

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

Prelude  
 \*Call to Worship and Prayer 1 Chronicles 29: 10b – 13  
 \*Opening Hymn **Across the Lands**  
 \*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting  
 \*Hymn **Rejoice, Rejoice, Come Sing with Me**

The Law of God  
 Hymn of Confession • Psalter Hymnal 389  
**Not What My Hands Have Done**

Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 2: 1 – 10  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Offering Cottage Grove General Fund  
 \*Celebration Hymnal 563 **Open My Eyes That I May See**

Scripture Psalm 121 (pew Bible, p. 965)  
 Sermon THE LORD IS OUR KEEPER – ALWAYS!  
 Prayer of Application

\*Psalter Hymnal 261 **I Lift Up Mine Eyes to the Mountains**  
 \*Benediction  
 \*Closing Song • Psalter Hymnal 373: 1, 4 **Beautiful Savior**  
 \*Postlude

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

**Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.**

Prelude  
 \*Call to Worship and Prayer  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 324 **God Himself Is with Us**  
 \*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting  
 \*Confession of Faith **The Apostles' Creed** (Metrical)

The Prayers of God's People  
 Offering World Renew  
 \*Song **Lord, You Were Rich Beyond All Splendor**

Scripture Revelation 4: 1 – 8 (pew Bible, p. 1917)  
 Text Revelation 4: 6  
 Sermon BY THE SEA OF CRYSTAL  
 Prayer of Application

\*Psalter Hymnal 471 **Jerusalem the Golden**  
 \*Benediction  
 \*Psalter Hymnal 469 **By the Sea of Crystal**  
 \*Postlude

**Today at Cottage Grove**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Dr. Cornel Venema, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening worship. Pastor Joel Nederhood, preaching. Offering: World Renew Disaster Relief Services which provides diaconal care and aid at home and abroad, assisting the distressed and needy in Christ's name.
- 7:30 p.m. **One Last Christmas Carol Sing** with Men of A-Chord. Featuring meditations by Dr. Joel Nederhood, instrumentalists, and concluding with the *Hallelujah Chorus*. Invite your friends.

**This Week at Cottage Grove**

- Wednesday, January 2**
- 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave., Dyer, IN).
- Thursday, January 3**
- 12 noon. **Bulletin deadline.**

**Next week at Cottage Grove**

- Sunday, January 6**
- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Dr. Mark Beach, preaching. Sermon title: BARE EXISTANCE. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
  - 5:30 p.m. Evening worship. Dr. Mark Beach, preaching. Sermon Title: HOPE COMES TO DEAD PLACES. Offering: Cottage Grove Education Fund.

- 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.
- Pray for Rose Z who was taken to Ingalls Hospital on Thursday for testing due to shortness of breath.
- Congratulations to Rich D who will celebrate his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1 and to John T who will celebrate his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 3.

**From Mission Committee**

- Neighbor Love Idea:** Host a New Year's Eve Party and invite over some new acquaintances.
- Save your cancelled postage stamps!** Place your cancelled stamps in the box in the Fellowship Hall. This is an ongoing project...and it doesn't cost you anything!

**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, multi-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 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.

**Saturday, February 16. Annual Women's Retreat** at Community Church in Roselawn, Indiana. Join us for an inspirational day centering around the promises offered in Isaiah 41:10. Author and speaker Michelle Medlock Adams will give us her insights on the topic, "Do Not Fear". Breakfast, lunch, praise and worship included. Tickets are \$40.00. Check out our website at [www.cccroselawn.com/womensretreat](http://www.cccroselawn.com/womensretreat) for more details.

**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, 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 30	January 6
Organist AM		Arlene V Z
Pianist AM	Barb U	
Organist PM	Justin R	
Pianist PM		Judy S
Greeters AM	Tim & Bethany T	Bob T
Greeter-South AM	Rich K	Willard V Z
Greeters PM	Mark & Angela U	Rick & Barb U
Nursery AM	Gail V K Judy S	Joan F Keagan G
Ushers	Dave V K	Mark U Bob T
Video AM	Rich K	Bob T
Video PM	Neil V	Neil V
AM Cookies	Evelyn Z	Ria B
Holland Home Driver	Ken B	Gene F
Sound Operator	Jon K	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

### YEAR IN REVIEW • 2018

#### Baptisms

Emily Claire T  
Tessa Cathryn T  
Eleanor Mazzie G  
Rebecca Joy M  
Julia Ann U

#### Deaths

Edith H  
John S  
Dorothy B

#### Marriages

John K and Gretchen R



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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