

## Worship

February 19, 2017 - 9:00 am Blended Worship

Prelude: "Jesus Loves Me" - Bradbury/Whitworth  
"O God, Our Help In Ages Past" - Croft/Roesch

Welcome

"Come Christians Join to Sing"

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

Responsive Reading from The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 31-3

"Now With Joyful Exultation"

"Praise Him, All You Little Children"

"We Worship and Adore You"

Greetings - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

Choir Anthem: "I Am the Lord"

Prayer - Caryn Rivadeneira

"Ancient Words"

Message: "Sacrifice" - Gregg DeMey, Director of Worship  
Romans 12:1-2

Prayer of Response

Offertory: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - Wyeth/Whitworth  
The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

"To God Be the Glory"

Sending & Blessing

Postlude: "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated" - Malan/Whitworth

Organist - Judy Doot, Pianist - Ticks Groenboom,  
Song Leaders - Brenda Bulthuis, Maria Vos, Choir Director - Marve Wolterstorff

**February 19, 2017 - 10:30 am Contemporary Worship**

Prelude: "A Grateful People"

Welcome

"Let It Rise"

"Grace On Top of Grace"

Sacrament of Baptism

"You Are the One"

Greetings - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

Responsive Reading from The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 31-32

Prayer - Caryn Rivadeneira

"Surrender"

Message: "Sacrifice" - Gregg DeMey, Director of Worship  
Romans 12:1-2

Prayer of Response

Offertory: "Help Me, Thank You"  
The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

"I Will Offer Up My Life"

Announcements

Sending & Blessing

Postlude

Worship Team - Doug Bardolph, Justin Bardolph, Angela Buikema,  
Bethany DeHaan, Craig Kocol, Kyle Olson

**THIS WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC**

The Bible sets the tone for how we are to approach God in worship. *In the Old Testament, the primary way of connecting with God is through acts of sacrifice.* Sacrifices were made for two main reasons: #1) As offerings of thanks, and #2) As substitution for the guilt of sinful human beings. Now that Jesus has become the perfect, eternal sacrifice on our behalf, we no longer offer formal "sacrifices" as part of our worship together. However, **we are still compelled to make offerings of thanks and we still need someone to sacrificially stand in place of our sins. While much has changed, the pattern remains the same.**

## NEXT WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

The Bible set the tone for how we are to approach God in worship. After rescuing his people from slavery in Egypt, God gave very specific instructions for the construction of a Tabernacle, or portable tent of worship, to be the physical center of worship in the life of his people. Later, in the promised land, God gave instructions for the construction of a temple. God is very concerned that his people keep their vision and hearts focused on who and what matters most. Now that Jesus has come as God in the flesh, he has made his dwelling place portable once again. At the moment of Jesus' death, the curtain to the Holy of Holies was torn in two and the presence of God loosed to the ends of the earth. We, the church, are now God's living temple and are equipped to carry his presence into every corner of creation. You can read Psalm 122, 1 Corinthians 3:16, and 2 Corinthians 6:16-17 to prepare.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

At the 10:30 am service today we celebrate the **Sacrament of Baptism** as **Elliana Sue Kostelny**, daughter of Becky & Daniel Kostelny; and **Anna Joy Reitsma**, daughter of Kristin & Curtis Reitsma, are baptized.

**Prayer Requests:** Please pray for healing and strength for Lois Arthur, Doris Baur, Henrietta Hall, Maria Ramos, Gloria Van Ryn, and Marilyn Ward.

**Join us in praying for each other.** To send your prayer requests or praises to be included in the email prayer chain, or to receive a daily email of these requests, email [prayer@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:prayer@elmhurstcrc.org) or call the church office at 630-600-5100. **If you would like your prayer request included in the weekly announcements in the worship folder please email Lisa Capozzoli**, Director of Care and Community, [lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org).

## GENEROSITY, STEWARDSHIP, AND THE LIFE-LONG JOURNEY

Elmhurst CRC has a history of, and reputation for, generosity. In fact, generosity is one of our church's core values. Generosity without grateful stewardship however, is incomplete. Understanding stewardship is to recognize that everything we are, and everything we have, are gifts entrusted to us by God. God owns it all and He has created us as managers of those gifts.

