

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 & Community after the service. Stop by the Information Center and meet us.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

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

### CHILDREN

Nursery is available for children 0 to 36 months old.  
Children's Worship is available for 3 years old through 5th grade.

### RESOURCES

Assisted listening devices are available from an usher or sound booth at rear of sanctuary.

### PRAYER

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

### 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.

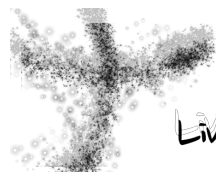
### PASTOR

Rev. Gregg DeMey - Lead Pastor, Director of Worship  
(630) 600-5030 - [gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org)

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Large print Order of Worship available from an usher

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God's Source of Shining Light and  
Living Water in the western suburbs

Complete announcements at [elmhurstcrc.org/ThisWeek](http://elmhurstcrc.org/ThisWeek)  
or scan the QR code above with your mobile device.



# exploreGod™

February 3, 2019

# TODAY

Next time in our Explore God series we will ponder the question "Is Christianity Too Narrow?" A widely held belief in our society is "All paths lead to God." Christianity can appear to be exclusive, rigid, and demanding. However, in a relationship of unequals (in which one party is all wise, all powerful etc, and the other party is small, weak, and silly), that relationship depends on the kind condescension and sacrifices of the greater party. Understanding why Jesus was made in the flesh and how his death and resurrection provide a way for everyone to know him and experience his love and peace helps us understand the claim that Jesus is the only way. This is a Family Sunday and we will celebrate communion.

# NEXT WEEK

Almost everyone agrees that Jesus was no ordinary man. However, the common opinion that Jesus was merely a kind, gentle, moral teacher isn't tenable given that he claimed to be God! What kind of a person does that? Only a few possibilities exist: either Jesus was a lunatic, or deceptively evil, or he was truthful in revealing his identity. He's either God or a fraud. In the Explore God question, "Is Jesus Really God?" we'll compare and contrast the consequences of those two possibilities.

**WHAT IS GOD'S WORD FOR YOU TODAY?**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*My Lighthouse*

**WELCOME**

Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor, and Jack Wilson

**GATHERING**

*Holy Is The Lord  
How Great Is Our God*

**SCRIPTURE READING FROM PSALM 95**

Kate Wilson

*Great Are You Lord*

**PRAYER**

Kasen Kramer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Preschoolers through 5th grade may go to Children's Worship  
*All other children are invited to come on stage to sing.*

**OFFERING**

*Light Of The World*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Kara Hackert, Children's Ministry Coordinator

**MESSAGE: Is Christianity Too Narrow?**

Genesis 15: 8-9, 17-18, John 14:1-7

Jeff Klein, Director of Outreach

**COMMUNION**

*Flesh And Blood  
Jesus Paid It All*

**BLESSING & SENDING**

**Worship Team**

Doug Bardolph, Janci Bouman, Gregg DeMey  
Drew Sarver, Seamus Smith, Glenn Vanderveld

February 3, 2019

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Explore God:** We continue to explore the BIG questions. Keep inviting your friends and neighbors to church and our groups.

**Congregational Meeting** Tuesday, February 5 at 7 pm. Join us to elect elders and deacons, vote on the new Pastor of Outreach motion, hear a recap of 2018 ministry successes, as well as approve the 2019 church budget. Congregational Meeting packet and ballots are available at the Information Center or online at [elmhurstcrc.org/events](http://elmhurstcrc.org/events).

**ECRC Family & Friends Swim Party!** Saturday, February 16, from 6-8 pm at the Oak Brook Aquatic Center. \$3/family or \$10/family. Register at [elmhurstcrc.org/events](http://elmhurstcrc.org/events).

The next **Community Supper** is Wednesday, February 13. Join others from the church family for a time of food and socializing. Menu is heart-healthy meatloaf, baked scalloped potatoes, green beans, mandarin orange lettuce salad, strawberry applesauce, rolls, chocolate dessert, beverages. Sign up at [dinner@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:dinner@elmhurstcrc.org). Your cost is your donation.

Please join us for an **Experience the Psalms** prayer service on Tuesday, February 26 at 7 pm in the Garden Room. Come for a time of singing, prayer, reflection, and anointing with oil for those so inclined.

**SHE (Single Mothers Support Group) Meeting** on February 10, 12:15-2:30 pm. All are invited to hear speaker Eve Senti speaking on "Bloom Where You Are Planted." Each person will make a unique craft. Free lunch and child care for infants -12 years. For further info about SHE events contact [jane.loerop@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:jane.loerop@elmhurstcrc.org).

**PrimeTime** (55+) February event - "Discover the Artist Within You" has been **CANCELLED**.

**Prayer Chain Email:** To receive the email prayer requests and/or to send out a request, email [prayer@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:prayer@elmhurstcrc.org). Let's keep praying for one another!

