

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 • December 2, 2018
Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Celebration Hymnal 272: 1 – 5
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Celebration Hymnal 286: 1 – 4 **Once in Royal David's City**

The Law of God
 Scripture Memory work Romans 13: 8 – 10
 Song of the Month • Psalter Hymnal 342 *Silent Night! Holy Night!*
 Assurance of Pardon
 Congregational Prayer
 Offering Cottage Grove General Fund
 *Psalter Hymnal 376: 1 – 4 *O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire*

Scripture Luke 2: 1 – 20 (pew Bible, p. 1590)
 Text Luke 2: 11
 Sermon "TODAY IN THE TOWN OF DAVID
 A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN ... MESSIAH, THE LORD."
 Prayer of Application

*Celebration Hymnal 43: 1 – 3 **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**
 *Benediction
 *Celebration Hymnal 43: 4 **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**
 *Postlude

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

Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Celebration Hymnal 1: 1 – 4 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Celebration Hymnal 571: 1 – 5 *Trust and Obey*
 *Confession of Faith **The Apostles' Creed** (Psalter, p. 3)

The Prayers of God's People
 Offering Cottage Grove Education Fund
 *Celebration Hymnal 343: 1 – 5 **Amazing Grace**

Scripture Ephesians 2: 1 – 10 (pew Bible, p. 1818)
 Text Ephesians 2: 8 – 10
 Sermon "FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
 THROUGH FAITH ..."

Prayer of Application
 *Celebration Hymnal 435: 1 – 3 *God of Grace and God of Glory*
 *Benediction
 *Celebration Hymnal 435: 4 *God of Grace and God of Glory*
 *Postlude

Today at Cottage Grove

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Pastor Joseph Brinks, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- 11:00 a.m. **Sunday School Christmas Program practice.** No homework due.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening worship. Pastor Joseph Brinks, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove Education Fund.

This Week at Cottage Grove

- Wednesday, December 5**
- 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave., Dyer, IN).
- Thursday, December 6**
- 12 noon. **Bulletin deadline.**

Next week at Cottage Grove

- Sunday, December 9**
- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon title: WAITING FOR JUSTICE – TAMAR. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
 - 5:30 p.m. Evening worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon Title: INCARNATION CELEBRATION. Offering: Pregnancy Aid South Suburbs. This service will include our Sunday School Christmas Program *Incarnation Celebration*.

Friday, December 14

- 5:45 p.m. **Caroling at Holland Home.** Come sing some Christmas carols and spread holiday cheer to the residents of Holland Home! We will be meeting at church at 5:45 PM to leave for Holland Home. No sign up is required, and we will provide music for all who attend. After we are done, we will reconvene at church for some hot chocolate and desserts! Questions? Contact Mark U at (708) 955-5221.

Our Church Family

- Marge K is in Christ Hospital for treatment of a tear in the esophagus after minor surgery to remove a drain in her abdomen. Pray for strength and healing.
- Marlene U has been transferred to the Villas in South Holland for therapy to gain strength. Pray that her strength will improve.

From Mission Committee

- BELLS OF HOPE.** All gifts for Bells of Hope are due **TODAY.** Please include **name and number** on the gift. Chicagoland Prison Outreach is also looking for volunteers to help deliver the gifts and food to the families. If you are interested in helping please contact the CPO office at 708-331-3301.
- Neighbor Love Idea:** Watch a young family's children so they can go Christmas shopping.
- Save your cancelled postage stamps!** The Alliance Stamp Ministry sells cancelled postage stamps for Christian materials in Central and South America. Place your cancelled stamps in the box in the Fellowship Hall. This is an ongoing project...and it doesn't cost you anything! With Christmas coming and everyone getting extra mail – let's see how many stamps we can collect!

