

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 12, 2017**  
**Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.**

Prelude  
 \*Call to Worship and Prayer  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 324 **God Himself Is with Us**  
 \*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 303: 1, 2, 4, 6 *O Sing Ye Hallelujah*

The Law of God  
 Prayer of Confession  
 Song of Repentance and Forgiveness –  
 Psalter Hymnal 424:1, 2, 3, 5 **Just As I Am**  
 Lord's Supper Preparatory Psalter, p. 155  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Offering Cottage Grove Education Fund  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 410: 1, 2, 4, 5 **Standing on the Promises**

Scripture John 7: 37 – 39 (pew Bible, p. 1660)  
 Sermon THIRSTY  
 Prayer of Application

\*Celebration Hymnal 720 *Come, Every One Who Is Thirsty*  
 \*Benediction  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 684 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  
 \*Postlude

**Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.**

Prelude  
 \*Call to Worship and Prayer  
 \*Opening Hymn **The Glorious Gates of Righteousness**  
 \*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting  
 \*Hymn **The Apostles' Creed**  
 (sung to the tune of Psalter Hymnal 231 – 4 verses)

The Prayers of God's People  
 Offering Cottage Grove General Fund  
 \*Song **Make me a Channel of Your Peace**

Scripture John 7:40 – 52 (pew Bible, p. 1660)  
 Sermon THE DIVIDER  
 Prayer of Application

\*Hymn **Wonderful, Merciful Savior**  
 \*Benediction  
 \*Closing Song **The Glorious Gates of Righteousness**  
 \*Postlude

**Today at Cottage Grove**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove Education Fund.
- 10:45 a.m. – 12 noon. **Sunday School** for 4 year olds – 4<sup>th</sup> grade meets. Lesson 8. Homework due: Lesson 7.
- 10:45 a.m. – 12 noon. **Catechism** for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade meets. Lesson 8. Memory work #7.
- 4:00 p.m. **Choir rehearsal.**
- 5:30 p.m. Evening worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.

**This Week at Cottage Grove**

- Monday, November 13**
- 6:45 p.m. **Men's Bible Study** meets. All men are welcome to join us as we study *Acts*. Lesson 8. Acts 7:30-8:4.
- Tuesday, November 14**
- 9:45 – 11 a.m. **Women's Coffee Break Bible Study and Fall Luncheon.** Lesson 9. Mark 12. **Nursery:** Bonnie B.
  - 9:45 – 11 a.m. **Men's Coffee Break Bible Study and Fall Luncheon.** Lesson 9. Acts 8:4-40.
  - 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us in **Prayer** for our Council.
  - 7:00 p.m. **Council** meets. A copy of the agenda is posted on the library bulletin board.
- Wednesday, November 15**
- 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave., Dyer, IN).

- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. **Midweek meal.** Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be a video by Ray Vander Laan at 7 p.m. Hope you will join us for a time of food and fellowship.
  - 7:00 p.m. **Gems** meet.
  - 7:00 p.m. **Cadets** meet.
  - 7:00 p.m. **Financial Peace University Class** meets.
- Thursday, November 16**
- 12 noon. Bulletin deadline.
  - 6:30 p.m. **Mission Committee** meets.
- Friday, November 17**
- 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. **Pray South Holland.** Churches and Ministries of South Holland are joining together at Thorn Creek Reformed Church (1875 E. 170th St.) to pray for South Holland. Inspired by Pray Chicago, Pray South Holland seeks to unite the people of God in the village for prayer and worship. Different denominations, but one church. Different cultures and ethnicities, but one family. Different styles of worship but one God. Come out and join us for Pray South Holland!

**Next Week at Cottage Grove**

- Sunday, November 19**
- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Pastor Joseph Brinks, preaching. Sermon title: YOU SHALL NOT STEAL. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund. Lord's Supper.
  - 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon title: THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. Offering: Christian Reformed World Renew Disaster Relief Services.
  - 6:45 p.m. **Praise Ensemble Practice** for Thanksgiving Day.
- Thursday, November 23**
- 10:00 a.m. **Thanksgiving Day worship service.** Rev. Joseph Brinks, preaching. **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 Education Fund. **Greeters:** Joel & Mary Lou N; **Nursery:** Grace & Zeke H; **Ushers:** Terry W, Rick U, Hank B; **Holland Home Driver:** Rich K.

**Coming Events**

- Saturday, December 2**
- Start off the holiday season with a trip to Lincoln Park Zoo's **"Zoo Lights"**! We will be meeting at church at 3:30 p.m. and will carpool to this FREE event! Please feel free to either bring food or plan on getting food at the zoo. Sign up on the bulletin board TODAY so we will know how many people to expect. Note that parking in the area may cost up to \$35, so plan accordingly.

