

THIS WEEK @ ELMHURST CRC

WORSHIP February 5, 2017 - 9:00 am Blended Worship

Prelude: "Allegro from Suite in D" - John Stanley
"If You But Trust in God to Guide You" - Georg Neumark

Welcome

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

"God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength" (1-3)

Responsive Reading from Psalm 46 - Peter Semeyn, Lead Pastor

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

"Pass Me Not"

Greetings

Choir Anthem: "With a Voice"

Prayer - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community "I Love the Lord; He Heard My Cry"

Message: "The Blessed Alliance" - Gregg DeMey, Director of Worship Ruth 4

Prayer of Response

Offertory: "I'm With You (Ruth and Naomi)"
The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

"God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength" (4, 5)

Announcements

Responsive Reading

Postlude: Great is Thy Faithfulness - arr. Pierce Dickens

Organist - Mary Reitsma, Pianist - Dina Zeilstra, Choir Director - Marve Wolterstorff, Song Leader - Bob Boomsma

February 5, 2017 - 10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Prelude: "Forever"

"A Grateful People"

Welcome

"Grace On Top of Grace"

"Everlasting God"

Responsive Reading from Psalm 46 - Peter Semeyn, Lead Pastor

"Holy Spirit"

Greetings

"Called Me Higher"

Prayer - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

Message: "The Blessed Alliance" - Gregg DeMey, Director of Worship

Ruth 4

Prayer of Response

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Offertory: "I'm With You (Ruth and Naomi)"
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"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Sending & Blessing

Postlude

Worship Team - Doug Bardolph, Angela Buikema, Gregg DeMey, Kyle Olson, Glenn Vanderveld, Matt Voss

Sunday worship services are streamed live and archived for viewing on the web via LIVESTREAM. (http://new.livestream.com/ecrc)

THIS WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

The stirring finale of Book of Ruth will be our destination... Included will be real estate deals, proposals, marriages, the exchanging of sandals, the birth of babies, happy grandmothers and the destiny of all God's people.

NEXT WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

In the "Great Commission," Jesus instructed his disciples to take the good news of salvation from Jerusalem to Judea to Samaria to the very ends of the earth! At ECRC we are trying to follow these marching orders by serving the world close to our home here in Elmhurst, in Greater Chicagoland, elsewhere in North America and to the ends of the earth. We'll hear stories from our members and missionaries about what God is doing in the world and how he is using our congregation as part of his plan to share good news. You can read Acts chapter 1:1-11 to prepare for this special "Missions Sunday" worship service.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests: Please pray for healing and strength for Lois Arthur, Doris Baur, Henrietta Hall, Bill Poe, 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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missions Sunday 2017 is February 12. Our two identical services at 9 & 10: 30 am will include live interviews with missionaries witnessing "first here, then beyond, and to the farthest places" (Acts 1: 8), as well as a video presentation of the recent Dominican Republic Mission trip. We'll celebrate what God is doing to grow his Kingdom around the world through the ministries of our supported missionaries.

If you sit in Section 3A/3B (the Section by the windows) at the 10:30 am service, you are invited to a Coffee and Cookie Reception in the Garden Room today 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!

The annual **Congregational Meeting** will be held **Tuesday**, **February 7**, at 7 pm in the Garden Room. Items on the agenda include approving the budget and electing Elders and Deacons.. Informational packets with nominee bios and absentee ballots are available at the information desk, as well as online at <u>elmhurstcrc.org/events</u>.

Please join us for our **Heart-Felt Community Supper** on February 8 from 5:30-6:30pm in the Garden Room. Our menu will be announced shortly. Join us for this family-friendly event. Please register at dinner@elmhurstcrc.org by February 6 at noon. The cost is your donation.

The Single Mothers Support Group (SHE) is honored to have Jon Gager from Moody Radio at our meeting on **February 12 at 12:15 pm**. His topic is "*Let Lessons of the Past Pave the Way to a Better Future*." He is the author of the book "If I Could Do It Over Again". Books will be available for anyone to purchase on the day of the meeting. Come and enjoy a dinner with your children, with free childcare available from 1:15-2:30 pm. Bring your friends. Contact jane.loerop@elmhurstcrc.org.

If you have lost a loved one and need time to process and grieve, consider joining our **Grief Support Group called GriefShare**. We hope that this will be a place for group members to share their stories and process their grief in a safe environment. There are 13 Wednesday sessions taking place **January 25-April 19**, from 7-8:30pm in room 204. Each session includes a video seminar, encouraging information-packed videos featuring leading grief recovery experts; small group discussion about the weekly video content; and journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly discussion topics. Register by contacting Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care and Community, at lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org or go online at elmhurstcrc.org/events.

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.

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

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, IL. 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) or Rachel Rieger (rboere52@yahoo.com) with any questions or interest in this ministry.

If you participated in the **CareNet Baby Bottle Fundraiser**, please return your baby bottle filled with coins to our church office by Sunday. This fundraiser helps to support CareNet services, which are are offered free of charge to women and men in need of pregnancy tests, counseling, ultrasounds, material goods such as diapers, as well as provide opportunities for emotional and spiritual healing after a previous abortion.

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 if you are interested. Thank you!

COMMUNITY

Timothy Christian Schools (188 W. Butterfield Rd. Elmhurst, IL) will be hosting an **Open House** on February 12 at 2 pm. All families with students from Preschool through 12th grade are invited. There will be tours and presentations on-going throughout the afternoon. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Quist at quist@timothychristian.com.

Raising the Heart of a Champion: Tom and Cindi Zobrist, parents of 2017 Chicago Cubs World Series Champion and MVP, Ben Zobrist, share how they as a Christian couple raised Ben and his siblings to know, love, and serve Jesus. This event is for parents of children of all ages, and is taking place on February 18, 6-8PM at the Lindner Conference Center; cost is \$10 per person. More online at elmhurstcrc.org/events. This event is sponsored by Grace Bible Church.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 2-05-17

9:00 am Blended Worship 9:00 am Children's Worship 10:00 am Coffee & Community 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:30 am Children's Worship Wednesday, 2-08-17 (continued)

6:15 pm Pathfinders

6:30 Student Ministries Planning Mtg.

7:00 pm Coffee Break Bible Study

7:00 pm GriefShare Support Group

7:00 pm Men's Fraternity

11:30 am Section 3A/3B Reception 4:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Monday, 2-06-17

Tuesday, 2-07-17

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.7:00 pm Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, 2-08-17

9:00 am Little Lambs 9:00 am Coffee Break Bible Study

12:30 pm Little Lambs
12:30 pm Coffee Break
5:30 pm Community Supper

6:00 pm Prayer Time 6:15 pm Little Lambs 6:15 pm GEMS Thursday, 2-09-17

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 6:30 pm New Member Class

7:00 pm Men's Fraternity Game Night

Friday, 2-10-17

Saturday, 2-11-17

Sunday, 2-12-17

9:00 am Blended Worship 9:00 am Children's Worship 10:00 am Coffee & Community 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:30 am Children's Worship

12:15 pm SHE

5:30 pm Maximum Velocity

7:00 pm The Edge

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 SERVEADULT 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

Pastors:

Rev. Peter Semeyn - Lead Pastor, Dir. of Outreach - 630.600.5029 peter.semeyn@elmhurstcrc.org
Rev. Gregg DeMey - Associate Pastor, Dir. of Worship - 630.600.5030 gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org

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