Announcements

- Our **Wifi** domain is CGC-Guest, and the password is Cottagegrovecr.
- Our GEMS club is looking for women to come to a Wednesday night meeting (or 2). An extra pair of hands would be a great blessing to both our counselors and our GEMS. Dates, further details, and a sign-up sheet are on the library bulletin board.
- General Fund offerings needed each week to make budget \$3,068. General Fund offerings for 11/18: \$3,072, Over/(Short) \$4. The General Fund offerings for 11/25: \$2,787. Over/(Short) (\$281).
- The Deacons would like to **thank the congregation** for their generous contributions to all causes, but especially for remembering the local church for our Thanksgiving Day offering.

Requested Announcements

Sunday December 2, 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 (located at

16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL). Please join us as we present this marvelous work to God's praise!

December 7 and 8. Cedar Lake Ministries *Merry and Bright Christmas Concert Series*. Each concert will begin at 6 p.m. with an exquisite buffet dinner, dessert, and a wonderful concert. Friday, December 7 features Tribute Quartet, a Southern Gospel group, singing songs of the season and music with a message that will leave you refreshed and uplifted. Saturday, December 8 features Mark Bishop, an award-winning singer, leading Gospel songwriter, and producer with 30+ years of Gospel music, singing songs of the season and sharing captivating stories of love, faith, and family through his storytelling music. *Merry and Bright* ticket pricing is as follows: Standard – \$50 per person; Groups of 6 or more – \$5 off. Purchase your tickets today by calling 219-374-5941 or by visiting www.cedarlakeministries.org. Groups welcome! Proceeds will support the life-changing work of Cedar Lake Ministries.

Saturday, December 15, 7 p.m. Come celebrate the Christmas season with song! The **Men of A-Chord** cordially invite you to join them in **A Festival of Nine Lessons in Carols for Christmastide** at Thorn Creek Reformed Church of South Holland, IL. Come join the singing with the Carols and Songs of the Season celebrating Christ's birth! Justin Rich, director; Beverly Hoitsma, pianist; and Nancy Venema, organist. Betsy Archer will be with us this year as soprano soloist. A free-will offering will be taken.

Sunday, December 30, 7:30 p.m. **One Last Christmas Carol Sing** with Men of A-Chord. Featuring meditations by Dr. Joel Nederhood., instrumentalists, concluding with the Hallelujah Chorus. Invite your friends.

June 11-18, 2019. The Illiana Christian High School Foundation is planning an eight-day, seven-night trip to Boston, Martha's Vineyard and surrounding areas for alumni and friends of Illiana. The trip will be led by Jeff White, a history teacher at ICHS. This guided tour will include two days on Martha's Vineyard, visits to New Bedford, Concord, Lowell and Plymouth, and several days in Boston. The cost is \$1,850 per person for double occupancy or \$2,600 for single occupancy and includes airfare, transportation during the week, lodging, admission to all attractions and at least two meals a day. No Sunday activities will be planned. We are looking for commitments (\$250 non-refundable deposit) by **December 20** with full payment due by **February 1**. For any questions regarding the trip or to receive an informational brochure, please contact Bonnie Trepton (708) 474-0515 ext. 24 or Jeff White at jeff.white@illianachristian.org.

In Service		
	December 2	December 9
Organist AM	Arlene V Z	
Pianist AM		Beth H
Organist PM		
Pianist PM	Judy S	Barb U
Greeters AM		Arlene L
Greeter-South AM	Bob T	Willard V Z
Greeters PM		Joel & Mary Lou N
Nursery AM	Beth H Dale H	Judith E Bonnie B
Ushers	Mark U Bob T	Ryan S Rich K Carl E
Video AM	Bob T	Willard V Z
Video PM	Neil V	Neil V
AM Cookies	Birdie V Z	Gail V K
Holland Home Driver	Arlene L	Judy S
Sound Operator	Marv S	Bob T

Deacon Districts		Elder Districts	
A-D	Ryan S	A-G	Rick U
E-H	Mark U	H-S	Will V Z (Dec-Apr)
I-R	Ken B	H-L	Hank B (Apr-Nov)
S-U	Rich D	M-S	Will V M (Apr-Nov)
V-Z	Bob T	T-Z	Rich K



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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