Because stewardship is one of the ways that defines our relationship with God, it is a deeply spiritual issue. How we manage what He has given us is a reflection of our heart. Therefore the church must be passionate about helping its members be responsible and skillful managers of all of God's gifts. Stewardship goes far beyond a singular focus on monetary donations. The deeper and more foundational goal is to encourage the members of our church to make life-changing spiritual adjustments in their lifestyle. *Stewardship is a life-long journey, not an event or an accomplishment.*

The Ten Talents Team was formed to promote and help all of us on that journey: *modeling and encouraging us to put into action the reflections of our heart.* Our first step together will be a confidential survey asking for your input on prevailing stewardship attitudes and practices. ***Watch for it – coming in March.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the annual Congregational Meeting on February 7 the Elmhurst Ministries Fund (EMF) 2017 budget was approved, and the following members were elected to three-year terms of office: **Rick Bulthuis** (elder), **Dave De Haan** (elder), **Jack Swierenga** (elder), **Dave Van Kampen** (elder), **Angela Buikema** (deacon), **Steve Corrigan** (deacon), **Doug Slinkman, Jr.** (deacon) and **Christopher Valdez** (deacon). Installation of the new elders and deacons will be Sunday, March 5. Thank you to the outgoing elders: Al Heerema, Howard Hoff, Mac Wiener, and Herm Tammeling, Jr. Thank you to the outgoing deacons: Deb Boomsma, Ted Feenstra, Ron Tazelaar and Andy Staes. All Deacons, Elders and SLT members are listed online at [elmhurstcrc.org/about](http://elmhurstcrc.org/about).

**SpringHill day camp registration** opened this past Tuesday and we **are already half full** (we have room for 340 campers). Camp is **June 12-16 from 9 am-4 pm**. Register online at [www.springhillcamps.com](http://www.springhillcamps.com).

**Game Night** returns to **PrimeTime** on **February 23**. "Keep Calm and Bunco On" is the theme as we gather around Bunco tables and then move on to other games. So come and enjoy the company and friendly competition of friends new and old. If you don't know the game rules we can teach you! Sign up in the lobby or email Bert or Celia DeJong at [dejong66@comcast.net](mailto:dejong66@comcast.net).

Join us for the **Cadet Pancake Breakfast fundraiser** in the Garden Room on **February 25** from 7:30-9 am. It is a great way to support the Cadets while enjoying breakfast and our church community.

If you sit in **Section 1A/1B** (Section by the Choir Loft) at the 9 am service, you are invited to a Coffee and Cookie Reception in the Garden Room on February 26 from 10-11 am. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet your Elders, Section Leaders, and congregants in your section! Come and help create community at ECRC!

If you sit in **Section 2A/2B** (Center Section) at the 10:30 am service, you are invited to a Coffee and Cookie Reception in the Garden Room on February 26 from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet your Elders, Section Leaders, and congregants in your section! Come and help create community at ECRC!

**Journey to the Center of the Church** is a three-week class to help prepare you for membership at Elmhurst CRC. Classes will be held **Tuesday evenings, April 18, April 25, and May 2**, from 6:30-8:30 pm. Anyone interested in knowing more about Christianity, the Reformed Faith, and membership at Elmhurst CRC is invited to attend these classes. Contact the church office to register. Childcare is available for infants to two years old. Please let us know by April 7 if you need childcare.

## SERVE

Please help us to create a warm and friendly community here at ECRC by joining the **Hospitality Team!** We are in need of Greeters and Ushers at the 9 am service. Interested in serving? Contact Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care and Community, at [lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org).

The **LINK (Love, Interact, Neighbor, Kneel) ministry** at ECRC is again searching for volunteer mentors beginning this Spring to work with a homeless client family that will be living in the apartment rented by our church in Addison. As a church family, we have been partnering with BRIDGE communities for the last eleven years to provide housing and mentorship to a homeless family in DuPage County. Please consider learning more about this outreach ministry that has been quietly thriving at our church. Mentorship to a homeless mother and her children is an opportunity to be God's shining light and living water right in the community in which we live. Contact Bob Boomsma ([Bob.Boomsma@trnty.edu](mailto:Bob.Boomsma@trnty.edu)) or Rachel Rieger ([rboere52@yahoo.com](mailto:rboere52@yahoo.com)) with any questions or interest in this ministry.

**Children's Worship Volunteers Needed:** Would you like to be a part of this fun and meaningful ministry? For the 9 am service we are looking for a once a month small group leader for the 1st/2nd grade group and a once a month small group leader for the 3rd-5th grade group. For the 10:30 am service we are looking for a once a month small group leader for the 2nd/3rd grade boys group, as well as a one-on-one buddy for a preschool student with special needs. Please contact Kara Hackert [kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org) if you are interested. Thank you!

## COMMUNITY

The **Timothy Christian High School Concert Chorale, Jazz Band, and String Ensemble** will be performing in a **combined concert with Men of A Chord** on March 11 at 7 pm. The concert is in the high school auditorium, and there will be an opportunity to contribute to the music department boosters.

**Roseland Christian Ministries Youth Partnership** invites you to a fun-filled event to raise funds for our youth programs. Roseland offers a summer day camp for community children, completely free of charge. In addition to the youth camp, they offer after school activities six days a week during the school year. The fundraiser will be held on March 11 from 3-6 pm at loft space located at 1133 West Fulton Market in Chicago. We will be celebrating where we see God in the Roseland neighborhood. Refreshments and appetizers served. For more information and to purchase your tickets please go to [roselandyouthpartnership.yapsody.com](http://roselandyouthpartnership.yapsody.com). Questions? Please contact Kelly Wilbraham at [kwilbraham@me.com](mailto:kwilbraham@me.com).

