

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 • January 6, 2019
Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Psalter Hymnal 343: 1 – 3 *Brightest and Best of the Sons*
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Scripture Memory work **1 Kings 8: 56 – 61**
 *Hymn of the Month • Psalter Hymnal 479: all
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

The Law of God
 Hymn of Response *The Mountains Stand in Awe*
 Assurance of Pardon
 Congregational Prayer
 Offering Cottage Grove General Fund
 *Psalter Hymnal 461: all **God Moves in a Mysterious Way**

Scripture Ezekiel 4: 1 – 17 (pew Bible, p. 1289)
 Text Ezekiel 4: 9 – 17
 Sermon BARE EXISTENCE
 Prayer of Application
 *Psalter Hymnal 422: all *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*
 *Benediction
 *Closing Song • Celebration Hymnal 286: 2, 4
Once in Royal David's City

*Postlude

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

Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Celebration Hymnal 229 *Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord*
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Hymn *The Lord, my Shepherd, Rules My Life*
 *Confession of Faith **The Nicene Creed** (Psalter, p. 4)

Celebration Hymnal 395: 1 – 4 *Descend, O Holy Spirit*
 The Prayers of God's People
 Offering Cottage Grove Education Fund
 *Celebration Hymnal 737: 1 – 3 *Like a River Glorious*

Scripture Ezekiel 47: 1 – 12 (pew Bible, p. 1289)
 Text Ezekiel 47: 1 – 12
 Sermon HOPE COMES TO DEAD PLACES
 Prayer of Application
 *Psalter Hymnal 441: 1 – 3, 5 *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*
 *Benediction
 *Celebration Hymnal 230 *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*
 *Postlude

Today at Cottage Grove

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Dr. J. Mark Beach, preaching. Dr. Beach is professor of Doctrinal and Ministerial Studies at Mid-America Reformed Seminary in Dyer, Indiana. He is an associate minister at Redeemer United Reformed Church in Dyer/St. John, Indiana. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- 11:00 a.m. **Sunday School** for 4-year olds – 4th grade. Lesson 11. Homework due: lesson 10.
- 11:00 a.m. Adult Education: **Ray Vander Laan video, *Fire on the Mountain: Their Blood Cried Out.***
- 5:30 p.m. Evening worship. Dr. J. Mark Beach, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove Education Fund which ensures that all our children can attend Christian schools.
- 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.

This Week at Cottage Grove

- Monday, January 7**
 ▪ 6:45–8:00 p.m. **Men's Bible Study**. Lesson 1: Acts 18:24 – 19:22.
- Tuesday, January 8**

- 9:45 – 11 a.m. **Women's Coffee Break Bible Study will not meet this week** but will resume on January 15.
 - 9:45 – 11 a.m. **Men's Bible Study**. Lesson 1: Acts 18:24 – 19:22.
- Wednesday, January 9**
- 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!
 - 7:00 p.m. **Calvinette GEMS** meet.
 - 7:00 p.m. **Cadets** meet.
- Thursday, January 10**
- 12 noon. **Bulletin deadline.**

Next week at Cottage Grove

- Sunday, January 13**
- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon title: DOES LIFE HAVE A PURPOSE? Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
 - 5:30 p.m. Evening worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon Title: SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS 1 - NOTICE & PRAY. Offering: Calvin Christian School.

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.
- Give thanks that Rose Z is doing better and is back in her room at Holland Home.
- Congratulations to Stan C who will celebrate his 92nd birthday on January 11.

From Mission Committee

- **Save your cancelled postage stamps!** Place your cancelled stamps in the box in the Fellowship Hall.
- During the morning service on **January 20**, we will have a **special offering** for the needs of our missionary to the homeless, **Scott Reese** with **Christ Cares**. Scott's wife Lisa and his daughter Kate have been facing health challenges for some time. They have also had to move out of their home due to a serious mold problem, while they wait for provision to remediate their home. Please consider a sacrificial gift to help our missionary to the homeless get back into his home and continue to pursue medical help for his family. Thank you!

Announcements

- Our **Wifi** domain is CGC-Guest, and the password is Cottagegrovecrc.

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.

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, 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, 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.cccroaselawn.com/womensretreat for more details.

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 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

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 if you are interested. For over 35 years, the **Self-Help Jobs Program** has been helping people achieve employment by teaching them the skill of job searching. In 2018, the director heard from 44 people that God blessed them with jobs. We want to help with your search and employers, we want to help fill your openings. Office hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. No one is too far away to receive assistance. Call 708-633-6580 or email selfhelpjobs@sbcglobal.net.

In Service

	January 6	January 13
Organist AM	Arlene V Z	
Pianist AM		Beth H
Organist PM	Judy S	Joanne H
Pianist PM		
Greeters AM	Bob T	Dave & Gail V K
Greeter-South AM	Willard V Z	Ryan S
Greeters PM	Rick & Barb U	Birdie V Z
Nursery AM	Joan F Keagan G	Kathy K Daniel K
Ushers	Mark U Bob T	Ryan S Rich K Carl E
Video AM	Bob T	Ryan S
Video PM	Neil V	Neil V
AM Cookies	Ria B	Cele B
Holland Home Driver	Gene F	Rich K
Sound Operator	Marv S	Bob T

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.

We are Proclaiming
JESUS CHRIST
 in South Holland
 and Beyond for the
GLORY OF GOD!

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