**SpringHill Day Camp 2019** registration for Summer 2019 will open February 14. SpringHill Camp provides a fun and faith experience for current Kindergarteners thru 5th grade. Dates for onsite SpringHill Day Camp are June 3-7 and June 10-14 (two weeks this year!). Please just register for one week to allow for all to participate. Save the date and start summer planning today. Fee is \$189. Scholarships available. More info at [elmhurstcrc.org/events](http://elmhurstcrc.org/events).

## COMMUNITY

**Cellissimo Concert.** Over 60 talented young cellists will be performing in the Garden Room TODAY at 2 pm for a one hour free concert. The students range in age from 3-18 and perform beginning and advanced repertoire.

Christ Church of Oak Brook, in partnership with Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, and The Chapel-Hinsdale, is excited to serve as a host site for the **2019 IF: Gathering Women's Retreat, March 8 - 9**. The theme is Wisdom, based on Proverbs 3: 5-6. For more information and to register, go to [www.cc-ob.org/ifgathering](http://www.cc-ob.org/ifgathering) or contact Anna Wick at [anna.wick@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:anna.wick@elmhurstcrc.org).

**Timothy Christian High School** will be accepting applications for Girls Head Varsity Basketball Coach and JV Boys Tennis Coach. Contact Athletic Director Jack LeGrand [legrand@timothychristian.com](mailto:legrand@timothychristian.com).

**Timothy Christian's Annual TC Fun Fair and Open House** is Saturday February 9, 12:30-3:00. Bring family, friends, and tell your neighbors. Don't miss this fun day of carnival games, magic shows, face painting, pizza, cake walk, and tours!

## GIVE

**Coins for Caring Network Illinois** (formerly CareNet). For 38 years Caring Network has been helping women choose life. Support them by picking up a baby bottle near the nursery desk, and filling it with change. Return to the table by February 24.

**Text "elmhurstcrc" to 77977 to give online**, 1x registration required.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

<p><b>2-3</b> 9:00 am  10:00 am 10:30 am  11:30 am 2:00 pm 4:30 pm 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> Family Worship Children's Worship (PreK/K only) Men's Fraternity Coffee &amp; Community Family Worship Children's Worship (PreK/K only) Coffee &amp; Community Cellissimo Concert Handbell Choir Rehearsal Youth Group Party</p>	<p><b>2-7</b> 9:00 am  <b>2-9</b> 8:30 am  <b>2-10</b> 9:00 am  10:00 am 10:30 am  11:30 am 12:15 pm 4:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> Coffee Break Bible Study Little Lambs Men's Group</p> <p><b>Saturday</b> Prayer Time</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> Blended Worship Children's Worship Men's Fraternity Coffee &amp; Community Contemporary Worship Children's Worship Coffee &amp; Community SHE Meeting Handbell Choir Rehearsal Maximum Velocity (MS) The Edge (HS)</p>
<p><b>2-5</b> 9:00 am  7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> Little Lambs MOPS Congregational Meeting</p>		
<p><b>2-6</b> 9:00 am  12:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b> Coffee Break Bible Study Little Lambs Little Lambs Prayer Time Cadets &amp; Pathfinders Coffee Break Bible Study Men's Fraternity Choir Rehearsal</p>		

**Elmhurst Ministries Fund**  
*...in support of the ministries and vision of ECRC*  
 YTD contributions: \$137,240  
 Last Week \$35,627



WELCOME

Continuing today, we'll be exploring tough questions about God, the Bible, suffering, and related topics through a series of sermons and discussion groups. The series is called Explore God.

We all wonder, and we all have questions about God. Explore God is a Chicagoland-wide (you've seen the billboards?) opportunity to explore these big questions in an open and authentic way.

**THE 7 BIG QUESTIONS**

We'll look at the questions about God, faith, suffering, and our life purpose in these Sunday messages at 9 & 10:30 am.

1. DOES LIFE HAVE A PURPOSE? January 13
2. IS THERE A GOD? January 20
3. WHY DOES GOD ALLOW PAIN AND SUFFERING? January 27
- 4. IS CHRISTIANITY TOO NARROW? February 3**
5. IS JESUS REALLY GOD? February 10
6. IS THE BIBLE RELIABLE? February 17
7. CAN I KNOW GOD PERSONALLY? February 24

**DISCUSSION GROUPS**

Consider an Explore God Discussion Group. It's a safe place where you can seek credible answers to challenging life and spiritual questions.

**Find these groups here (and pop-in any date - we'll be there!)**

**SUNDAYS | 9, 10:30 & 11:45 AM (thru February 24)**

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church

**SUNDAYS | 7 PM (thru February 24)**

Elmhurst Brewing Company

**WEDNESDAYS | 6 AM (thru February 27)**

Panera, Route 83 & 16th Street, Oak Brook

**Wondering more?**

Text EG to 331.901.0424 or email Jeff Klein at [eg@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:eg@elmhurstcrc.org).

Resource and Discussion Materials online at [elmhurstcrc.org/exploregod](http://elmhurstcrc.org/exploregod).