

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 23, 2018  
Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.

- Prelude
- \*Call to Worship and Prayer
- \*Celebration Hymnal 289 Adoration
- \*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
- \*Hymn In a Cave

- Rules for Holy Living Colossians 3: 1 – 17
- \*Celebration Hymnal 256 Love Has Come
- Congregational Prayer
- Offering Cottage Grove General Fund
- \*Psalter Hymnal 277 Gracious Lord, Remember David

- Scripture 2 Samuel 11 (pew Bible, p. 486)
- Text Matthew 1 (pew Bible, p. 1496)
- Sermon WAITING FOR THE KING - BATHSHEBA
- Prayer of Application
- The Lord’s Supper
- Communion Formulary
- The Consecration
- Song What Feast of Love
- The Lifting of our Hearts to the Lord
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- Congregation responds: We lift them up to the Lord.
- Serving of the Elements

- \*Celebration Hymnal 45 Crown Him with Many Crowns
- \*Benediction
- \*Closing Song Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Reigns
- \*Postlude

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

Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.

- Prelude
- \*Call to Worship and Prayer
- \*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
- \*Song of the Month • Psalter Hymnal 342 Silent Night! Holy Night!
- \*Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed (Psalter, p. 4)

- \*Psalter Hymnal 335 Come, Thou Long-Expected Savior
- The Prayers of God's People Bethshan
- Offering
- \*Psalter Hymnal 254 O Lord, My Earnest Cry
- Scripture Matthew 6: 5 – 15 (pew Bible, p. 1504)
- Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 52 Psalter, p. 63
- Sermon LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION
- Prayer of Application

- \*Psalter Hymnal 261 I Lift Up Mine Eyes to the Mountains
- \*Benediction
- \*Psalter Hymnal 334 Now May Thy Servant, Lord
- \*Postlude

Today at Cottage Grove

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund. Lord’s Supper.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Offering: Bethshan provides residential care and services for developmentally disabled adults. Residents are helped to develop the skills necessary to function as active, fruitful members of society.

This Week at Cottage Grove

- Monday, December 24
  - 10:00 a.m. Praise Ensemble practice.
- Tuesday, December 25
  - 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship service. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon title: REJOICING IN THE PROMISED ONE - MARY. Offering: Cottage Grove Mission Fund. Organist: Arlene V Z; Pianist: Beth H; Greeters: Ryan & Alecia S; Nursery: Edie G, Beth E; Usher: Dave V K; Holland Home Driver: Ria B; Sound: Jon K.
- Wednesday, December 26
  - 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Sheffield’s Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave., Dyer, IN).
- Thursday, December 27
  - 12 noon. Bulletin deadline.

Next week at Cottage Grove

- Sunday, December 30
  - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Dr. Cornel Venema, preaching. Sermon title: THE LORD IS OUR KEEPER – ALWAYS! Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
  - 5:30 p.m. Evening worship. Pastor Joel Nederhood, preaching. Sermon Title: BY THE SEA OF CRYSTAL. Offering: World Renew.
  - 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.

Coming Events

- Sunday, January 6, 2019. 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.

Our Church Family

- Continue to pray for strength and healing for Marge K.
- Marlene U is at the Villas in South Holland. Pray that her strength will improve.

From Mission Committee

- Nighbor Love Idea: Share your Christmas celebration with someone who is alone for Christmas.
- 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.

Requested Announcements

- Thursday, January 10, 7:30 p.m. The Dordt College Concert Choir from Sioux Center, IA, invites you to a concert at First Christian Reformed Church in South Holland. The concert is part of a winter music tour with performances in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, and Indiana. Directed by Mr. Ryan Smit, the ensembles will perform a wide variety of choral music, including hymn arrangements, gospel, classics from Mozart and Brahms, mutli-

cultural songs from around the globe, and profound works from exciting new composers. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses. If you are willing to host 2-4 students after the concert, please contact Deb DeJong at 708-899-9957 or email her at [davedebdj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:davedebdj@sbcglobal.net).

**Thursday, January 17,** 6:30-8:00 pm, Lansing Christian School will be holding PreK Preview Day for students who will be entering PreK3 and PreK4 for the 2019-2020 school year. If your child will be between the ages of 3-4 by September 1, 2019, we invite you to come! We offer half or full day and 3 or 5 day classes. Please call the school office at 708-474-1700 or email [office@lansingchristian.org](mailto:office@lansingchristian.org), if you will be attending or for more information.

**Thursday, January 24,** 6:30-8:00 pm., Lansing Christian School will be holding Kindergarten Preview Night for students who will be entering Kindergarten the 2019-2020 school year. If your child will be 5 by September 1, 2019, you are invited to come! We will have information on both our English track and Spanish Immersion track. Call the school office at 708-474-1700 or email [office@lansingchristian.org](mailto:office@lansingchristian.org), if you will be attending or for more information.

**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).

**Calvin Christian School** is seeking a bus driver. If you are interested, or know of someone who is, please contact Randy Moes, Principal, at [rmoes@calvinschool.org](mailto:rmoes@calvinschool.org) or call the school office at 708-331-5027 for more information.

**Calvin Christian School** is looking for **school board nominees** for the term starting next summer. This is open to men or women, younger or older, with or without children at Calvin (past or present), so long as you have a passion for the school and its

mission. Our terms of office are 2 years. Our standing committees include Education, Finance, Property, and Admissions. If you are interested in serving as a candidate, please contact Randy Moes at 708-331-5027 or board president Dan Oldenkamp at [daniel.oldenkamp@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.oldenkamp@gmail.com)

**Calvin Christian School** is also looking for a Calvin-affiliated volunteer to serve on the **New 2 U thrift store board**. Contact Dan Oldenkamp at [daniel.oldenkamp@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.oldenkamp@gmail.com) if you are interested.

In Service		
	December 23	December 30
Organist AM	Arlene V Z	
Pianist AM		Barb U
Organist PM		Justin R
Pianist PM	Joan F	
Greeters AM	Judy S	Tim & Bethany T
Greeter-South AM	Rich D	Rich K
Greeters PM	Bob & Cheri S	Mark & Angela U
Nursery AM	Ria B Peyton G	Gail V K Judy S
Ushers	Dave V K	Dave V K
Video AM	Rich D	Rich K
Video PM	Neil V	Neil V
AM Cookies	Gail W	Evelyn Z
Holland Home Driver	Ria B	Ken B
Sound Operator	Jon K	Jon K

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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