\*Please stand if able. **Bold** denotes projected items.

**From Mission Committee**

**Neighbor Love Idea:** Invite a friend or family to share Thanksgiving with your family.

**Sabbath Rest:**

- Gift cards to McDonalds or Walgreens for \$5 or \$10 are also very helpful.
- If anyone is willing to prepare lunch for 20-25 people for any month please contact Carol S.

**From The Deacons**

Our missionary, Kevin Laverman's vehicle is almost 25 years old, has broken down and is in need of substantial repairs. They have been planning for a replacement, but the most recent break down has left them without a vehicle. They are currently \$7,500 short of their goal and they are asking for any help to get the new van. They are asking for assistance from all of their supporters. The Deacon's are accepting donations through November 19, 2017 to help with their new van. Donations can be made through budget envelopes or by specially notating the gift.

**Announcements**

- **Bells of Hope** project begins next week! This project involves partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach. Gifts are purchased for the families of inmates at Cook County Prison and Westville Correction Center. So, check out the board next week and PRAY how you as a family or individual can become involved.
- At their request the membership of Doug & Marcia B and Doug & Jan V T has been dismissed to affiliate with First Church PCA, Lansing, IL.

**Requested Announcements**

**Monday, November 13,** 8:00-9:30 pm. Illiana Oratorio Society rehearsal for its annual presentation of **Handel's Messiah** on Sunday, December 3, at 2:00 p.m. Please join us at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL (16248 South Park Ave.) for singing this great work of music to God's praise!

**Saturday, November 18, Illiana Christian** silent and live auction to benefit the athletic department, the STEM program and the Christian Aid Fund. The silent auction begins at 5 p.m. in the upper gym and the live auction begins at 5:30 p.m. in the lower gym. If you have any questions or would like to donate to the auction, please email [ddeboer@illianaweb.org](mailto:ddeboer@illianaweb.org).

**Thursday, November 30,** 7:00 p.m. **Preview Illiana Open House.** Discover what Illiana Christian High School has to offer. Prospective students and parents interested in learning more about Illiana are welcome. Meet with faculty and administration, tour the campus, observe live teaching, and have all of your questions about Illiana answered. Call Marie Limback at 708-474-0515 ext. 49 with any questions.

**Sunday, December 3,** 2:00 p.m. **Illiana Oratorio Society's** 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!

**Sunday, December 3. Classis Illiana** invites you to witness the installation of Pastor Siang Hup, our Burmese church planter in Indianapolis, IN. Check the library bulletin board for more details.

**Saturday, December 9,** 7 p.m. Come celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with song! The **Men of A-Chord** cordially invite you to join them for their annual **Christmas Candlelight Concert** at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL. Join the singing with 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. Betsy Archer will be with us this year as soprano soloist. A free-will offering will be taken.

**Self-Help Jobs Program.** For some, confusion over social networking sites and their value abounds. Using LinkedIn is not for everyone but very good for some. Companies and recruiters are using LinkedIn to find good quality candidates for their openings. To get help with creating a super star LinkedIn profile, call 708-633-6580 and the Self-Help Jobs Program director will be happy to assist you. Resumes, cover letters, letters of influence, thank you letters, and networking handbills are other documents that we help to write.

**In Service**

|                     | November 12                | November 19                 |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Organist AM         | Arlene V Z                 |                             |
| Pianist AM          |                            | Joan F                      |
| Organist PM         |                            | Joanne H                    |
| Pianist PM          | Joan F                     |                             |
| Greeters AM         |                            | Willard & Arlene V Z        |
| Greeter-South AM    | Gene F                     | Rich K                      |
| Greeters PM         | Gene & Joan F              | Cary & Karese G             |
| Nursery AM          | Beth H<br>Dale H           | Judith E<br>Bonnie B        |
| Ushers              | Ryan S<br>Rich K<br>Carl E | Terry W<br>Rick U<br>Hank B |
| Video AM/PM         | Gene F                     | Rich K                      |
| AM Cookies          | Alecia S                   | Cheri S                     |
| Holland Home Driver | Gene F                     | Rich K                      |
| Sound Operator      | Bob T                      | Marv S                      |

|       | Elder Districts | Deacon Districts |
|-------|-----------------|------------------|
| A – G | Rick U          | A – D Ryan S     |
| H - S | Gene F          | E – K Mark U     |
| T – Z | Rich K          | L – T Rich D     |
|       |                 | U – Z 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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