

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 9, 2018**  
**Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.**

- Prelude
- \*Call to Worship and Prayer
- \*Celebration Hymnal 244 **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**
- \*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
- \*Song of the Month • Psalter Hymnal 342 *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

- Call to Confession and Assurance of Pardon Romans 3: 9 – 26
- Song of Assurance • Celebration Hymnal 266 *That Beautiful Name*
- Guide for Godly Living
- Congregational Prayer
- Offering Cottage Grove General Fund
- \*Celebration Hymnal 245 **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**
- Scripture Genesis 38 (pew Bible, p. 62)
- Text Matthew 1 (pew Bible, p.1496)
- Sermon WAITING FOR JUSTICE - TAMAR
- Prayer of Application

- \*Psalter Hymnal 192 *Unto God Our Savior*
- \*Benediction
- \*Celebration Hymnal 247 *Let's Worship and Adore Him*
- \*Postlude

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

**Today at Cottage Grove**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- 11:00 a.m. **Sunday School Christmas Program practice.** No homework due.
- 11:00 a.m. **Council** meets. A copy of the agenda is posted on the library bulletin board.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Offering: Pregnancy Aid South Suburbs, a crisis pregnancy center that seeks through the Word of God, to convince women seeking abortion to choose life, and to support them after their decision. This service includes our Sunday School Christmas Program *Incarnation Celebration*.

**This Week at Cottage Grove**

**Wednesday, December 12**

- 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave., Dyer, IN).
- **Sabbath Rest.** Please keep **Sabbath Rest** in your prayers this week as we minister to the homeless. If you are willing to prepare a hot lunch for about 25 people any month between now and April, please contact Carol S. Gift cards to Walgreens or McDonalds are also appreciated. Thanks for your participation!
- 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. **Gems Christmas Party** at First CRC.
- 7:00 p.m. **Cadet Christmas Party.**

**Thursday, December 13**

- 12 noon. **Bulletin deadline.**

**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'll 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.

**Next week at Cottage Grove**

**Sunday, December 16**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon title: WAITING FOR JUDGMENT – RAHAB. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon Title: DAILY BREAD, DEBTS AND DEBTORS. Offering: Cottage Grove Education Fund.

**Coming Events**

**Tuesday, December 25**

- 10:00 a.m. **Christmas Day Worship service.**

**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.

**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 is at the Villas in South Holland for therapy to gain strength. Pray that her strength will improve.
- Congratulations to Rich V Z who celebrates his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday today.

**From Mission Committee**

- **Neighbor Love Idea:** Invite your neighbors over for a Christmas Cookie Exchange.
- **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 Cottagegrovecrc.
- 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).

**Requested Announcements**

**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.

**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](mailto:jeff.white@illianachristian.org).



**In Service**

	December 9	December 16
Organist AM		Arlene V Z
Pianist AM	Beth H	
Organist PM		
Pianist PM	Barb U	Joan F
Greeters AM	Arlene L	Willard & Arlene V Z
Greeter-South AM	Willard V Z	Rick U
Greeters PM	Joel & Mary Lou N	Marv & Carol S
Nursery AM	Judith E Bonnie B	Grace H Zeke H
Ushers	Ryan S Rich K Carl E	Terry W Rick U
Video AM	Willard V Z	Rick U
Video PM	Neil V	Neil V
AM Cookies	Gail V K	Joanne V
Holland Home Driver	Judy S	Rich K
Sound Operator	Bob T	Marv S

**Deacon Districts**

A-D Ryan S  
E-H Mark U  
I-R Ken B  
S-U Rich D  
V-Z Bob T

**Elder Districts**

A-G Rick U  
H-S Will V Z (Dec-Apr)  
H-L Hank B (Apr-Nov)  
M-S Will V M (Apr-Nov)  
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.

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**JESUS CHRIST**  
 in South Holland  
 and Beyond for the  
**GLORY OF GOD!**

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