

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Jesus' most famous message is the Sermon on the Mount. But seven other of his sermons are recorded in the first few chapters of the Book of Revelation. Nearly 2,000 years ago, the Apostle John was asked to "write down" these seven messages that Jesus himself had for the early church. In his sermons, Jesus shares a compelling vision of what his church is meant to be and where we are going.

Jesus' message to Smyrna (modern Izmir) is full of contrasts: Jesus as the first and the last, Spiritual poverty and riches, fear and faithfulness, Real Life and the second death.

We welcome Nate Klinger as our guest worship leader. He is from Elmhurst, IL and has served as a worship leader and as a chaplain in the Western Suburbs. Nate is one of four final candidates for the full-time Director of Worship position that will be filled in early 2024. We can lend our support by worshipping actively and energetically and by following the Holy Spirit's lead through Nate.

Our Personnel Team will likely have concluded the process of hiring a Worship Director and have a decision to announce at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Feb 4.

MORE WAYS TO CONNECT

PRAYER & E-NEWS: elmhurstcrc.org/subscribe
DAILY DEVOTIONALS: elmhurstcrc.org/podcasts
or text DEVOS to 630-748-8172 for text reminders
Church office: 630-600-5100

FAMILY, KIDS & YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILIES: Nursery is available for ages 0 - 2.
& Children's Worship for PreK & 4th grade
Activity supply stations available
in the lobby and Java Stop.

To receive the Family e-newsletter email
kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org

Little Lambs preschool experience - for ages 3-6.
More info at elmhurstcrc.org/littlelambs

YOUTH GROUP 2024

- **Big Night of Worship** - Jan 21, 5-7pm
- **Camp Timberlee Registrations** Winter Xtreme High School: February 16-18
- **Colorado Challenge** for High Schoolers - June 8-16.
Cost is \$650 per camper with a \$150 nonrefundable deposit. Includes camp lodging, food, adventure activities, camp programming, transportation, etc.
More details and registration at elmhurstcrc.org/youth
- **Alpha** for youth - Jan 28-Mar 17
*To sign up for Youth email messages,
email haley.klein@elmhurstcrc.org*

More church announcements:
elmhurstcrc.org/thisweek



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ORDER OF WORSHIP – January 14, 2024

❖ PRELUDE

❖ WELCOME

❖ PRAISE

*House of the Lord
O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus
I Love You Lord*

❖ BAPTISM

❖ PRAYER

❖ SONG

Lord I Need You

❖ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ KIDS DISMISSAL

❖ OFFERING

Restore My Soul

❖ MESSAGE

*Jesus' Sermon To Smryna
Revelation 2:8-11*

❖ RESPONSE

I Will Follow

❖ BLESSING

PASTOR: Gregg DeMey
WORSHIP TEAM: Nate Klinger
Tim Lundeen, Tyler VanderBrug, Billy Heschl
Gregg DeMey, Erin Lanenga

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taste of ECRC Sun Jan 21 @ 11:15am. Newish to ECRC? Join us in the Garden Room for continental breakfast and learn more about who we are and why we do what we do. Kids are Welcome! RSVP to michelle.dejong@elmhurstcrc.org

Community Dinner Join us Wed, Jan 24, 5:30-6:30. Baked mostaccioli, salad, bread, applesauce, desserts! RSVP in the lobby or email dinner@elmhurstcrc.org

January Series, the award-winning lecture series, will be simulcast in the Garden Room from Calvin University. Weekdays Jan 15-Feb 2, at 11:30am. We'll have lunch after the presentation on Wed Jan 17, Mon Jan 22 and Thu Feb 1, for a \$5 donation and the discussion is free!

Full calendar of speakers in the lobby at Welcome Center or online at elmhurstcrc.org/events.

Encore Rescheduled for early March. Watch for details!

CoffeeBreak Bible Study Join us as we study God's Word, learning and growing together. Women's groups are available on Wed & Thu AM, and Wed evening groups for women or couples.

Come join the choir! It is a new year and a perfect time to start singing with our choir! All experience levels are welcome. Rehearsals are Weds from 7-8pm and start Jan 10. Questions? erin.lanenga@elmhurstcrc.org

Blood Drive Tue, Jan 23 from 2:30-7pm with Versiti. Blood is in short supply. Sign up link at: elmhurstcrc.org/this-week

SHE Single Mothers Support Group meets TODAY@ 12:15pm in the Garden Room. Complimentary lunch and child care for ages 0-12. Our topic is: *Maximize Your Tax Return: Help for Single Moms*.

Annual Congregational Meeting Sun, Feb 4 at 11:15am

WELCOME WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

Name

Email

Phone

New Here?

☐ Yes

☐ No

I'd Like More Information On

☐ Baptism

☐ Membership

☐ Programs for:

☐ Serve

☐ Prayer

☐ Speak with Pastor

☐ Weekly Enews

Prayer / Praise / Comment

"hello"

If you're new or new-ish we'd like to invite you to fill out this card and bring it to the Welcome Center in the lobby, drop it in the offering basket, text "Hello" to 630.748.8172 or scan to connect. We'd love to get to know you!

