

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 • December 24, 2017
Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.**

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Opening Hymn **Hark the Glad Sound! the Savior Comes**
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Celebration Hymnal 240 **Of the Father's Love Begotten**
 The Law of God
 Hymn **Lord, You Were Rich Beyond All Splendor**

Assurance of Pardon
 Congregational Prayer
 Offering **Cottage Grove General Fund**
 *Hymn **Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming**

Scripture **Matthew 1: 21 (p.1497)**
Ephesians 5: 25 – 27 (p. 1823)
 Texts **Matthew 1: 21, Ephesians 5: 25 – 27**
 Sermon **SAVED FOR WHAT? (continued)**
 Prayer of Application

Ministry of Music – Mark Uittenbogaard **Mary, Did You Know?**
 Lord's Supper Formulary
 Celebration Hymnal 287 **A Communion Hymn for Christmas**
 Serving the Elements
 *Benediction
 *Closing Song **Joy Has Dawned**
 *Postlude

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

Today at Cottage Grove

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Pastor Joseph Brinks, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- Praise Ensemble Practice** following the morning service.

This Week at Cottage Grove

- Monday, December 25**
- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service. Pastor Joseph Brinks, preaching. Sermon title: JESUS IMMANUEL Offering: Elim Christian Services. **Organist:** Arlene Vander Zee; **Pianist:** Beth Herman; **Nursery:** Candy De Young, Karesse Gephart; **Usher:** Dave Van Kuiken; **Holland Home Driver:** Ken Brink; **Sound:** Jon Koniarski.
- Wednesday, December 27**
- 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave., Dyer, IN).
- Thursday, December 28**
- 12 noon. **Bulletin deadline.**

Next Week at Cottage Grove

- Sunday, December 31**
- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon title: THE JOY OF CHRIST. Offering: Cottage Grove Vacation Bible School.
 - 5:30 p.m. Evening worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon title: THE LOVE OF CHRIST Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.

Coming Events

Coming Soon! Please join us during the Sunday School hour after the morning worship service for an **Adult Education video series: Gravity and Gladness, The Pursuit of God in Corporate Worship.** Please note that you do not have to be present at all sessions to attend--join us whenever you can! This series will begin on January 7, at 11:15 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Sunday, January 7, 7:30 p.m. Come end the Christmas Season and begin the New Year with song! The **Men of A-Chord** invite you to join them for **One Last Christmas Carol** at Cottage Grove Church. Come join the singing with many of your favorite carols and hymns and Dr. Joel Nederhood providing meditations. If you've never attended and wanted to, maybe this is the year to join the evening. A free-will offering will be taken.

Sunday, January 7. 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.

Tuesday, January 9, 7:00 p.m. Did you know that Americans currently owe 1 TRILLION DOLLARS in credit card debt, while 64% of Americans cannot cover a \$1,000 emergency? We will host Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University at Cottage Grove. The class is designed for adults, regardless of age and financial status. The class covers how to get out of debt, create a budget, make wise spending decisions, and save for the future, all from a God-centered perspective. The class cost is \$109 and includes Dave Ramsey's book "Complete Guide to Money", Dave's cash envelope system, and 1 year of EveryDollarPlus. Angela has several discounted memberships available for \$80 as well. Please contact Angela U (708-240-1187) with any questions.

Our Church Family

- "I want to thank the congregation for all their prayers and so many cards of encouragement. These kindnesses were greatly appreciated by myself and my family during this time of sorrow and loss of my brother Howard." Karen K
- Pray for Will & Dorothy B as Dorothy is hospitalized with various health struggles.

From Mission Committee

Neighbor Love Idea: Invite several families over for a New Year's Eve game night. Begin the evening by going to a New Year's Eve service together.

Announcements

The wifi at church is now working. The network is: CGC-guest. The password is: Cottagegrovecrc.

In Service

	December 24	December 31
Organist AM	Arlene V Z	
Pianist AM		Joan F
Organist PM		Joanne H
Pianist PM		
Greeters AM		Willard & Arlene V Z
Greeter-South AM	Ryan S	Rich K
Greeters PM		Rich & Birdie V Z
Nursery AM	Gail V K Keagan G	Gail W Hannah W
Ushers	Dave V K	Bob S Mark U Bob T
Video AM/PM	Ryan S	Rich K
AM Cookies	Birdie V Z	
Holland Home Driver	Ken B	Ria B
Sound Operator	Jon K	

	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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