Nursing & Rehab Centre.

## Our Church Family

- Congratulations to Wally L who will celebrate his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 30.

## From Mission Committee

**Neighbor Love Idea:** Ask a neighbor if they would like to walk or exercise with you.

**Bells of Hope.** There are still some bells available on the Mission board. Here is an opportunity to share the love of God with family members of inmates at Cook County Jail. 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 finds 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

- Please make note of this new address for Pearl R, 1401 Schaller Lane, Dyer, IN 46311. Phone: 219-322-2013.
- "Thank you for the cards and best wishes for my birthday." Luke S.

## Requested Announcements

**Saturday, December 3**, 4 p.m. The Music Department at Trinity Christian College invites you to our 15th annual **Christmastide** in the Ozinga Chapel. This year's theme, "The Gifts of Christmas," will be displayed through various styles of music including hymn, gospel, choir, and instrumental music. Christmastide contains vocal performances by the Concert Choir, Gospel Choir, and Honors Ensemble. Trinity's Wind Ensemble and Brass Quintet will also take part in the celebration.

**Sunday December 4**, 2 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.

For over 30 years, the Self-Help Jobs Program has been helping people achieve employment by teaching them the skills of job searching. We want to help with your successful search. Be a part of the ranks of those who are employed. Office hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 708-633-6580 or email [selfhelpjobs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:selfhelpjobs@sbcglobal.net).

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

**Lansing Christian School is looking for a 6th grade girls' basketball coach.** Tryouts are December 2. First game scheduled for January 19. Please call the school at 708-474-1700 or e-mail Terri Stallinga @ [tstallinga@lansingchristian.org](mailto:tstallinga@lansingchristian.org).