Celebrate how students are thriving at **Chicago West Side Christian School's Annual Scholarship Benefit** on March 16 from 6 – 9 pm. The event will be held at the school (1240 S. Pulaski Road in Chicago). Experience inspiring stories, CWSCS' outstanding choir, and wonderful fellowship as you learn how you can help CWSCS students thrive! RSVP at [www.cwscs.org](http://www.cwscs.org) or call 773-542-0663.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, 2-19-17**

9:00 am Blended Worship  
9:00 am Children's Worship  
9:00 am Food Pantry Collection  
10:00 am Coffee & Community  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship  
10:30 am Children's Worship  
4:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal  
5:30 pm Maximum Velocity  
6:00 pm Small Groups  
7:00 pm The Edge

### **Monday, 2-20-17**

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

### **Tuesday, 2-21-17**

6:00 am Men's Fraternity  
9:00 am Little Lambs  
9:00 am MOPS  
12:30 pm Coffee Break Leader's Mtg.  
2:15 pm GriefShare Leaders Mtg.

### **Wednesday, 2-22-17**

9:00 am Little Lambs  
9:00 am Coffee Break Bible Study  
12:30 pm Little Lambs  
12:30 pm Coffee Break  
6:00 pm Prayer Time  
6:15 pm Little Lambs  
6:30 Student Ministries Planning Mtg.  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, 2-22-17 (continued)**

7:00 pm Coffee Break Bible Study  
7:00 pm GriefShare Support Group  
7:00 pm Men's Fraternity

### **Thursday, 2-23-17**

6:00 am Men's Fraternity  
9:00 am Little Lambs  
9:00 am Coffee Break Bible Study  
9:00 am Men's Bible Study  
7:00 pm Men's Board Game Night  
7:00 pm PrimeTime Game Night

### **Friday, 2-24-17**

4:00 pm GEMS Party

### **Saturday, 2-25-17**

7:30 am Cadet Pancake Breakfast  
8:30 am Prayer Group

### **Sunday, 2-26-17**

9:00 am Blended Worship  
9:00 am Children's Worship  
10:00 am Coffee & Community  
10:00 am Section 1A/1B Reception  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship  
10:30 am Children's Worship  
11:30 am Section 2A/2B Reception  
4:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal  
5:30 pm Maximum Velocity  
7:00 pm The Edge

### The Altar

**A broken ALTAR, Lord thy servant rears,  
Made of a heart, and cemented with tears:  
Whose parts are as thy hand did frame;  
No workman's tool hath touch'd the same**

**A HEART alone  
Is such a stone,  
As nothing but  
Thy pow'r doth cut.  
Wherefore each part  
Of my hard heart  
Meets in this frame,**

**To praise thy Name:  
That if I chance to hold my peace,  
These stones to praise thee may not cease.  
O let thy blessed SACRIFICE be mine,  
And sanctify this ALTAR to be thine.**

### **WELCOME**

We're glad you're here.

### **NEW?**

We would love to meet you.  
Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering basket.  
Join us for coffee in the lobby after the service.  
Stop by the Information Center and let us know you're new.

### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

9:00 am Blended Worship Service  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

### **CHILDREN**

Nursery is available for children 0 to 36 months old.  
Children's Worship (10:00) meets for children 3 years old through 5th grade in the lower level

### **RESOURCES**

Assisted listening devices are available from an usher or sound booth at the rear of sanctuary  
Large print bulletins are available in the Worship Center inside the doors

### **PRAYER PARTNERS**

Prayer partners are available after each service to pray with in the west rear of the Worship Center

### **GROW AND SERVE**

#### **ADULT MINISTRIES:**

Find opportunities to grow and serve in  
Small Groups , Coffee Break Community Bible Study, Men's Fraternity, MOPS, SHE, Prime Time (55+) and more.

#### **STUDENT MINISTRIES**

Grow together, enjoy relationships, be encouraged and empowered with our student ministry programs;  
Maximum Velocity (6-8th grade) and The EDGE (9th-12 grade)

#### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

We love children, and want to help raise up children that love God and serve him.  
From Nursery (0-3 years old), Little Lambs (3-6 years old), Pathfinders and Cadets (1st-8th grade boys), to GEMS (1st-8th grade girls), and much more.

More growing and serving opportunities online at [elmhurstcrc.org](http://elmhurstcrc.org)

#### **Pastors:**

Rev. Peter Semeyn - Lead Pastor, Dir. of Outreach - 630.600.5029 [peter.semeyn@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:peter.semeyn@elmhurstcrc.org)

Rev. Gregg DeMey - Associate Pastor, Dir. of Worship - 630.600.5030 [gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org)

Complete announcements are at [elmhurstcrc.org/This Week](http://elmhurstcrc.org/This Week).